

Minutes
Springfield Township Supervisors Meeting
April 14, 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.

BIDS *Single Seal Coat.* Bids were opened 3/27/25 @ Harborcreek Twp. Suit-Kote -- \$1.856/SY; Russell Standard -- \$2.42/SY.

MINUTES Jeff Eaton moved to approve minutes of the March 10, 2025, meeting. Seconded by Eric Taylor; passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT As of 4/14/25 Total Assets: General Fund -- \$722,228.83; Liquid Fuels -- \$243,456.53. Jeff Eaton moved to approve the Treasurer's Report (subject to audit); seconded by Luke Weldon; passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

BILLS After one addition, 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 \$68,219.04, LF \$1,579.93, P-card \$699.53, and \$7,744.99 paid during the month.

CORRESPONDENCE

Summer City (OLRSCT) PRD Activity report for April 1, 2024 – April 1, 2025.

US Fish & Wildlife – Sea Lamprey Control to be conducted April 22-May 1, 2025 in Conneaut Creek.

PSATS – Proposed 2025 Resolutions & nomination report (for annual conference).

Buseck, Barger, Bleil (CPA) – DCED Financials for year ended 12/31/24.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Marino led discussion on the proposed closing of the Girard PSP. The new Summit PSP complex will be complete at the beginning of 2026. Girard PSP *will be* closed! Jeff clarified that no one has come to speak with Springfield Township about this.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

Seal Coat Bid Jeff Eaton moved to accept Suit Kote's bid of \$1.856/SY. Eric Taylor seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote.

Ordinance 2025-001 – Authorizing execution of a 10-Year Cable Franchise Agreement. Gery indicated that this is the maximum fee allowed. Luke Weldon move to enact ordinance and sign franchise agreement. Eric Taylor seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote.

Erie County Dept. of Public Safety – Intergovernmental Cooperation (3-yr) Agreement. After changing "tri-annual" (3x/yr) to "triennial" (every 3 yrs), Jeff Eaton moved to execute the agreement. Eric Taylor seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote.

Erie County Subgrant agreement for ARP Funds for sub-surface drainage/stormwater projects throughout the township. Jeff explained that the funds were originally issued to Erie County. Erie County has issued subgrants to various municipalities to use for local projects. Luke Weldon moved to ratify execution of the agreement. Eric Taylor seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote.

PennDOT – Agility Work Plan Jeff Eaton moved to sign the work plan for 2025 season. Luke Weldon seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roadmaster – Removed the Plows and spreaders from equipment. Doing drainage work on Carol Ann Drive. Removed beaver dam (south of route 20). We had a couple pipes fail (Rea Rd, Lunch & Crayton). Trash cans are out at the parks and the restrooms will be open next week. Little League starts at the end of April. The winter was rough on the roads. The supervisors toured the township roads. We are not going to pave Old Albion Rd. **We plan to grind and (JEFF – I did not get details for what the plan is...please provide).** It will cost \$12,900 to grind. It would have been over \$50,000 to pave. The machine is coming May 7 to grind. MC70 is scheduled for June. A letter will be sent to Old Albion Rd. residents (from McKee Rd. to Rte. 215). Cold patch is \$.90 more than last year. Super-pave with RAP is \$78.50 (same as last year).

Zoning Officer – Issued two permits for various structures. Permit fees received for the month: \$100. There is a variance hearing 4/17/25 @7pm to consider a front setback variance for 12004 Middle Rd.. The (final) annual report for ARP funds has been submitted. There will also be a completion report.

Bicentennial Park – Bill Marino has submitted the checklist for 2025.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Fireworks Permit: Brent Caldwell attended to discuss the potential for a fireworks display at Bicentennial Park. He has been having displays for approximately 8 years, but he has recently been working to obtain a federal license for “display fireworks”. He needs a larger area to provide appropriate parking. He also does not have \$1 million liability coverage. He typically spends between \$3-5,000 on fireworks and the show is 30-45 minutes. If donations were received, he would be willing to split 50/50 with the fire department. He would also be responsible for cleaning up after the event. His show is electronic. He does not manually set off the fireworks.

The BOS does not want to take on the liability of a fireworks show at the park. We also do not permit alcohol at our parks, and it is an inherent part of fireworks gatherings. Gery is working on an ordinance and application requirements for standard and display fireworks.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- The BOS entered executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss ongoing legal matters.

ADJOURN After re-convening at 8:10p.m. and with no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith L. Borstorff, Township Secretary