

Minutes of the Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners Business Meeting  
3:00 PM – January 5, 2026

Persons Present:

Johnathan Pinkerton, Commissioner  
David Detwiler, President Commissioner  
Andrew Herrold, Vice President Commissioner  
Anne Gray, Commissioner  
Thomas Gwilt, Commissioner

**I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of drafting minutes and is being live streamed.

**A. Administration of Oath of Office by Magisterial District Judge, Jennifer J.P. Clancy, Esq.**

1. Jonathan Pinkerton, Ward 2, 4-Year Term (01/2026-01/2030)
2. Andrew Herrold, Ward 4, 4-Year Term (01/2026-01/2030)

**B. Public Comment - None**

**C. Organization of the Board of Commissioners**

**1. Elections**

**i) Board President**

**MOTION (Herrold/Gwilt)** to elect Commissioner Detwiler as President of the Board of Commissioners. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**ii) Board Vice President**

**MOTION (Detwiler/Gwilt)** to elect Commissioner Herrold as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**iii) Secretary**

**MOTION (Detwiler/Gray)** to reelect Township Manager Luther Wike Jr as Township Secretary. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**2. Resolution 2026-01 Honoring the Public Service of Commissioner Daniel E Rooney**

**MOTION (Gray/Herrold)** to adopt Resolution 2026-01 Honoring the Public Service of Commissioner Daniel E Rooney. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**3. Liaison Appointments**

**i) York Area United Fire and Rescue (YAUFR)**

**a) YAUFR Primary Representative I (2026-2027)**

**MOTION (Gray/Pinkerton)** to appoint Commissioner Detwiler as a YAUFR Primary Representative. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**b) YAUFR Primary Representative II (2025-2026) (Commissioner Gwilt Serving)**

**MOTION (Detwiler/Herrold)** to appoint Commissioner Gwilt as a YAUFR Primary Representative II. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**c) YAUFR Alternate Representative (2026-2027) (Currently Commissioner Detwiler)**

**MOTION (Herrold/Detwiler)** to appoint Commissioner Pinkerton as the YAUFR Alternate Representative. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**ii) Planning Commission Liaison (2026-2027) (Currently Commissioner Gray)**

**MOTION (Herrold/Pinkerton)** to appoint Commissioner Gray as the Planning Commission Liaison. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**iii) Zoning Hearing Board Liaison (2026-2027) (Currently Commissioner Herrold)**

**MOTION (Gray/Pinkerton)** to appoint Commissioner Herrold as the Zoning Hearing Board Liaison. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**iv) Recreation Commission Liaison (2026-2027) (Currently Commissioner Detwiler)**

**MOTION (Gray/Pinkerton)** to appoint Commissioner Detwiler as the Recreation

Commission Liaison. Discussion: Commissioner Pinkerton expressed interest in the appointment but requested clarification on the schedule. Public Comment: Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview suggested Commissioner Pinkerton. Melissa Stuart of 1161 Hollywood Terrace provided information about the Recreation Commission schedule. 0/5. Fails.

**MOTION (Herrold/Gray)** to appoint Commissioner Pinkerton as the Recreation Commission Liaison. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**v) Public Works Department Liaison (2026-2027)** (Currently Commissioner Detwiler)

**MOTION (Gray/Herrold)** to appoint Commissioner Gwilt as the Public Works Department Liaison. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**vi) Administration Liaison (2026-2027) - President Commissioner**

Administration encompasses all township operations that fall under the reporting structure of the Township Manager.

**4. Township Appointments**

**i) York Area United Fire and Rescue (YAUFR)**

**a) YAUFR Citizen at Large (2026-2027)**

Letters of Interest received from Alex Bishop, Randall Witt, Charles Thomas Mitten.

**MOTION (Herrold/Detwiler)** to appoint Citizen Charles Thomas Mitten (Tom Mitten) as the YAUFR Citizen at Large. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**b) Emergency Management Coordinator – YAUFR**

YAUFR serves as the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator.

**ii) Treasurer**

**MOTION (Pinkerton/Gray)** to appoint Township Manager Luther Wike Jr as the Township Treasurer. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**iii) Solicitor**

**MOTION (Gray/Herrold)** to reappoint CGA Law Firm with attorney Beth Kern as the primary contact as the Township Solicitor. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**iv) Engineer**

**MOTION (Gwilt/Gray)** to reappoint CS Davidson with David Davidson Jr as the primary contact as the Township Engineer. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**v) Chief Financial Officer**

**MOTION (Gwilt/Herrold)** to reappoint SEK with Krista Gardner as the primary contact as the Township Chief Financial Officer. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**vi) Resolution 2026-02 Tax Collector and Tax Collector Service Agreement**

**MOTION (Gray/Herrold)** to approve Resolution 2026-02 appointing York County Treasurer's Office as Tax Collector and Authorizing and Accepting the Treasurer's Office Tax Collector Service Agreement. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**vii) Planning Commission**

**a) Resolution 2026-03 Appointment to the Planning Commission**

The appointment would serve the remainder of the four (4) year term (2025-2028 term).

