

Minutes
Springfield Township Supervisors Meeting
September 8, 2025

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

MINUTES Jeff Eaton moved to approve minutes of the August 11, 2025, regular meeting. Seconded by Luke Weldon; passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

Jeff Eaton moved to approve minutes of the August 11, 2025, Conditional Use hearing. Seconded by Luke Weldon; passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT As of 9/8/25 Total Assets: General Fund -- \$565,596.39; Liquid Fuels -- \$124,143.76. Luke Weldon moved to approve the Treasurer's Report (subject to audit); seconded by Jeff Eaton; 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 Jeff Eaton. Bills as follows: GF \$77,717.35, LF \$100,148.36, P-card \$68.80 and \$5,293.42 paid during the month.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

R2025-007 – Exoneration of taxes for mobile homes that have been removed from assessment for 1995-2004 (total of \$706.34). Jeff Eaton moved to approve. Luke Weldon seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote.

R2025-008 – PennDOT 10-Year Winter Traffic Service Contract. Jeff Eaton moved to approve. Luke Weldon seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote.

Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) – Pension. Luke Weldon moved to authorize \$4,000 contribution per eligible employee for 2026. Jeff Eaton seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote.

Township Property (Bond & Academy) – Larry Sisson wants to place signs. Larry was not in attendance. Jeff Eaton moved to table discussion. Luke Weldon seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote.

Year-end advertisements – Jeff Eaton moved to place necessary year-end ads. Luke Weldon seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote. Of note, we no longer have to advertise for the CPA to perform our annual audit.

Ordinance 2025-002 - Nuisance Ordinance Paul Eagley inquired about abandoned vehicles on private property (he did not see it in the proposed ordinance). BOS – It is covered in Section 4.A.2. Paul also noted that Section 11.A seemed to be missing #4. Meredith looked at a previous version and #4 had been accidentally dropped. After some discussion and with the correction being made, Jeff Eaton moved to enact/approve the ordinance. Luke Weldon seconded; passed by unanimous, roll-call vote. It was noted that adopting the ordinance is not going to miraculously clean up the entire township. It is a slow, tedious process. The supervisors thanked the members of the Planning Commission for their work on getting this finished.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roadmaster – Sanford Rd. project is completed, and the road is open. Some additional work will be done to the berm. Working on roadside mowing and spreading gravel. We hauled 800T anti-skid, salt is ordered, and we are getting trucks ready for the winter plowing season. We are continuing to patch potholes.

Zoning Officer – Issued three permits for various structures. Permit fees received for the month: \$300. I have received multiple inquiries/complaints about a property owner on Route 20 that appears to be using his property as a camp. Bob Bright and I visited the property in August and talked with the property owner. He stated that he is not using his property as a camp. This will be discussed in Executive Session (potential matter of litigation). The annual clean-up day is scheduled for September 20, 9am-3pm at Franklin Township. Info cards were mailed at the end of August.

Lakefront Parks – The International Coastal Clean-up is scheduled for September 20, 9a-12p.

OLD BUSINESS

Solar Ordinance: The proposed draft was discussed. Specifically, the Accessory Solar Energy Systems (ASES) used for powering one's own residence. Roof-top ASES will be permitted by right in all zones; ASES ground arrays will be permitted in all zones on parcels two acres or larger. A zoning permit would be required for both. The BOS did not want residential properties to be overtaken by ground arrays.

Ian Durham, Greenkey Solar, was in attendance to participate in discussions of the proposed draft Solar Ordinance. After receiving Mr. Durham's input at the August meeting, the BOS included medium (10-40 acres) Primary Solar Energy Systems (PSES) as a conditional use in the Commercial Zone and permitted by right in the Industrial (I-1) & Heavy Industrial (I-2) zones. Only one project per parcel would be permitted. Large PSES (40-200 acres) remain as a Conditional Use in the Industrial (I-1) & Heavy Industrial (I-2) zones. Previously, there were no PSES in the Commercial Zone. Mr. Durham indicated that this would limit their ability to place any project within the township as their project needs to be within two miles of a substation. The BOS indicated that adding medium PSES to the Commercial Zone offered more locations. However, Mr. Durham said it would be cost prohibitive for a new substation to be placed (\$8-10 million). Gery indicated that he would forward the proposed draft ordinance for review.

NEW BUSINESS None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Bright indicated that there were over 300 people at the Bicentennial Park for various activities over the weekend. He overheard many compliments of how nice the park was.

Chip Folletti indicated his opposition to the proposed football field improvements at NWSD. Regarding the potential closing of Springfield Elementary and moving those students to Albion, he indicated that he felt the Springfield kids should be combined with Girard and Albion kids get combined with General McLane. He noted that enrollment just keeps going down. When he graduated the class was more than 200 and it is now down to just over 100. People in attendance agreed.

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

ADJOURN After re-convening at 8:30 p.m. and with no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith L. Borstorff, Township Secretary