

Minutes of the Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners Business Meeting
6:30 PM – June 10, 2026

Persons Present:

Jonathan Pinkerton, Commissioner
David Detwiler, President Commissioner
Andrew Herrold, Vice President Commissioner

Thomas Gwilt, Commissioner
Anne Gray, Commissioner

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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Public Statement – President Commissioner Detwiler

Spring Garden Township has had two recent incidents of vandalism in our Violet Hill Park involving Nazi symbols. This abhorrent display of hate carries a legacy of unspeakable violence, oppression, and terror and has no place in our community. The Township extends its sincerest apologies to anyone subjected to these displays. The Township unequivocally condemns these acts involving such symbols. We remain committed to ensuring Spring Garden Township remains safe, welcoming, and free from hate.

A. Presentations - None

B. Public Comment

Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview Rd asked how long the Township had to amend the Comprehensive Plan. It was clarified that the Comprehensive Plan has been passed, it could be amended at any point, if necessary, but it is a working document and a guide.

Susan Bachant of 1749 Second Ave expressed concern about an individual loitering in Elmwood Park, including after dark.

Lynne Huddleston of 808 Clearmount Rd suggested that a local organization such as Friends & Neighbors may be able to contact the person at Elmwood Park and offer assistance.

David George of 1341 S Ogontz St stated that he was dealing with bugs around his property and inquired if there was anything the Township could do. It was clarified that these are not the same bugs that are near Windsor Park and that York County does spraying.

C. Meeting Minutes Approval

MOTION (Herrold/Pinkerton) to approve the Business Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2026.

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

D. Finance

MOTION (Herrold/Gray) to accept the May 2026 Treasurer's Report and Bank Transactions. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

E. Subdivision / Land Development

1. 1800 Hollywood Drive, York Suburban School District – 45-Day Time Extension

MOTION (Herrold/Pinkerton) to approve a 45-day time extension waiver to August 2, 2026, to record the 1800 Hollywood Drive, York Suburban School District Land Development Plan. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

F. Old Business

1. Virginia Avenue Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Project – Project Funding

The winning project bid exceeded the budgeted amount by \$254,000. Staff propose an updated budget that includes moving the paving portion of the project to liquid fuels.

MOTION (Herrold/Gray) to budget the Virginia Avenue Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Project costs with \$77,470 from Sewer Fund, \$535,421 from General Fund, and \$228,092 from Liquid Fuels. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

2. Brookway Drive Stormwater Lining Project

MOTION (Herrold/Gray) to award the Brookway Drive Stormwater Lining Project to Victory Trenchless LLC in the amount of \$297,134.40. Discussion: None. Public Comment: Lynne Huddleston of 808 Clearmount asked if this was under budget and it was clarified it was. 5/0. Carries.

3. York Area United Fire and Rescue, YAUFR, Radios – LSA Grant Funds

MOTION (Herrold/Pinkerton) to approve the purchase of YAUFR radios in the amount of \$575,000.00. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

G. New Business

1. Personnel

MOTION (Gray/Pinkerton) to approve Resolution 2026-13 Public Works Highway Crewmember Job Description. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

2. Resolution 2026-14 Master Fee Schedule Amendment

MOTION (Herrold/Pinkerton) to approve Resolution 2026-14 Master Fee Schedule Amendment. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

3. Letter to York County Commissioners Regarding the Unhoused

The letter to the York County Commissioners from the York County Regional Police charter members requesting that the County take a leadership role in addressing issues faced by the local unhoused population and to pursue funding opportunities to support such efforts.

MOTION (Gray/Pinkerton) to approve President Commissioner Detwiler to execute a letter to the York County Commissioners regarding the local unhoused population. Discussion: None. Public Comment: **Lynne Huddleston of 808 Clearmount** asked what the expectations were with the letter and potential funding. It was clarified that the municipalities need to work together to support our most vulnerable residents, but it is beyond a single municipalities' available resources, and we need to come together to solve the issues. **Samantha Dorm of 1256 E Prospect St** noted grants that could help fund efforts to address the unhoused needs including youth needs, veterans, mental health services, substance abuse, and job training. Additional resources can include organizations like Friends & Neighbors and local churches. Noted that it is not always about funding, but working together to make our own community. **Commissioner Gray** noted the open table approach to addressing the issue. **Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview Rd** inquired about sanitation centers and time limits for utilizing some shelter services. 5/0. Carries.

H. Commissioner Constituent Representation

1. Commissioner Detwiler, Ward 1 - None

2. Commissioner Pinkerton, Ward 2 – Recognized those working with the unhoused and noted that compassion goes a long way. Noted that he has heard from his constituents that there has been limited police visibility and there is an issue with speeding in alley ways, especially Perry Alley. Additionally, he noted that there is some uncertainty about the BHI property becoming a hotel and the impact of the character of the Elmwood neighborhood. Noted that Senator McCormick recommended our fire station for congressional directed funding and extended his appreciation.

- 3. Commissioner Gray, Ward 3** – Thanked Senator McCormick for support of the Fire Station funding. Requested clarification about Tri Hill Road paving. Noted that a portion of the unhoused and the housing insecure are youths and indicated this is especially true for LGBTQIA+ youth and that the Rainbow Rose Center was hosting a Pride event on Saturday. Also noted that it was Men's Mental Health awareness month. Noted that 211 can be used to locate resources.
- 4. Commissioner Herrold, Ward 4** – Thanked police for response to vehicle break-ins that occurred in his ward.
- 5. Commissioner Gwilt, Ward 5** – Thanked Senator McCormick for support of Fire Station funding

I. Township Consultant, Contracted Services, Departments

1. Township Consultants

- i) Solicitor** - None
- ii) Engineer** – None
- iii) Fire Department / York Area United Fire and Rescue** - None
- iv) Police Department / York County Regional Police Department** - None

2. Township Administration

- i) Manager** - None
- ii) Zoning and Codes Enforcement** – None
- iii) Public Works** – None
- iv) Recreation** – 24 kids signed up for the first week of the Summer Parks Program. Staff are trained. 4th Friday at Elmwood starts in June. Thank you to the 30 people that showed up to the Mill Creek Cleanup and the sponsors including The Lower Susquehanna River Keeper Association, Keep PA Beautiful, Giant Foods, Belmont Bean, Stauffer's Biscuit Co., and Penn Waste. National Night Out – We will be participating in York County Regional's at Dallastown Park.

J. Public Comment

Lynne Huddleston of 808 Clearmount Rd noted ICE's egregious behavior in public, and as long as our police force has a Memorandum of Understanding with ICE we are responsible for what happens.

Samantha Dorm of 1256 E Prospect St noted that the America 250 celebration was fast approaching. She shared information about the first Spring Garden Township Police Officer, John Adam Peters, appointed in 1923 and noted that his name will be added to the Safekeeper's Shrine at Prospect Cemetery during a ceremony on September 13th.

Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview Rd inquired if Zoning changes could be completed in smaller parts. She also stated she felt there is a need for more shelters.

II. Adjourn

MOTION (Herrold/Gwilt) to adjourn at 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Luther C Wike Jr.
Township Secretary
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