

Board of Supervisors

**MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2026**

MEETING HELD AT SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Supervisors Present: Dave Long, Lorna Yearwood, Pete Kade, Jim Hopkins, Jim Nilsen
Also present: Rich Pursell (Township Manager), Scott MacNair, Esq. (Township Solicitor), Mike Brent (Zoning Officer) & Mike McDonald (Police Chief).

Mr. Long called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

An Executive session was held prior to the public meeting to discuss personnel matters. A second Executive session will be held after the public meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Doncevic (Pleasant View Rd) proposed increasing the minimum sidewalk width in the township ordinance from four feet to five feet to accommodate wheelchair accessibility and individuals using walkers.

Patrick Sessions (Maple Ave) spoke in opposition to data center expansion, citing environmental risks such as deforestation and thermal water pollution. The Board noted that the Planning Commission is drafting a defensive ordinance in accordance with the Municipal Planning Code.

Joseph Raynock (Gruversville Rd) reported explosives and excessive rifle fire on Gruversville Rd, requesting target shooting setbacks and restrictions on Tannerite. The Police Chief clarified that noise ordinances cannot be enforced without decibel readings and noted that State Police lack jurisdiction over local ordinances in this matter.

Patricia Raynock (Gruversville Rd) reported a house nearby has been abandoned and contains an RV that is occupied by a "tenant" which is hooked up to the on-lot septic. The occupants at this location have caused her horses to cause near-injury to itself and her, due to their use of explosives and gunfire. She expressed her upset of the stress it causes her horse to be "forced to endure such an environment."

Bill Burke (Gruversville Rd) and the Township Solicitor discussed ongoing enforcement issues on Gruversville Rd regarding illegal camper hookups and noise from high-intensity explosions and rifle fire. The Township Solicitor noted the difficulty in serving notices of violation to the property owner of record, identified only as Gary Bauman. The Police Chief noted the police department has made efforts to establish a range of baseline decibel readings in the area in question. The Police Chief further noted that the calls that they have received regarding the activity have ceased by the time they arrived and have been unable to successfully obtain observed violation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Long stated the financial report and balances are posted.

Motion made by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously carried, approving the financial report as presented.

Fund Balances as of March 31, 2026

General Fund	\$1,485,688	Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,045,227
General Fund Reserve	\$410,907	Capital Reserve CD	\$239,000
General Fund CD	\$239,000	Liquid Fuels Fund	\$383,498
Escrow Fund	\$1,075,234	Liquid Fuels CD	\$239,000
Street Light Fund	\$3,263	Open Space Fund	\$1,065,731
Dedicated Fire Tax Fund	\$116,394	Open Space CD	\$239,000
Dedicated Road Equip	\$10,730	Act 537 Escrows	\$89,836
		Dedicated EMS Tax Fund	\$17,146

Revenue Balances

EIT	\$273,197	Real Estate	\$161,369
LST	\$10,277	Real Estate Transfer	\$39,481

Payment of Bills

(March 16, 2026 – April 15, 2026)

General Fund	\$81,362.34	Escrow Fund	\$5,172.81
PLGIT Credit Card	\$1,304.53	Dedicated EMS Fund	\$23,750
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$11,599.36	Dedicated Fire Fund	\$0
Capital Reserve Fund	\$18,558.41	Dedicated Road Equip.	\$0
Street Light Fund	\$615.57	Open Space Fund	\$1,596.10

Motion made by Ms. Yearwood, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously approved the payment of bills from March 16, 2026 – April 15, 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board agreed to table the vote on March 18, 2026 joint meeting minutes with PLPB, pending clarification.

Motion made by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Ms. Yearwood, and unanimously carried to approve the March 24, 2026 meeting minutes. Mr. Long abstained from voting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Aimee Douglas Citation – Resolution 2026-05 – Motion made by Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 2026-05 honoring Aimee Douglas for 19 years of volunteer service to the Springtown Water Authority.

Request for Fire Police – Milford Township – Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously approved to use Springtown Fire Company Fire Police (PRFR) at the Milford Township Volunteer Fire Company Annual Carnival to be held June 16-20, 2026, and at the Milford Township Annual AG-Daze event on September 12, 2026.

Request for Fire Police – Quakertown Borough – Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously approved to use Springtown Fire Company Fire Police (PRFR) at the Quakertown Memorial Day parade to be held May 25, 2026, and the Quakertown Community Day to be held July 4, 2026.

