

Minutes
Springfield Township Supervisors Meeting
October 13, 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 September 8, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Luke Weldon; passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT As of 10/13/25 Total Assets: General Fund -- \$525,909.75; Liquid Fuels -- \$23,936.59. Jeff Eaton moved to approve the Treasurer's Report (subject to audit); seconded by Eric Taylor; 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 \$ 66,238.33 (after addition of McDonald Sand & Gravel invoice), LF \$6,997.02, P-card \$617.14, and \$8,884.60 paid during the month.

CORRESPONDENCE

ECATO Annual convention, Oct. 23. Attending: Jeff, Eric, Meredith

PUBLIC COMMENT Paul Eagley asked what the Green Distributor invoice was for. BOS: Supply of culverts/pipes (probably a year's worth). We did receive some ARP/GAP funds from the County towards the purchase.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

Solar Ordinance – Andy Miller of MPL, Attorney for Crow Holdings (solar company), attended to discuss a potential PSES solar project for Fairview Evergreen Nursery property on Route 215 (39) 049-016.0-021.00), near the Springfield Elementary School. This is different from the proposed GreenKey solar project, however, would tie into the same sub-station. He presented information on Crow Holdings as well as details of the proposed project (Index. They are in the third phase of this project (permitting). Included in the presentation were mock-ups of the solar installation, with screening from the surrounding properties. They would propose to tie into the sub-station near Route 20 & 215 (west of). It is a bi-directional meter owned by Penelec. The power would go back into the Penelec grid and used by nearby electric customers. The current sub-stations are limiting as to how many solar projects can be done. To upgrade the existing sub-stations is prohibitive. He inquired about re-zoning (spot zoning) of the parcel since it is of significant size (145 acres with 16 acres designated for the project). He noted that there are already many commercial uses allowed in the residential district, maybe we should consider some lot size minimums to enable projects in the residential district. The BOS indicated that we do not permit spot zoning. He asked if the BOS would be willing to consider a variance request. Gery Nietupski (solicitor) replied that it is absolutely their right to make application for a variance. The BOS is totally separate from the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) and has no influence on any of their decisions. Mr. Miller indicated that this parcel would be removed from Clean & Green (triggers Rollback taxes on the whole 145 acres), does not require public water/sewer and does not increase traffic. He asked if the BOS had specific opposition to this project/request. They indicated they did not, however, they plan to stay with the proposed inclusion of PSES solar projects in the Commercial and Industrial districts.

After discussion, Luke Weldon moved to enact the Solar Ordinance (2025-003) as written. Eric Taylor seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote.

Federal Surplus Property Program - Renewal of 3-yr agreement. Luke Weldon Moved to ratify the execution of the renewal agreement. Jeff Eaton seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roadmaster – Have been working on trucks - wings and spreaders are on for winter. Parks/bathrooms will be closed before Halloween. Will start with ditching in the fall to keep them open for the winter.

Zoning Officer – Issued four permits for various structures. Permit fees received for the month: \$200. Meredith & Bob Bright met with Mike Eckstrom/ECDH at various properties to discuss potential issues/permitting questions. Bob Bright discussed many ECDH requirements to gain a better understanding. There is a Special Exception Hearing on November 6, for the old truck stop @ 6N/I-90. The buyer of the property wants to improve and use the structure for a convenience store/gas station.

OLD BUSINESS

Clean-Up Day: The following numbers increased from 2024: Tires 1,438 (+147); Freon units 244 (+72); E-waste 730 (+171); Donations \$736 (+\$40). This year's donations will benefit local food banks. Springfield Township's participation decreased from 65 households in 2024 to 59. Total households participating increased to 627 from 2024 (536). Several Springfield residents won a variety of door prizes!

NEW BUSINESS

LSA Grant: We are still awaiting award announcements for last year's applications. We will work with LSSE/Matt Swanson to get new figures for the 2025 round. We will re-submit if we are not awarded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shannon Miller asked the BOS for an update on her zoning permit application for 12220 Main St.; Gery informed her that he did send a response to her attorney. He recommended she reach out to him for an update. He reminded her that the proposed structure is not to be used as a dwelling in any manner. She acknowledged.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- The BOS entered executive session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss ongoing legal matters.

ADJOURN After re-convening at 8:15 p.m. and with no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned. The next budget workshop will be November 10 @ 6:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith L. Borstorff, Township Secretary