

**Board of Supervisors**

**MINUTES**  
**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**January 5, 2026**  
**MEETING HELD AT SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BUILDING**

**Supervisors Present:** Raymond Kade, Jim Hopkins, Lorna Yearwood, David Long and James Nilsen.

**Also Present:** Rich Pursell (Township Manager).

Ms. Yearwood called the re-organization meeting to order at 7 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NOMINATIONS**

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Hopkins and carried unanimously nominating and electing Mr. Long as Temporary Chairman. Mr. Long assumed control of the meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Kade, seconded by Ms. Yearwood and opposed by Mr. Nilsen and Mr. Hopkins to nominate Ms. Yearwood as Chairperson, with Mr. Long abstaining. Motion did not carry.

Motion made by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Nilsen and opposed by Mr. Kade and Ms. Yearwood to nominate Mr. Long as Chairperson, with Mr. Long abstaining. Motion did not carry.

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Hopkins and carried 3-1 nominating and electing Mr. Long as Chairperson, with Mr. Long abstaining. Mr. Kade opposed.

Mr. Long assumed control of the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Hopkins and carried 4-0 nominating and electing Ms. Yearwood as Vice-Chairwoman, with Ms. Yearwood abstaining.

**BOARD, STAFF AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried appointing Mr. Hopkins as PSATS Voting Delegate, with Mr. Hopkins abstaining.

Motion by Ms. Yearwood, seconded by Mr. Hopkins and unanimously carried appointing Mr. Matzura to the appointment of Vacancy Board.

Motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously carried affirming the staff and additional appointments listed in Article II.

Ms. Yearwood and Mr. Long volunteered to be Police Department Board Liaisons. Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Nilsen volunteered to be Public Works Board Liaisons. Mr. Kade and Mr. Nilsen volunteered to be Administration Department Board Liaisons.

#### APPROVED DEPOSITORYES/NEWS PUBLICATIONS

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Ms. Yearwood and unanimously carried approving the financial institutions and news publications listed in Article III.

#### BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Ms. Yearwood, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, and unanimously carried reappointing members as listed in Article IV of the Resolution. Planning Commission Board liaison is Mr. Hopkins, Pension Committee Board Liaison is Mr. Long, Environmental Advisory Council Board Liaison is Ms. Yearwood, Agricultural Security Committee Liaison is to be determined after next meeting where Mr. Nilsen will present a review, Historic Commission Board Liaison is Ms. Yearwood, Community Day Board Liaison is Mr. Hopkins, Parks and Land Preservation Board Liaison is Mr. Nilsen, Springfield Water Authority Board Liaison is Mr. Hopkins, and EMS, Fire & Rescue Advisory Board Liaisons are Ms. Yearwood and Mr. Long.

#### TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

Motion by Ms. Yearwood, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, and unanimously carried approving Article V listing the bond amounts, employee wages and benefits and establishing the meeting times for the Township Boards and Committees and Township office hours. Part-time Road Department Laborers were listed as James Deacon, Wayne Diehl, Dennis Crouse, Gregory Gerhart, Scott Lehr, Kyle King, John Hoferica, Mason Nichols & Blake Eller.

Motion by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried adopting ***Resolution 2026-01***, as amended, in its entirety.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

**Appointing Delegates on Bucks County Tax Collection Committee** – Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Ms. Yearwood and unanimously carried adopting ***Resolution 2026-02*** Appointing Delegates on the Bucks County Tax Collection Committee.

**Tax Rates for the year 2026** - Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Nilsen and unanimously carried adopting ***Resolution 2026-03*** establishing the Tax Rates for Springfield Township for the year 2026. Mr. Hopkins mentioned upgrading some of the streetlights to LED and more energy efficient ones.

**Schedule of Fees and Charges** - Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried adopting ***Resolution 2026-04*** establishing updated fees and charges relating to permit applications for Springfield Township.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Email from a resident on Nemeth Rd thanking the Road Department for their work during recent snowstorms.

Letter of appreciation from the Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Center thanking the Township for its donation.

Correspondence received from St. Luke's Emergency & Transport Services confirmed the UBREMS Acquisition completed effective 12/19/2025.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA AND NON – AGENDA ITEMS**

Bruce Whitesell expressed his desire for continued responsible service and interest in committee work.

#### **SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**

Mr. Kade confirmed he and Mr. Nilsen were sworn in earlier that morning.

Ms. Yearwood expressed her thanks to Tony McGuire for his service as EMC.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Ms. Yearwood and unanimously carried adjourning the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rich Pursell  
Township Manager