

MINUTES OF MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in a regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, February 11, 2026 at 7:35 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, except for Commissioners Ratsavong and Morris. Commissioner May presided.

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

Mr. May 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. May led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Lee-McNamara) vote 5-0 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. May noted the absence of Commissioners Ratsavong and Morris.

Mr. May announced that the Board of Commissioners conducted an executive session as part of its February 9<sup>th</sup> workshop meeting to discuss one personnel and two litigation matters.

Mr. May opened the meeting to public comment. No public comments were received.

Mr. May, on behalf of Ms. Ratsavong, Chairwoman of the Community Development Committee, reported:

Motion (May-McNamara) vote 5-0 to appoint Amanda Helwig and Joseph Devine to new, four-year terms of service as members of the Springfield Township Planning Commission. The new terms of service for Ms. Helwig and Mr. Devine shall expire February 16, 2030.

Motion (May-McNamara) vote 5-0 to appoint Will Ruthrauff to fill an unexpired term of service as an alternate member of the Springfield Township Historical Commission. Mr. Ruthrauff's term of service shall expire December 31, 2026.

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

Motion (Lee-McNamara) vote 5-0 to approve the January check reconciliation in the amount of \$628,330.30, and the February bill listing in the amount of \$537,798.13.

Mr. Lee noted that from time to time it is necessary for the Township to dispose of records that it is not required to maintain in order to make physical room for other records that must be maintained in perpetuity.

Motion (Lee-Kirk) vote 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1683, a resolution authorizing the disposition of public records in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Records Manual.

Motion (Lee-McNamara) vote 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1684, a resolution honoring Robin Logan for 32 years of service to the Springfield Township community.

Mr. Lee noted that Ms. Logan is traveling and is unable to accept the resolution personally.

Motion (Lee-McNamara) vote 5-0 to authorize the execution of an employment agreement with A. Michael Taylor, Township Manager, setting forth the terms and conditions of employment. As required by the Code, the term of the agreement shall expire on the date of the Board of Commissioners' organizational meeting following the next municipal general election.

Mr. Lee announced that the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Springfield Township Building to receive testimony on two applications. Mr. Lee summarized the two petitions that are to be heard and announced that a copy of the applications and plans are on file in the Code Enforcement Office and may be viewed during normal business hours.

Motion (Lee-Goldberg) vote 5-0 to authorize the Office of the Township Solicitor to represent the interests of the Board to oppose the petition of AOB Ventures, LLC, requesting a variance from Section 114-135.A of the Springfield Township Code to permit a six-foot high fence to be located within the required fifteen-foot setback along Ulmer and Roesch Avenues.

Motion (Lee-McNamara) vote 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1685, a resolution appointing Greg Luce, Erdenheim, to fill an unexpired term of service as an alternate member of the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Luce's term of service shall expire December 31, 2027.

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

Mr. May announced that during the month of January 2026, Springfield Township residents recycled 160.22 tons of material with a householder participation rate of 80.3%. The net cost for the month was \$20,178.60.

Mr. May also reminded residents that due to current weather conditions, the seasonal leaf waste collection program is suspended through February 20, 2026. Curbside leaf waste collection will resume on Monday, February 23 and will run through mid-December. Leaf waste includes leaves, garden residue, shrubbery, tree trimmings and similar material. It does NOT include trash, bamboo, landscape timbers, logs or grass clippings. Please place all leaf waste materials in biodegradable paper bags or bundles and place them at the curb for collection on your regular collection day.

Ms. McNamara, Chairwoman of the Public Safety Committee, reported:

Ms. McNamara announced that the Springfield Township Police Department and the Board of Commissioners are launching a collaborative public safety forum to share information with the public and to provide a community space for discussion and feedback regarding policing and public safety in the Township. Each quarterly forum will include a specific topic to present, with the first session on March 19, 2026 highlighting cybercrimes and fraud schemes. Community members will be able to ask questions and share thoughts on the topic and any matter related to public safety while enjoying an informal meet and greet with members of the Police Department and other public officials. All community members are encouraged to attend and participate.

Ms. McNamara announced the other forum dates as follows:

Thursday, June 18 – Traffic, Speed Education and Enforcement

Thursday, September 17 – Preventing Vehicle Theft and Thefts from Vehicles

Thursday, December 17 – Crimes Against the Elderly and Care-dependent People

Ms. McNamara, on behalf of Mr. Morris, Chairman of the Cultural Resources Committee, reported:

Motion (McNamara-Lee) vote 5-0 to appoint Adam Hess to fill an unexpired term of service as a voting member of the Library Advisory Committee. Mr. Hess presently serves as the alternate member of the committee. Mr. Hess's term of service shall expire December 31, 2026.

Ms. McNamara announced that as a result of Mr. Hess's appointment, there presently exists a vacancy as an alternate member of the Library Advisory Committee. Alternate members attend and participate in all meetings but vote only when a voting member is unable to attend a meeting or recuses himself.

Motion (McNamara-Kirk) vote 5-0 to appoint Katie Sweeney to fill an unexpired term of service as an alternate member of the Library Advisory Committee. Ms. Sweeney's term of service shall expire December 31, 2028.

Motion (McNamara-Kirk) vote 5-0 to appoint Alexander Batoff and Howard Sachs as associate members of the Library Advisory Committee. Associate members attend and participate in all meetings but do not vote. Associate members are also considered for appointments to the committee as alternate and voting members as vacancies occur.

Mr. Lee commented that it is heartwarming to know how many bright, talented people are willing to volunteer their time to the community.

Mr. Goldberg, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Resources Committee, reported:

Motion (Goldberg-McNamara) vote 5-0 to authorize the appropriate Township officials to execute Land Use Agreements with the Springfield Little League Baseball and Springfield Little League Softball organizations for the use of specified Township facilities. The Agreements set forth the obligations of the two organizations with respect to permitted uses, maintenance obligations, land improvements, parking, and insurance requirements. The terms of both agreements shall be February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027.

Mr. Kirk, Chairman of the Public Works and Facilities Committee, reported:

Motion (Kirk-McNamara) vote 5-0 to adopt Resolution No. 1686, a resolution authorizing an application to the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program for the Springfield Township Municipal Campus Solar Project. The proposal requests \$250,000 in grant assistance to offset the cost of installing a photovoltaic solar array on the Police/Administration and Public Works buildings. The solar project will generate enough electricity to power the entire municipal campus, with excess power to be generated during certain times of the year and sold back to the Township's electricity supplier.

Mr. Kirk noted that the cost of the municipal campus solar project is \$629,125. However, after applying the 30% rebate available through the Federal Inflation Reduction Act and a slightly smaller incentive available through PECO Energy, the net cost is estimated to be \$413,692, with potential payback in as few as 3.66 years. If the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant is funded as requested, both the net cost and payback period will be reduced even further.

Mr. Lee noted that the original payback estimate exceeded 3.66 and that if the grant is approved, the project will be a home run.

Mr. May acknowledged the Environmental Advisory Commissions assistance in this project.

Mr. May opened the meeting to public comment. No comments were received.

Motion (Lee-Kirk) vote 5-0, to adjourn the business meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Taylor  
Manager/Secretary