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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Springettsbury Considers Local Services Tax**

York, PA – Currently, Springettsbury Township generates \$300,000 in revenue per year from the Occupational Privilege Tax (OPT). If authorized by the Springettsbury Board of Supervisors, this tax would be replaced by the Local Services Tax (LST), which would provide an estimated \$750,000 to \$800,000 or an increase of \$450,000 to \$500,000 in annual revenue to the Township.

These additional funds would be used to offset the increase to pension funds anticipated in 2011, as well as for planned capital improvements that may include a new police facility attached to the Township's administration building.

The \$10 OPT applies to all those employed within the Township earning \$1,000 or more. The LST will only apply to individuals that are employed, and earning \$12,000 or more per year. The option to implement the LST has been reserved for capital improvements that are now under consideration, notably the police and administration building renovations, along with recreation projects.

Supervisor Gurreri commented that the Township had approximately \$4 million in reserves, as of the end of December 31, 2008, at the October 22, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting. This statement was correct. However, approximately \$1,750,000 of that \$4 million reserved was used as fund balance to support the 2009 Township Budget.

It is important to note that this tax is not a property tax, and the Township has not raised property taxes over the past six years, as noted in the 2009 budget report located at [www.springettsbury.com](http://www.springettsbury.com).

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