

Board of Supervisors

**MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2026**

MEETING HELD AT SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Supervisors Present: Dave Long, Lorna Yearwood, and Pete Kade

Supervisors Present Via Phone: Jim Nilsen

Supervisors Absent: Jim Hopkins

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

An Executive session was held prior to the public meeting to discuss personnel matters and potential litigation. A second Executive session will be held after the public meeting.

Mr. Long addressed the public in attendance of the limit of 30 total minutes of public comment with 3 minutes allotted to each individual speaker.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Carla Sessions (Maple Rd) informed the Board that they had removed their signs to help foster positive discussions regarding the ongoing dispute with Haycock Camp Ministries. She requested an update on the meeting schedule or recent activities. The Township Solicitor reported that a well-attended staff meeting took place a couple of days after the previous Board meeting. In attendance were five representatives from Haycock Camp Ministry, their legal counsel, the Township Manager, and himself (Township Solicitor). They reviewed the residential complaints raised at public meetings. The camp representatives agreed to present the township's conditions to their full board, which is expected to review the proposals in July. No public recording or minutes were taken as it was a closed staff meeting. The Township Solicitor confirmed he is maintaining weekly communication with the residents' legal counsel to ensure transparency.

Patrick Sessions (Maple Rd) expressed concern over a perceived lack of direct communication from the camp to the neighbors and requested that the Township continue to act as an intermediary.

Carla Sessions (Maple Rd) presented the Board with printed process-flow diagrams detailing the residents' suggestions for identifying and reporting ordinance violations to remedy procedural gaps.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Motion made by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried, approving the financial report as presented.

Fund Balances as of May 31, 2026

General Fund	\$2,426,390	Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,030,063
General Fund Reserve	\$414,357	Capital Reserve CD	\$240,000
General Fund CD	\$240,000	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$394,832
Escrow Fund	\$1,076,670	Liquid Fuels CD	\$240,000
Street Light Fund	\$9,153	Open Space Fund	\$878,978
Dedicated Fire Tax Fund	\$270,606	Open Space CD	\$240,000
Dedicated Road Equip	\$73,031	Act 537 Escrows	\$90,045
		Dedicated EMS Tax Fund	\$80,253

Revenue Balances

EIT	\$505,950	Real Estate	\$1,026,919
LST	\$20,671	Real Estate Transfer	\$57,347

Payment of Bills

(May 16, 2026 – June 15, 2026)

General Fund	\$531,736.11	Escrow Fund	\$1,869.80
PLGIT Credit Card	\$1,288.51	Dedicated EMS Fund	\$0
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$0	Dedicated Fire Fund	\$0
Capital Reserve Fund	\$0	Dedicated Road Equip.	\$0
Street Light Fund	\$993.51	Open Space Fund	\$310,403.80

Motion made by Ms. Yearwood, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously approved the payment of bills from May 16, 2026 – June 15, 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Yearwood, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried to approve the May 26, 2026, meeting minutes.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Hans Reimann Scholarship – Laura Gardener, Chair of the EAC, presented letters from the two scholarship recipients, William Zaleski and Jane Salva (absent).

William Zaleski, a recent graduate of Palisades High School living on Chestnut Rd, addressed the board. He detailed his long-term focus on environmental initiatives and thanked the EAC and the Board for selecting him for the award. The Board congratulated Mr. Zaleski on his achievements.

Request for Fire Police – Dublin Borough – Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously approved to authorize the use of the Springtown Fire Company Fire Police at the Dublin Volunteer Fire Company Annual Fireman's Fair to be held on July 10-11, and July 14-18, 2026.

Request for Fire Police – Trinity Lutheran Church – Motion made by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Ms. Yearwood and unanimously approved to authorize the use of the Springtown Fire Company Fire Police at Trinity Lutheran Church for the celebration of the church's 275th anniversary on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM.

Acceptance of Resignation – Thomas Wismer – Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously approved to accept the resignation of Thomas Wismer as full-time Road Department Laborer with Springfield Township effective May 27, 2026.

Ratification of Advertisement – Road Department Laborer– Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously approved to ratify the advertisement for a Full-Time Road Department Laborer.

Zoning Hearing Board Application Discussion – Ebert Rd – The Board engaged in an administrative evaluation regarding an appeal filed on June 16, 2026, stemming from Notice of Violation dated May 18, 2026. The statutory clock dictates that the Zoning Hearing Board must schedule a public hearing within 60 days of the filing date unless an official waiver is executed by the applicant’s legal representative and provided to the board’s solicitor.

Motion made by Ms. Yearwood, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously approved to have the Zoning Officer and Township Solicitor send an appearance letter and receive a request for a time waiver concurrently to the applicant’s legal counsel to preserve structural options.

Zoning Hearing Board – State Rd – Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried to have the Township Solicitor contact the Zoning Hearing Board and inform them of the Board’s intent to revise the current fencing ordinance.

