

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, March 12, 2025 at 7:31 PM in the Springfield Township Building for the purpose of transacting the general business of the Township. The meeting was also offered in a live streaming feature. All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Commissioner Cobb, who joined later in the meeting. Commissioner Lee presided.

Mr. Lee asked Mr. Taylor if any remote public comments were received prior to the meeting. Mr. Taylor reported that no public comments were received.

Mr. Lee asked everyone to join the Board of Commissioners in a moment of silent reflection honoring the service men and women who have placed themselves in harm's way in order to help preserve our safety at home and overseas.

Mr. Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Wilson-McNamara) vote 6-0 dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and approving same as written and recorded in the official minute book of the Township.

Mr. Lee acknowledged the absence of Mr. Cobb but acknowledged that he would be arriving shortly.

Mr. Lee announced that the Board of Commissioners conducted an executive session as part of their March 10, 2025 workshop meeting to discuss two personnel matters and one subject of litigation.

Mr. Lee, Chairman of Public Safety Committee, invited Police Chief Michael Pitkow to the front of the room to conduct a commendation ceremony to recognize members of the police department who have demonstrated above average initiative, intelligence or ability as part of his or her police duties to produce substantial results and/or contributed to the safety of the Springfield Township community. Those who were honored included:

Unit Citation - Sergeant Badolato, Corporal Wiley, Officer Donnelly, Officer Lopez, Officer Seltzer, Officer Tauscher, and Detective Craig

- Traffic stop resulting in firearm arrest that occurred on 11/2/23 (deferred to 2024 Commendations)

Commendations of Merit - Officer Makowski

- Traffic stop resulting in two narcotics arrests, including 100 grams of methamphetamine on 2/20/24

Commendation of Merit - Corporal Wiley, Officer Donnelly, and Officer Lopez

- Traffic stop resulting in firearms arrest that occurred on 6/24/24

Lifesaving - Officer Johnsen

- Medical emergency, severe laceration requiring a tourniquet that occurred on 7/4/24

Commendatory Letter - Officer Tauscher and Norristown PD Detective Ganard

- Abuse of care-dependent persons/endangering the welfare of children that occurred on 9/3/24

Highway Safety Award - Officer Gross

- Overall traffic and parking enforcement, attended and successfully completed crash reconstruction training, and Police Department liaison with DUI Sobriety Checkpoint and Aggressive Driver details

Mr. Lee opened the meeting to public comment. None were received.

Mr. Lee announced that on February 25, the Board of Commissioners was informed by defense counsel that its Petition for a Rehearing En Banc in the matter of *Fraternal Order of Police, Pennsylvania Lodge, et al. versus Springfield Township, et. al.* was denied by the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. The Board has reached a consensus that it will not be moving forward with any further appeals. The Board appreciates the positive and productive relationship that has been maintained with the individual and collective members of the police department throughout the appeals process and looks forward to collaborating with the department toward a greater Springfield Township.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Community Development Committee, reported:

Motion (Wilson-Morris) vote 7-0 to appoint Alison Pottage, of Oreland, to fill an unexpired vacancy as a member of the Springfield Township Planning Commission. Ms. Pottage's term of service shall expire February 16, 2029. Mr. Lee and Mr. Wilson also noted the talents of the other candidates and encouraged them to continue to get involved within the Township.

Mr. Cobb, Chairman of Administrative, Fiscal Affairs and Zoning Committee, reported:

Motion (Cobb-McNamara) vote 7-0 to approve the February check reconciliation in the amount of \$636,832.93 and the March bill listing in the amount of \$541,271.24.

Mr. Cobb announced that the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Cobb summarized the Zoning Hearing Board agenda, which received one petition, and announced that copies of applications and plans are on file in the Code Enforcement Office and may be viewed during normal business hours.

Ms. Ratsavong, Chair of Parks and Recreational Resources Committee, acknowledged the work of the Walnut Avenue Steering Committee and architects at PORT Urbanism at their first open house on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The next open house is taking place on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Township Administration Building, at 5:30PM.

Mr. May, Chairman of Environmental Resources Committee, reported:

Mr. May announced that during the month of February 2025, Springfield Township residents recycled 138.28 tons of material with a householder participation rate of 75.8%. The net cost for the month was \$12,970.52.

The Board of Commissioners reminded residents that single use plastic bags are not suitable for recycling as part of the Township's curbside recycling collection program. In addition, plastic bags and liners should not be used to place recyclables out for collection by Township crews. Plastic bags slow the sorting process speeds at material recovery facilities, which increases processing costs paid by the Township. Residents were encouraged to recycle their plastic bags at drop off locations presently found at the local Acme and Giant supermarkets, and to avoid placing their materials out for collection using plastic can liners.

Ms. McNamara, Chair of Public Works and Facilities Committee, reported:

Motion (McNamara-May) vote 7-0 to approve the advertisement of Public Bids for the Township's 2025 Highway Resurfacing Program. A total of 15 streets are proposed to be milled and resurfaced in 2025 at an estimated cost of \$420,803.00. To the extent that bids are more or less than estimated, the potential exists to subtract or add streets in accordance with the bid specifications.

Copies of the bid specifications for the project, along with a complete list of streets to be resurfaced, are available in the office of the Township Manager.

Motion (McNamara-Cobb) vote 7-0 to accept a proposal from Bowman Consulting Group to provide engineering design services for an ADA-compliant pedestrian ramp on the southeast corner of Stenton Avenue and Wissahickon Avenue. The terms of the engagement shall be in accordance with their proposal dated March 4, 2025 and shall be billed on an hourly basis for a total fee not to exceed \$16,500. Construction of the ramp shall be accomplished by Montgomery County as part of an extension to the Wissahickon Green Ribbon Trail, or Mount Saint Joseph Academy as part of a pending land development application.

Ms. McNamara announced the Shade Tree Commission is working on their annual Arbor Day Celebration, which will take place on April 26, 2025. Details will be available on the Township website as they become available.

Mr. Morris, Chairman of the Cultural Resources Committee, acknowledged Mr. Lloyd's efforts to amend a Tech Grant for the benefit of the Library.

Mr. Lee opened the meeting to public comment. No public comment was received.

Motion (May-Wilson) vote 7-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Taylor  
Manager/Secretary