

Minutes of the Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners Workshop  
5:00 p.m. – October 8, 2025

**Persons Present:**

Daniel Rooney, President Commissioner (Remote)  
David Detwiler, Vice President Commissioner  
Anne Gray, Commissioner

Thomas Gwilt, Commissioner  
Andrew Herrold, Commissioner

**I. Commence Workshop**

**A. Presentation – Chris Toms P.E. / CS Davidson**

**1. Oakridge/Edgehill Public Sewer**

Proposed plan to provide the Oakridge/Edgehill Area with public sewer in response to the PA Department of Environmental Protection's Order.

There are 134 EDU's in the Oakridge/Edgehill area with 14 of those having malfunctions. The cost to install a sewer system is estimated at \$7-9 million. Which would bring the front foot assessment for each house to \$40,000-\$70,000. There is the option of an additional interceptor to share the costs with York Township. A low-pressure system was not previously evaluated because the Township Ordinance limits the use of grinder pumps. The Township should consider allowing grinder pumps. The use of grinder pumps could allow for flow to Queen St versus Tyler Run. Grinder pumps would be a lower cost option. There was discussion regarding the variation in prices between gravity systems versus low pressure systems. There was also discussion about changes to the Sewer Ordinance.

**DIRECT** staff on the plan to provide public sewer to the Oakridge/Edgehill Area.

**B. 2026 Budget Considerations**

**1. Sewer:** There is \$40,000 in engineering for 2026. \$3.25 million in revenue so far in 2025 (Q4 is not due yet), \$3.15 million in expenses. \$1,000,000 for Hoffman Rd moved to 2026. \$110,000 moved to 2025 for a flush truck. Q2 of 2026 anticipated rate increase of 5%.

**2. General:** \$10.7 million in revenue versus \$11.15 million budgeted. No projected general real estate tax increase. There is a budgeted 0.5 mils increase in fire tax, current fire tax of 0.086 mils covers only 3% of the \$2.4 million operating expenses currently for fire services. Chief Hoff clarified that 86% of their expenses are personnel costs. There are some fund transfers that are considered in the budget. There is also consideration for position changes within the recreation and codes department. There are funds allocated for re-doing the zoning ordinance and legal fees pertaining to that undertaking. Permits are under budget due to development projects moving slower than anticipated. There were miscellaneous refunds from Benecon and York Area Tax Bureau. There is a \$1,030,000 contribution due to YCRPD for 2025 and 2026 police pension costs. Savings from the police merger will likely be more apparent in 2027. Recreation will have some paid programming in 2026 which will offset some expenses. A van purchase for the recreation department was lowered from \$40,000 to \$24,000 in the budget.

**C. Other Business**

**D. Public Comment**

**II. Conclude Workshop**

Respectfully submitted,

Luther C Wike Jr.  
Township Secretary  
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