Minutes of the Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners Workshop
5:00 PM – October 14, 2026

Officials Present:

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

I. Commence Workshop

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

A. 2027 Preliminary Budget Review - Krista Gardner

1. Revenues
    i. Projected 2027 revenues discussed.
    ii. No tax increase for 2027 currently budgeted.
2. Expenses
    i. Reviewed expenses including staffing, labor allocation, contracted emergency services, ordinance amendments, contracted services, professional services, and current and projected projects.
    ii. Direction to include four (4) radar speed signs in the budget.
    iii. Currently the creation of a stormwater authority is on hold.
    iv. Recreation summer parks programming budgeted for one location. Staff noted other local municipal recreation programs are 20-26% self-supported. The Township's level of self-support is in line with this range.
3. General Fund Balances
    i. Balances, projected balances, and allocation of capital funds presented.
    ii. Noted receipt of a one-time windfall in permit fees for the high school construction project of $974,000. Allocation of these funds discussed.
    iii. Building Improvement Fund and fire station funding discussed.
4. Sewer Fund
    i. A 4% increase in sewer rates beginning Q2 of 2027 proposed.
    ii. Projected PA American Water treatment rate increase is 4.3%, and Springettsbury increase is 10% for treatment and transportation.
    iii. Budgeting for future sewer capital projects discussed.
    iv. $100,000 is expected in 2027 for lining projects but is recommended to increase to $250,000 to maintain a schedule for repair and maintenance on the system.
5. Liquid Fuels
    i. Liquid Fuels balance and 2027 budget discussed.

B. Other Business - None

C. Public Comment

1. Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview inquired about the use of Liquid Fuels funds. It was explained that use of the funds has a limited scope.
2. Ricky Dubbs of 545 S Ogontz St inquired about anticipated tax increase for 2028, and it was clarified that the debt service would be approximately $750,000 per year, and that a 1mil increase in taxes generates approximately $1,000,000 in

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revenue. Mr. Dubbs suggested increasing it by 0.5 mil in 2027 to prevent a significant increase in future years.

3. Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview Rd inquired about Marcellus Shale Funds.

II. Conclusion of the Workshop

Adjourn: 6:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Luther C Wike Jr.
Township Secretary
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