Request for Fire Police – Haycock Township – Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously approved to use Springtown Fire Company Fire Police (PRFR) at the Independence Triathlon to be held May 17, 2026 and the Steelman Triathlon to be held August 2, 2026 at Nockamixon State Park.

Appointment to Agricultural Security Board – Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Ms. Yearwood and unanimously approved to appoint Christopher Bush to the Agricultural Security Board for a term ending 12/31/2026.

PLPB Prioritization Discussion – This topic was tabled to discuss at a later date.

Discussion on GIS Proposal – Ms. Yearwood presented a proposal for a Geographical Information System (GIS) to map natural resources, preserved properties, and historic overlays.

Motion made by Ms. Yearwood, seconded by Mr. Kade, and approved 3-2 to purchase the ArcGIS license and contract with Simply Spatial for set-up and training, not to exceed \$4,000. Mr. Long and Mr. Hopkins opposed citing concerns that the township is not sufficiently prepared for practical use and the ABCs prioritization data was not yet complete.

Generator Repair – Motion made by Mr. Nilsen, seconded by Mr. Kade, and unanimously carried to accept a \$4,349 proposal from Curtis Power Solutions to retrofit the control board on the township's 30-year-old generator.

Police Vehicle Equipment – The Board discussed a \$37,865 proposal from Motorola for new car and body cameras. The item was tabled to allow for further review of comparative systems and cloud storage fees.

Consideration of Opening CDs – Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Hopkins and unanimously approved to authorize the renewal of four one-year CDs (Liquid Fuels, Open Space, General Fund Reserve, and Capital Reserve) at an interest rate just under 4%.

Consideration of Awarding 2026 Road Project – The project includes tar and chip surfacing for the following roads:

- Springtown Hill Rd
- Highpoint Rd
- Ebert Rd
- Hickon Rd

Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Kade and unanimously approved to award the 2026 Road Contract to Asphalt Industries for \$187,640.50 to occur between August 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026.

Zoning Hearing Board Application Discussion – Motion made by Mr. Long, seconded by Ms. Yearwood and unanimously approved to take a neutral position regarding a variance request for a pole building garage.

REPORTS / COMMENTS

Zoning - Report posted.

Police – The Police Chief reported that data migration for police records is 25% complete. The recent Drug Take-Back event collected 88.9lbs of prescription drugs and 37.99lbs of medical sharps.

Roads – Report posted. The Township Manager reported that a 25-year-old truck required \$10,000 in repairs to pass inspection and is expected to need replacement next year.

Solicitor – Report posted.

Engineer – Report posted.

Fire / EMS Providers	Report Received	Report Received	Comments
	Yes	No	
Palisades Regional Fire Rescue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		New Chief introduced himself, Hayes Hissim, and announced upcoming community events
Richlandtown Fire Co		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Richland Fire & Rescue		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Haycock Fire Co	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Coopersburg Fire Co		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
St. Luke's EMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Rebranding process has begun on EMS vehicles
Upper Saucon EMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

OTHER BOARD COMMENTS

Planning Commission – The only agenda item for their next meeting is to discuss the proposed Data Center Ordinance. Upcoming meetings scheduled are May 6 and May 21

Parks & Land – No comment

Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) – No quorum at the joint meeting between the PLPB and EAC. The Hans Reimann Scholarship recipient(s) will be announced at the May 26th meeting.

Historical Commission – Minutes posted. Bruce Whitesell summarized full participation at all meetings held this year. Bruce discussed the commission's obligation to review applications submitted for properties listed on historic record.

Water Authority – A contract is being reviewed from John Larson for a proposal to take over the role and responsibility to replace Aimee Douglas following her retirement. A bid package is to be posted for advertisement regarding the well work and the grant package.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Hopkins – He has been in touch with the DRBC about the impact of the issue resulting from the Upper Saucon Gun Club well. Involvement includes the Bucks County Planning Commission and the County Commissioners.

Ms. Yearwood – Ms. Yearwood reminded everyone about the Rod & Gun Club’s anniversary event occurring May 2nd.

Mr. Nilsen – Summarized his time at the PSATS conference and how it encourages conversation between other local townships and municipalities.

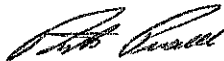
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Ms. Yearwood, and unanimously carried to adjourn the public meeting at 9:12 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive meeting to be held following the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Rich Pursell
Township Manager