Thomas King submitted a Letter of Interest.

**MOTION (Gray/Gwilt)** to appoint Resolution 2026-03 Appointment of Thomas King to the Planning Commission. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**b) Resolution 2026-04 Reappointment to the Planning Commission (2026-2029)**

**MOTION (Herrold/Gray)** to approve Resolution 2026-04 Reappointing Amy Mitten to the Planning Commission for a four (4) year term. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**viii) Zoning Hearing Board**

**a) Resolution 2026-05 Appointment of Melinda Eppolito to the Zoning Hearing Board**

The appointment would serve the remainder of the five (5) year term (2022-2026).

**MOTION (Pinkerton/Herrold)** to approve Resolution 2026-05 Appointment of Melinda Eppolito to the Zoning Hearing Board. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**b) Resolution 2026-06 Reappointments to the Zoning Hearing Board (2026-2030)**

**MOTION (Pinkerton/Herrold)** to approve Resolution 2026-06 Reappointing Michelle Poole and Michael Barton to the Zoning Hearing Board for five (5) year terms.

Discussion: None. Public Comment: Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview Rd inquired about requirements for Board membership. 5/0. Carries.

**ix) Recreation Commission Member Ward 1 Reappointment (2026-2030)**

**MOTION (Gray/Gwilt)** to reappoint Aaron Hall of Ward 1 to the Recreation Commission for a five (5) year term (2026-2030). Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**x) York Adams Tax Bureau (YATB) and Tax Collection Committee (TCC)**

**MOTION (Gwilt/Gray)** to appoint Township Manager Luther Wike Jr as the Primary YATB and TCC Representative and Finance Administrator Rebecca Nicklow as the Alternate YATB and TCC Representative. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**xi) Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan Regional Committee (York County Stormwater Consortium)**

**MOTION (Herrold/Gray)** to appoint Township Manager Luther Wike Jr as the York County Stormwater Consortium Primary Voting Member and Assistant Township Manager Dawn Hansen as the Alternate Voting Member. Discussion: Commissioner Gray inquired about meeting minutes. Public Comment: Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview Rd inquired about membership. Commissioner Herrold remarked that he had not seen resident members. The Zoning Officer noted that the members must be able to cast votes on behalf of the Township. 5/0. Carries.

**xii) York County Local Government Advisory Committee**

**MOTION (Gwilt/Herrold)** to appoint Assistant Township Manager Dawn Hansen to the York County Local Government Advisory Committee. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**xiii) Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) (2026-2027)**

**MOTION (Pinkerton/Gray)** to reappoint Brandt Fink as the Primary Sewage Enforcement Officer and reappoint Adam Anderson of Site Design Concepts as the Assistant Sewage Enforcement Officer. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**xiv) Vacancy Board – Citizen Member**

**MOTION (Herrold/Gray)** to reappoint John Flinchbaugh as the Citizen Member of the Vacancy Board. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**D. Other Business**

**1. Township Manager Employment Agreement**

**MOTION (Herrold/Gwilt)** to approve the 2026-2027 Township Manager Employment Agreement. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**2. Resolution 2026-07 Master Fee Schedule Amendment**

Updates park rental fees and sewer fees per the 2026 Budget.

**MOTION (Gray/Herrold)** to approve Resolution 2026-07 Master Fee Schedule Amendment. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**3. Resolution 2026-08 Collections Fee Schedule**

Creates a fee schedule related to the collection of delinquent fees.

**MOTION (Pinkerton/Herrold)** to approves Resolution 2026-08 Collections Fee Schedule.

Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

**4. Ordinance 2026-01 York Area United Fire and Rescue Charter Agreement Amendment**

Amends the citizen-at-large role, the process to enter into agreements, and the budgeting process.

**MOTION (Herrold/Gray)** to approve Ordinance 2026-01 York Area United Fire and Rescue Charter Agreement Amendment. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. Pinkerton: Aye.

Herrold: Aye. Gwilt: Aye. Detwiler: Aye. Gray: Aye. Carries.

**5. PA American Water and Aqua Merger PA Public Utility Commission (PUC) Petition to Intervene**

PA American Water and Aqua have filed an application with the PUC for approval to merge. The Township has a treatment agreement with PA American Water. The Petition to Intervene would allow the Township to be represented before the PUC regarding the merger.

**MOTION (Herrold/Gwilt)** to affirm the filing of the Petition to Intervene before to PA PUC and to affirm the Township Manager's execution of the Petition. Discussion: None. Public Comment:

None. 5/0. Carries.

**G. Public Comment - None**

**II. Adjourn**

**MOTION (Herrold/Gwilt)** to adjourn. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Luther C Wike Jr.  
Township Secretary  
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