

Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

September 23, 2025

MEETING HELD AT SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Supervisors' Present: Pete Kade, Lorna Yearwood, Bill Ryker, Jim Hopkins and Dave Long.

Also present: Rich Pursell (Township Manager), Scott MacNair, Esq. (Township Solicitor), Mike McDonald (Police Chief) & Tim Fulmer (Township Engineer).

Mr. Kade called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

An Executive session will be held after the public meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Tom Cochrane (Pleasant View Rd) discussed his efforts to place a referendum question on the ballot regarding hand-counting votes after elections. He detailed his understanding of the process, which he believed required him to go through the Township Supervisors first. The Township Solicitor clarified that under the state election code, the petition must be filed directly with the County Board of Elections and that the Board of Supervisors has no jurisdiction or authority in the process. Tom Cochrane was advised to file his petition with the county.

Travis Pantaleo (Route 212) requested information on how to start a traffic study for Route 212 due to several recent accidents near his property. The Board advised him to submit a formal letter to the Township detailing his concerns. The Township will then forward the request to PennDOT, as Route 212 is a state road.

Jim Nilsen (Pleasant View Rd) shared his personal experience where the installations of chevron signs on a Township road successfully stopped vehicles from leaving the roadway near his property.

Carla Sessions (Maple Rd) spoke on behalf of a group of "concerned neighbors". Carla confirmed that the Board had received a letter from their attorney regarding Haycock Ministries. The Solicitor confirmed receipt of the letter and stated the matter would be discussed in the executive session.

Harry Squares (Winding Rd) raised ongoing safety concerns about bullets from the Haycock Ministries shooting range coming onto his property. He recounted a previous incident where he contacted the state police, who then contacted Township police, but he felt the issue was not resolved. The Board advised him to document any new incidents in writing and to gather evidence, such as photos or video recordings, to assist with potential enforcement actions. The Police Chief stated he would review the case with the Range Instructor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Ryker stated the financial report and balances are posted.

Motion made by Ms. Yearwood, seconded by Mr. Ryker and unanimously carried, approving the financial report as presented.

Fund Balances as of August 31, 2025

General Fund	\$2,025,280	Capital Reserve CD	\$239,000
General Fund Reserve	\$316,944	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$385,512
General Fund CD	\$239,000	Liquid Fuels CD	\$239,000
Escrow Fund	\$1,086,730	Open Space Fund	\$778,653
Street Light Fund	\$6,172	Open Space CD	\$239,000
Dedicated Fire Tax Fund	\$190,996	Act 537 Escrows	\$89,118
Capital Reserve Fund	\$970,805	Dedicated EMS Tax Fund	\$2,784

Payment of Bills

(August 16, 2025 – September 15, 2025)

General Fund	\$101,680.39	Escrow Fund	\$4,121.60
PLGIT Credit Card	\$3,956.55	Dedicated EMS Fund	\$0
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$0	Dedicated Fire Fund	\$0
Capital Reserve Fund	\$39,234.16	Open Space Fund	\$6,214.50
Street Light Fund	\$551.39		

Motion made by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, and unanimously approved the payment of bills from August 16, 2025 – September 15, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Hopkins and unanimously carried approving the August 26, 2025 and the September 4, 2025 meeting minutes.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Liptak Minor Subdivision Plan – The Board reviewed two applications for minor subdivisions, which the Planning Commission had recommended for approval. The applicant requested waivers for street improvements (curbs, sidewalks) and financial security requirements. They also requested a waiver of the \$4,000 per new lot capital contribution fee.

Motion made by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Ryker, and unanimously passed to grant preliminary and final approval for the subdivisions with the following conditions:

- The capital contribution fee is reduced by 50% to a total of \$6,000.
- The requirement to post financial security for public improvements is deferred until the time a building permit is applied for on the new lots.
- The stormwater design for one of the lots may also be deferred until the building permit stage.

Authorization for Engineering Expenses on PPL Property – The Board discussed authorizing the Township Engineer to survey a property owned by PPL that the Township is considering acquiring. The goal is to verify property lines to determine if the Township could lease space on two existing towers for cellular equipment, which would generate revenue.

Motion made by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried to authorize the Township Engineer to obtain a cost estimate for a full survey of the property.

