

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD**

The Springfield Township Emergency Services Board held a meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Members present: F. DePaul; K. Schwartz; J. Frye; J. Lesniak; J. Gordon; D. Azeff
M. Pitkow; J. Lee; P. DePaul III and R. Chiarlanza.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion was made (Pitkow, Azeff) to dispense with reading of the September minutes; they were accepted as corrected.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Robert Chiarlanza, EMC

No Report

SPRINGFIELD POLICE: Chief Michael Pitkow

Chief Pitkow discussed proposed parking restrictions along Traymore Ave, between E. Willow Grove Ave & Gilbert Ave. The restrictions would include “No Parking Here To Corner” and additional enforcement of existing No Parking zones.

Chief Pitkow discussed a proposed Public Safety Forum and anticipates the Forum kicking off in Spring of 2026.

AMBLER AMBULANCE: Chief Daniel Azeff

Chief Azeff reported that the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler (CAAA) has purchased their sixth ambulance. The rig is currently in New Jersey getting outfitted for service.

FLOURTOWN FIRE COMPANY: Captain Jake Frye

No Report

WYNDMOOR HOSE COMPANY: Chief Francis DePaul

Chief DePaul discussed the reported building fire at Wyndmoor Hills Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, 8601 Stenton Ave, on November 18, 2025. Chief DePaul reported that a power surge likely caused an HVAC motor to seize, causing a smoke condition on the 2nd & 3rd floors. Chief DePaul expressed concerns for the lack of staff and the inability to

contact an emergency party for over 1 hour. Units were in service from 0334 – 0528. It was agreed upon by the Board that the Fire Marshal will come up with a list of minimum requirements for all healthcare & extended care facilities to be maintained at the main reception/nursing area.

ORELAND FIRE COMPANY: Chief Jim Gordon

Chief Gordon reported that the Oreland Fire Company has taken delivery of their Seagrave engine. The new engine will replace the American LaFrance engine and become Engine 702. He anticipates the new rig will be put into service in the Spring of 2026.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: James Lee

Commissioner Lee updated the Board on the presenting and voting of the upcoming Township annual budget.

Commissioner Lee reported that two Township High School students have been appointed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Lee updated the Board on the municipal campus solar project and advised the Board that a contract has been awarded.

Commissioner Lee reported that the Township is anticipating the presentation of the final master plan for the former Tank Car Corporation of America property located in Oreland.

Commissioner Lee reported that the Township, in conjunction with Upper Dublin Township, is pursuing a grant to make improvements to the Pennsylvania Ave corridor from Bridge St to Camp Hill Rd.

Commissioner Lee reported that the annual Community Day celebration was a success and thanked the fire companies, ambulance, and police for their continued involvement.

FIRE MARSHAL: Pat DePaul III

Fire Marshal DePaul updated the Board on the 601 Bethlehem Pike (Erdenheim Auto) fire. The Township has received land development plans from the property owner and is working with the property owner and his legal counsel on the future of the property.

Fire Marshal DePaul updated the Board on the restaurant located at 700 Bethlehem Pike. DePaul is working with the property owner to obtain the required life safety inspections and certifications. The property is currently vacant.

Fire Marshal DePaul updated the Board on the Oreland Laundromat, which was previously closed by the Township due to construction without the required permits. The

Township has issued a temporary Use & Occupancy Certificate so the business may safely operate while under construction.

Fire Marshal DePaul updated the Board on the status of the Flourtown Shopping Center. DePaul is working with a new property manager to ensure the supervised automatic fire alarm system is operating properly, and updated keys are being placed inside the KNOX Box.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat DePaul
Fire Marshal/Code Enforcement Officer