Zoning Hearing Board – Highpoint Rd – Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Ms. Yearwood, and unanimously carried to remain neutral, taking no official position.

Resolution 2026-06 – 2026-2027 Fuel Bid Acceptance – The Board reviewed municipal fuel procurement projections and procurement pricing schedules submitted via competitive bidding for the upcoming fiscal year.

Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2026-06, accepting the 2026-2027 Fuel Bid through the Bucks County Consortium, awarding the gas and diesel bid to Riggins Inc, and further authorizing the township Manager to sign all paperwork necessary to complete the agreement.

Resolution 2026-07 – Emergency Operations Plan – The Township Manager explained that once the Board executes the revised Emergency Management Operations Plan, it will be immediately transmitted to the Emergency Management Coordinator, Mike Italia, for further submission to Bucks County Authorities. This updates municipal emergency records, ensuring eligibility for matching federal emergency assistance and FEMA remediation funding in the event of a localized disaster.

Motion made by Ms. Yearwood, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2026-07, Emergency Operations Plan for Springfield Township.

Finalizing and Authorizing Advertisement of Ordinance #210 – Amending the Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes – The Township Solicitor noted that the amendment incorporates standard penalty collection recovery parameters which prevents the Township from experiencing net funding shortfalls on collections. He verified that neighboring municipalities, such as Dublin Borough, have already institutionalized this practice following educational sessions back in March.

Mr. Long emphasized that while the township maintains over 210 distinct ordinances, the public can access them via the township website.

Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Ms. Yearwood, and unanimously carried to advertise Ordinance #210 Amending the Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes.

PLPB Prioritization Discussion – The Board reviewed ongoing scheduling, land acquisition parameters, and open space development priorities presented by the Parks and Land Preservation Board.

REPORTS / COMMENTS

Zoning - Report posted.

Police –

- CODY/Pathfinder data transfer is well underway.
- The new bodycams and mobile cams that were approved at the previous meeting have arrived. A meeting is scheduled with Axion and SystemsNet IT to ensure proper setup and compatibility.
- Conversations have begun with the head of Gasket Goons to preliminarily plan for the next car show event in November.
- Base level decibel readings will take place across the Township in the coming weeks for the Planning Commission.

Roads – Report posted.

Solicitor – Report posted.

Engineer – Report posted.

Fire / EMS Providers	Report Received Yes	Report Received No	Comments
Palisades Regional Fire Rescue		☒	
Richlandtown Fire Co		☒	
Richland Fire & Rescue	☒		
Haycock Fire Co		☒	
Coopersburg Fire Co		☒	
St. Luke's EMS	☒		
Upper Saucon EMS	☒		

OTHER BOARD COMMENTS

Planning Commission – The Noise Ordinance will be first to advance to the Board – draft proposal expected for July 28th. Bruce presented House and Senate bills that are currently moving directly related to the proposed ADU Ordinance. The Data Center and Event ordinance will be reviewed at the next July 17th Planning Commission meeting.

Parks & Land – No comment

Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) –

- The EAC has been actively reaching out and working with the PLPB to coordinate joint efforts and align strategic goals regarding management and preservation of Peppermint Park.
- The Electronics Recycling Event is scheduled for October 10th, 2026.

Historical Commission – Next meeting to be held July 23rd.

Water Authority –

- An overview was given of the approved grant document, outlining the compliance process, the scope of work to be done, and a rough timeline for project commencement and completion.
- A motion was approved to appoint Bill Ryker as Treasurer for the SWA.
- A motion passed authorizing Bill to open an account at QNB dedicated to the grant transactions.
- A motion passed dictating a dual-signature requirement on every check issued by the SWA.
- An application was received from a local resident to join the SWA. The Township Manager confirmed receipt of the application and noted that an official vacancy is required before an interview can be scheduled.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Doncevik (Pleasant View Rd) inquired about aerial images mentioned earlier during the meeting. The Solicitor clarified that the aerial imagery collected is publicly available (ArcGIS Satellite Imagery) and does not violate the reasonable expectation of privacy per US Supreme Court precedence.

Mike Clime (High Meadow Rd) inquired about locations he was aware of in the township that have fences more than 7ft within setbacks. Mr. Long acknowledged that navigating the online code database for specific fence or zoning rules can be very difficult to understand.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Nilsen – Mr. Nilsen would like to work with the Township Solicitor to discuss matters regarding Public Utilities timeliness, or lack thereof, to address storm remediation within the township as it relates to downed trees and limbs on public utilities, citing the recent storm damage on California Rd.

Ms. Yearwood – The Thriving Earth Exchange project is underway. They have met with the Bucks County Planning Commission to share their results and request input. The Cooks Creek Watershed Association had a joint meeting held at the Township building to share their Conservation Plan Updates. CCWA did 2 study walks throughout Cooks Creek which found evidence of bank erosion and excess nutrients being deposited in the creek.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Ms. Yearwood, and unanimously carried to adjourn the public meeting at 8:35 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive meeting to be held following the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Rich Pursell
Township Manager