Solar Project Scope of Work – The Board discussed a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for a 40kW solar panel installation at the Township building. It was noted that several potential vendors are in the states COSTARS contract, which allows the Township to solicit proposals without a formal bidding process.

Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Ryker expressed concern that the draft document was overly complicated and might deter responses.

General consensus by the Board was to replace the detailed RFP with a simplified, 1-2 page RFP asking qualified vendors for design and financing options (including power purchase agreements). No formal motion was required to solicit proposals. Upon receiving proposals with more specific information, next steps can be addressed.

Assignment of Fire Insurance Proceeds – Motion made by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Ryker, and unanimously carried to approve the assignment agreement of \$36,000 in insurance proceeds from the seller to the new buyer of the fire-damaged property at 1068 Nemeth Rd to ensure the property is repaired or demolished.

Quakertown Halloween Parade – Motion made by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried to authorize the use of the Springtown Fire Company fire police for the parade.

Donation Acceptance for Police – The Board reviewed a letter offering a donation to the police department. Mr. Hopkins noted that the letter stated the use of the funds would be determined after acceptance, which is contrary to the Board's preferred procedure of knowing the intended use beforehand.

Motion made by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Ryker, and unanimously carried table the acceptance of the donation until the donor can provide a revised letter specifying the intended use and agreed upon with Chief.

Authorization to Advertise 2026 Draft Budget – Motion made by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Ms. Yearwood, and unanimously carried to authorize the advertisement of the fiscal year 2026 draft budget for public inspection.

Authorization to Advertise 2007 F-550 on Municibid – Motion made by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Ms. Yearwood, and unanimously carried to authorize the sale of the truck on Municibid.com with a minimum bid of \$8000.

Resolution 2025-11 Statewide Local Share Account Grant – Motion made by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2025-11, authorizing an application for a Statewide Local Share Account grant for \$217,284 to purchase a new dump truck.

Delaware Wild & Scenic Letter of Support – Residents Mike Clime and Travis Pantaleo explained that Springfield Township cannot become a full member of the Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River program, and is thus ineligible for associated grants, because neighboring Durham Township has not joined. They requested the Board send a letter encouraging Durham's Supervisors to join.

The Board agreed that a diplomatic letter of support would be appropriate. The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) will draft a letter for the Board to review before sending.

REPORTS / COMMENTS

Zoning - Report posted.

Police – The Chief noted that the department is back to full strength. The semi-annual Drug Take-Back event is scheduled for October 25th, 2025, at Springfield Elementary School. Mr. Hopkins reminded the Chief that last month he asked for 90 days to formalize procedure manual on use and training on decibel meter. Mr. Hopkins asked that by next meeting (Oct 25 -60 days after), the Chief has draft available for review and discussion concerning ongoing activities.

Roads - Report posted.

Solicitor – Report Received.

Engineer – Report received.

Fire / EMS Providers	Report Received Yes	Report Received No	Comments
Palisades Regional Fire Rescue		☒	Financials have not been received
Richlandtown Fire Co	☒		
Richland Fire & Rescue	☒		
Haycock Fire Co	☒		
Coopersburg Fire Co	☒		
UBREMS	☒		
Upper Saucon EMS	☒		

OTHER BOARD COMMENTS

Planning Commission – No comment

Parks & Land – No comment

Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) – An e-waste collection event is scheduled for October 11th, 2025. Most items are free, but some larger items like televisions will have a fee. More details on website

Historical Commission – No comment

Water Authority – No comment

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No additional public comment.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Hopkins –

- BCATO Fall Event occurring next Tues, Sept 30, at Peddler's Village
- BCATO sponsored EMS meeting occurring in Warrington on October 18th
- Gilmore & Associates contract for MAP Grant Study of Villages & 309 Corridor was held last week. Overview and meeting summarized on the Township website

Mr. Ryker – Thanks to the Township Police Dept for a successful car show.

Ms. Yearwood – She attended the Paradigm Pipeline training, an annual event for the pipeline companies to reach out to the public. Adelphia showed interest in potentially holding drill training for local emergency services. Update given for Tex Stormwater Project.

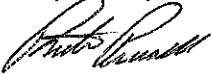
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Ryker, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, and unanimously carried to adjourn the public meeting at 9:13 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To be held following the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Rich Pursell
Township Manager