Minutes of the Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners Business Meeting
6:30 PM – October 14, 2026

Officials Present:

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

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I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

This meeting is being live streamed to provide online access and recorded for drafting minutes.

A. Presentations

B. Public Comment

Garth Erikson of 200 Elmwood Blvd reported traffic coming off of I-83 and making illegal left turns onto N Belmont St and noted concerns with the traffic on Sixth Ave, the use of S Ogontz St as a passthrough, and wrong way traffic on First Ave. He presented possible options to address traffic issues including a roundabout and use of delineators. It was noted funds may be allocated for radar speed signs.

C. Meeting Minutes Approval

MOTION (Herrold/Gray) to approve the Workshop Minutes and the Business Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2026. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

D. Finance

MOTION (Herrold/Pinkerton) to accept the September 2026 Treasurer's Report and Bank Transactions. Discussion: Fireman's Relief Funds noted as a pass through. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

E. Subdivision / Land Development

1. **177 Harrison St, 177 Harrison Street, LLC – Final Land Development Plan**

   A proposal to construct a 9,275 square foot, 120-unit self-storage facility and associated site improvements which will replace the existing use of the property as a used car lot.

   MOTION (Gray/Herrold) to approve the final land development plan for 177 Harrison St with the following waivers and conditions:

   i) A waiver for preliminary plan approval (§275-21, SALDO)
   ii) A waiver for stormwater management (§276 Stormwater Management)
   iii) Provide a lighting plan with photometrics for approval by the Township Engineer that includes lighting control to dim or turn off lighting during the off hours of 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM. (§310-19, Zoning)
   iv) Provide a dumpster location approved by the Township Zoning Officer and Engineer. (§275-40.1.D.(5), SALDO)
   v) Engineer's seal and signature are required (§275-24.D(5), SALDO)
   vi) Owner's notarized signature is required (§275-24.C(22), SALDO)
   vii) Security for proposed improvements (sewers, landscaping, stormwater, streets, lighting, erosion control) must be posted before final plan approval (§275-24.D.5, SALDO)

viii) Execute a Development Agreement, prepared by the Township's solicitor, shall be executed, and recorded by the Township prior to the release of the Plan for recording.

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

F. Old Business

1. **Fire Station 892 on Indian Rock Dam Road**
   i) Request for Payment – MW Studios Invoice 24-156-15
   MOTION (Pinkerton/Herrold) to approve a $22,198.75 payment to MW Studios using unbudgeted funds from the Building Improvement Fund. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.
2. **Liquid Fuels – 2026 Tri Hill Paving Project – Application for Payment, AFP # 01 (Final)**
   MOTION (Gray/Herrold) to approve AFP # 01 in the amount of $123,203.10 to Kinsley Construction from Liquid Fuels for the 2026 Tri Hill Paving Project. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.
3. **Virginia Avenue Stormwater and Sanitary Sewers Project**
   i) **Change Order, CO # 01, 02, 03, 04, 05**
   MOTION (Gray/Herrold) to approve Change Orders # 01, 02, 03, and 04. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.
   MOTION (Herrold/Gray) to table Change Order # 05 time extension. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries..
   ii) **Application for Payment, AFP # 02**
   MOTION (Herrold/Pinkerton) to approve AFP # 02 in the amount of $439,213.08 to Rogele, LLC. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.
4. **Brookway Drive Stormwater Sewer Lining Project – Victory Trenchless LLC**
   i) **Change Order, CO # 01**
   MOTION (Gray/Herrold) to approve Change Order # 01. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.
   ii) **Application for Payment, AFP # 01**
   MOTION (Gray/Herrold) to approve payment in the amount of $298,509.40 from General Fund to Victory Trenchless LLC for Brookway Drive Stormwater Sewer Lining Project. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.
5. **PA American Water and Aqua Merger – Cost Share of Legal Expenses**
   MOTION (Herrold/Gray) to approve $530.31 in sewer funds to West Manchester Township for the Township's portion of Obermayer Law Firm legal fees. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.
6. **Ordinance 2026-03 Chapter 145- Fire Prevention Reporting Amendment**
   Ordinance Amendment to require report submission by contractor following fire code related inspections.
   MOTION (Gray/Herrold) to approve Ordinance 2026-03 Chapter 145 Fire Prevention Reporting Amendment. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. Gwilt: Aye. Gray: Aye. Pinkerton: Aye. Detwiler: Aye. Herrold: Aye. 5/0. Carries.
7. **Ordinance 2026-04 Chapter 300 – Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance Amendment**
   Amendment includes establishing speed limits on certain streets, creates a no parking zone on Greendale, and establishes a handicapped parking space on E Maple Street.

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MOTION (Gray/Herrold) to approve Ordinance 2026-04 Chapter 300 – Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance Amendment. Discussion: None. Public Comment: Ricky Dubbs of 545 S Ogontz St asked for additional explanation of the Ordinance. The Solicitor noted that the Ordinance adds additional streets to the chart of 25 mph streets in residential areas. Gray: Aye. Pinkerton: Aye. Detwiler: Aye. Herrold: Aye. Gwilt: Aye. 5/0. Carries.

