

Springtown Water Authority

Meeting Minutes for August 3rd, 2026

Call to Order: The chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board Members present were Donald Kucher-Chair, Raymond Kade Secretary, Bill Ryker Treasurer, and Allen Kugler.

Also attending the meeting were Rich Ceroff-System Manager, Rick Howard-Legal Counsel, and Authority Engineer Fred Ebert.

Pledge of Allegiance

Raymond read the minutes from July 6, 2026.

Motion to approve the July 6, 2026, minutes by Bill seconded Raymond and approved by the board.

Treasurers Report: Bill Presented the treasurers report. The net income as of August 3, 2026, is \$4,082.64. The total for bills is \$17,340.03. Deposits for Q2 billing total \$19,597.64. The report is as posted.

Payment of bills: Raymond made a motion to pay the bills; Allen seconded the motion; The motion passed with no objections.

Solicitor Report: Rick reported that the lawsuit against the Authority was found by the magistrate in The Authority's favor. The authority continues to get checks from the delinquent customer. Rick advertised the fire hydrant increase in the media. Rick contacted the customer about access to the water meter and the customer agreed to fix the problem.

Consulting Engineer Report: Fred Ebert gave an overview of the approved grant document and an outline of the process that must be followed to comply with the requirements specified in the grant. Adam Callaghan is the new DCED contact representative. Fred also described the nature of the work to be done and gave a rough timeline of when the work would start and when the project would be completed by June 30, 2029.

The authority must adopt a nondiscrimination and sexual harassment policy as part of the requirements for the grant.

The authority must ensure that employees are not behind in child support payments.

The authority must review our insurance policy and add insurance requirements required by the grant policy. Rick will contact the insurer and make sure that our policy meets the grant criteria.

System Operators Report:

Rich will have to go to a new source for replacement meters. Many meters are reaching the end of life for their batteries. Rich expects that quite a few connections from the main to the curb stop will need to be replaced due to erosion corrosion caused by high pressure. The authority will have to send an unaccounted-for water report and Consumer confidence report to DEP and DRBC. The authority will need to verify that the operator has submitted these reports for the last few years.

Business:

~ The Authority Board hereby resolves to accept the resignation of Bill Hershey effective Friday July 31st, 2026. Motion by Don seconded by Raymond and approved by the board.

~ That due to Bill Hershey's Retirement having created a vacancy effective July 31st, 2026, the Board resolves and through this resolution's delivery, hereby requests the Springfield Township Board of Supervisors at the upcoming August 25th, 2026, public meeting or as soon as possible appoint a new board member to fill the said vacancy on the Springtown Water Authority's Board. Motion by Don seconded by Raymond and approved by the board.

~ That when considering an appointment to fill the above vacancy, Springtown Water Authority's current board resolves to recommend that serious consideration be given to the appointment of Michael Sullivan. It has been resolved that it would be the preference and recommendation of the Authority's current board members that the Township Board of Supervisors appoint Michael Sullivan to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Bill Hershey. Motion by Bill seconded by Don and approved by the board.

Adjournment: Raymond made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM, Bill Ryker seconded; motion carried without objection.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 1st, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Secretary Raymond Kade