

Minutes
Springfield Township Supervisors Meeting
August 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were supervisors Jeff Eaton, Luke Weldon and Eric Taylor; Solicitor Gery Nietupski and Meredith Borstorff, secretary.

MINUTES Jeff Eaton moved to approve minutes of the July 14, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Eric Taylor; passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT As of 8/11/25 Total Assets: General Fund -- \$524,220.52; Liquid Fuels -- \$127,194.33. Jeff Eaton moved to approve the Treasurer's Report (subject to audit); seconded by Luke Weldon passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

BILLS Payment of the bills on the bill list were unanimously approved by a roll-call vote upon a motion by Luke Weldon and seconded by Eric Taylor. Bills as follows: GF \$2,813.57; LF \$3,050.57; P-card \$822.74, and \$4,176.70 paid during the month.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Sembower asked about the status of the Nuisance Ordinance. He has a property near his house that affects his property value. He would like to see it passed as soon as possible.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

CU2025-001 88 Live to Ride 8114 Rte 6N, Index (39) 023-083.0-001.00 – A Conditional Use hearing was held immediately prior to tonight's meeting. Requested was a change of hours for NW Sportsman's Club activities to 9:30a-8p (summer) & 10a-5:30p (winter). Currently the hours are 10a-6p all year. Matt's Place/community gathering hours will continue as reserved/scheduled. Jeff Eaton moved to approve the request to change the hours. Luke Weldon seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roadmaster – Sanford Rd. project is going well. Should re-open at the end of August. Third round of mowing should start right after.

Zoning Officer – Issued six (6) permits for various structures. Permit fees received for the month: \$450. Recently participated in the annual Coastal Zone Management boat patrol of the shoreline. We looked at construction and erosion from the Ohio line to the Fairview/Millcreek border. The bluffs were in better shape than anticipated by CZM.

OLD BUSINESS

Nuisance Ordinance – There was some discussion about the status of the ordinance. We only have a few more items to pin down. When asked if a nuisance would be clarified in the ordinance, the solicitor replied that there would absolutely be detail in the ordinance. If brought before the BOS, and they deemed (the particular issue) a nuisance, action would be taken. It is anticipated to pass this ordinance before the end of the year. Once it is advertised, it will be available for public inspection both at the township office and at the Public Law Library. Presuming the section about a summary offense is settled in time for the September meeting, Jeff Eaton moved to advertise and be considered for enactment at the September 8, meeting. Eric Taylor seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote.

Solar Ordinance – Ian Durham, Green Key Solar, attended to discuss their company. He presented the BOS with information on their company and answered questions posed by those in attendance. They typically install a net metering system of 3MW production of 12-15 acre projects. The energy produced stays local. It is tied into the 3-phase lines. solar Review is still underway. They currently have a potential project in the Residential district. Their projects need to be installed within two miles of a sub-station. He did not have an address, but it seems to be near the Springfield elementary school. They pay a property owner per acre, with an escalator on top of that. 12-16 acres can co-locate projects (taking up to 30 acres). *Q: Would it cost less for the user?* The power would cost about the same to the residents, but it would be a more stable source. If there was an outage (Penelec), there would still likely be an outage with this. *Q: Do the panels leak when they break or crack?* No. There is nothing to leak. Panels last 25-40 years and can then be recycled. *Q: Is this a “niche market”?* No. It ties into the existing grid with Penelec. Leases run for 40 years. Money is set aside to put everything back the way it was prior to installation. There are pillars (7-10 feet) into the ground. No concrete. *Q: How much is the Federal Government subsidizing solar projects?* None (now). It is in the process of being phased out.

Mr. Durham indicated that this started as a family business (2 guys) and they have been in business approximately 10 year.

NEW BUSINESS None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

ADJOURN With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith L. Borstorff, Township Secretary