8. **Victory Fire Snow Emergency Vehicle**
   MOTION (Gray/Herrold) to approve payment in the amount of $57,568.00 to Hondru Ford for the purchase of an F-250 snow emergency vehicle on behalf of Victory Fire Company No. 2 and to authorize the Township Manager and Superintendent to execute all necessary purchase and registration documents. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

G. New Business

1. **Personnel**
   i) **Public Works Highway Crewperson New Hire – Derek Snyder**
   MOTION (Gray/Herrold) to approve hiring Derek Snyder as a Public Works Crewperson effective October 19, 2026, at a starting hourly rate of $23.83 per the Collective Bargaining Agreement following acceptable pre-employment screenings. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.
2. **Resolution 2026-17 YAUFR 2027 Annual Budget**
   The York Area United Fire and Rescue 2027 Budget increased 6.9% and includes a $54,300 capital contribution.
   MOTION (Herrold/Pinkerton) to approve Resolution 2026-17 YAUFR 2027 Annual Budget. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.
3. **YAUFR Apparatus Hose Purchase**
   MOTION (Pinkerton/Gray) to approve YAUFR hose purchase in the amount of $4,472.00 from Capital Fund. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.
4. **Tax Bills for Spring Garden Municipal Properties**
   York County assessed property taxes for three (3) Township properties in the amount of $11,484.21. The 2% discount rate is $11,254.52.
   MOTION (Gray/Herrold) to approve payment of the real estate taxes for the three Township properties unless they are classed as exempt through efforts by the solicitor. Discussion: The Solicitor explained it may take some time to work through an appeal. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.
5. **Commissioner Benefits**
   MOTION (Herrold/Pinkerton) to direct staff to work with Solicitor to draft and update benefit-related documents to permit Commissioners to elect individual health, dental, and vision insurance at the same premium share rate as administrative staff; to receive the individual HSA benefit as administrative staff; and to authorize the Township Manager to execute all associated plan documents for an effective date of 01/01/2027. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.
6. **Excess Building Permit Revenue Windfall Allocation – Fire Station 892**
   An unbudgeted windfall on permitting fees was received. Staff recommends allocating the funds to planned capital purchases and the construction of the new fire station.
   MOTION (Gray/Herrold) to transfer $224,000 to Capital Fund for planned capital purchases and $750,000 to Building Improvement Fund and allocate the funds to be

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used for the construction of the new Fire Station 892 on Indian Rock Dam Road. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

H. Commissioner Constituent Representation

1. **Commissioner Detwiler, Ward 1 –** Noted that there are issues with speeding/e-bikes/e-scooters and encouraged residents to reach out to their state representatives for appropriate legislation to address the issues.
2. **Commissioner Pinkerton, Ward 2 –** Noted the Coffee with Community hosted by York County Regional at Belmont Bean on October 17, 2026. Thanked the Township staff for their work on the DCNR Grant application. Clarified that the LTAP study was completed at the intersection of S Belmont and Second Ave and no changes were recommended. Shared comments of the late Mr. Gerber of 1407 Second Ave from October 3, 2001 that included memories of the Mt Rose property, suggestions for use that included an archery rage and an underground shooting range, and indicated that he would not want to see the property developed industrial. Commissioner Pinkerton indicated that he would like to see a planning process for the Mt Rose property that included possible uses.
3. **Commissioner Gray, Ward 3 –** Noted email updates available regarding traffic changes related to the York Suburban School District renovations. Noted Healthy York Coalition, Gun Safety Alliance, deportationdata.org, and a workshop at Nixon Park.
4. **Commissioner Herrold, Ward 4 –** Noted the passing of Jack Graybill in September in honor of his 27 years of service as a Spring Garden Township police officer.
5. **Commissioner Gwilt, Ward 5 –** No additional comments.

I. Township Consultant, Contracted Services, Departments

1. **Township Consultants**
   i) **Solicitor -** None
   ii) **Engineer - None**
   iii) **Fire Department / York Area United Fire and Rescue -** Thanked the Board for the approval of the budget and noted the retirement of Joe Stoppard after 33 years of service to Spring Garden Township and YAUFR.
   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 -** None

J. Public Comment

Amy Mitten of 653 Mulberry St expressed appreciation for the grant work on the Windsor Park Project. Commissioner Herrold noted that it's a great project and the park needs a refresh.

Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview spoke about her understanding of the timeline of the zoning update and suggestion of a master site plan and community involvement.

Ricky Dubbs of 545 S Ogontz inquired about where voting will be held since the high school purchased the church which is a polling place. It was clarified that the church is still

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operating at this time and any changes to polling places will be advertised well in advance, the only thing that changed at this time is the ownership.

II. Adjourn

MOTION (Herrold/Pinkerton) to adjourn at 7:31 PM. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Luther C Wike Jr.
Township Secretary
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