

# What is working well?

**Springtown  
Water  
authority**

**Providing clean  
water - not the  
cheapest because  
such a small  
number of users  
(metered users)**

**Considering  
constraints placed  
on us from road  
dept, utilities,  
fire/ems - the  
Township gets by  
but at limited with  
what can do with  
funds available**

**Roads  
are  
great**

**Efficient  
use of  
funds**

**But lack of  
equipment/funds -  
lot of work to  
administer - relies  
on group of  
volunteers**

**Method of  
governance  
and operation  
of Township**

**Schools  
are great**

**Lots of  
opportunity  
for small  
school**

**Programs are  
definitely nationally  
recognized -  
achievements of  
staff and students**

**Authority is there  
and is doing a fine  
job - its advice could  
be solicited in other  
areas of township, if  
expansion of  
community systems  
is considered**

**Able to  
manage  
budget  
constraints**

**Given everybody's  
constraints - we are  
managing a \$1.3M  
budget with squad  
and 2 stations,  
remained with a  
paramedic to cover  
the area**

**Resilient  
community**

**Volunteerism - but  
could be a  
threat/weakness**

**being  
proactive**

# Where are there challenges?

Lack of Springtown Water Authority funds, equipment, and Township involvement

Volunteerism

Have been able to hang on, but have almost hit the limit

Loss of volunteers in the future

Fire and EMS capacity

diminishing volunteerism?

Community Mindset

Access to Springtown

Unfunded mandates

People are maxxed out; municipalities are maxxed out

Constrained by available funds - what now doing well may be difficult to do well in the future (amount of funds/amount of staff)

All volunteers of water authority/fire/etc - are volunteers and are 60 years or older (need younger folks to step up)

Time to volunteer

Identifying volunteers

Who wants community water and sewer, and who does not want it

Lack of water users

Public knowledge of services

Marketing of Township meetings and events

mandatory compliance

County/State/Federal Mandates

Understanding who supercedes Township authority

This Plan maintaining accord with other governing bodies

Police response times/service

Police Service

In the context of public services, what are some of the key issues facing Springfield Township and the larger region?

Lack of  
volunteers/sustained  
volunteerism

Rising  
costs

Increasing  
age of  
service  
providers

Differing opinions  
on use or necessity  
of police funds  
given small capacity

Differing  
opinions on  
desire for  
community  
utility systems

# Where do you see opportunities for Springfield's public services to work together?

**Springtown Water Authority - potentially expand service area; work more closely with Township**

**service day - example of Palisades School District**

**Instill volunteerism**

**Stressing importance of volunteerism**

**Requirement for public service at the school level**

**Educate and understand**

**More coordination with surrounding organizations and municipalities for service provision or volunteers**

**What encourages volunteerism?**

**Where is volunteerism working well?**

**Memberships? And ability to educate**

**Public knowledge of services**

**Community events and centers**

**Model for marketing township meetings and events**

**Communication networks/cooperative agreements**

**build back mentality of volunteerism**

**Cooperation with school programs**

# What are the short (within 2 years), medium (within 5 years), and long-term (within 10 years) priorities?

Short

Medium

Long

**Sustain what we have**

Police/Fire/EMS priorities

Communication between Township and public services

How does Springfield tie in to 309 corridor growth, with services (utility)

Feeding programs into volunteer services

**Establishing desire and need for Police/Fire services**

**Community center**

**Open up zoning**

Establish a timeline and how to accomplish

Understanding who is here in the Township, who our neighbors are

Opportunity for connections

Efficient use of police funds

Access to Springtown Village

Community center - where people wanted to get involved

Increase volunteerism within Township

**Ensuring funding and service capacity**

**Community utility systems and opportunities with adjoining municipalities**

Build a sense of community pride

need a utility basis/community systems - explore with adjoining municipalities to the west

Zoning relief - small lot sizes/small lots of record