

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

The Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township met in a regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, December 10, 2025 at 7:30 PM in the Springfield Township Building for the purpose of transacting the general business of the Township. The meeting was also offered in a live streaming feature. All members of the Board were present. Commissioner Lee presided.

Mr. Lee asked Mr. Taylor if any remote public comments were received prior to the meeting. Mr. Taylor reported that one public comment was received regarding accessory dwelling units, an agenda item from the Monday, December 8th workshop meeting. The individual stated that they were in favor of the units, as they may provide housing for disabled adult family members.

Mr. Lee asked everyone to join the Board of Commissioners in a moment of silent reflection honoring the service men and women who have placed themselves in harm's way in order to help preserve our safety at home and overseas.

Mr. Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Wilson-May) vote 7-0 dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and approving same as written and recorded in the official minute book of the Township.

Mr. Lee acknowledged that the Board was in full attendance at the meeting and also acknowledged the two newly elected Commissioners in the audience. Commissioner-elect for Ward 4, Robert Goldberg, as well as Commissioner-elect for Ward 6, Thad Kirk, were in attendance.

Mr. Lee announced that following the business meeting, the Board would conduct a budget hearing for the 2026 Budget, as well as a special meeting to close out the business of 2025, and to adopt the 2026 Budget.

Mr. Lee opened the meeting to public comment. No public comments were received.

Mr. Lee, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported:

Motion (Lee-McNamara) vote 7-0 to amend the Springfield Township Code, Section 107-32.D Schedule IX (Parking Prohibited) by creating prohibited parking zones at the following intersections:

On the southwest side of Traymore Avenue from a point 25 feet south of the southwest corner with Wyndmoor Avenue to a point 29 feet north of the northwest corner with Wyndmoor Avenue.

On the south side of Wyndmoor Avenue from its intersection with Traymore Avenue to a point 39 feet westerly thereof.

On the north side of Wyndmoor Avenue from its intersection with Traymore Avenue to a point 31 feet westerly thereof.

On the southwest side of Traymore Avenue from a point 28 feet south of the southwest corner with Gilbert Avenue to a point 40 feet north of the northwest corner with Gilbert Avenue.

On the northeast side of Traymore Avenue from a point 39 feet south of the southeast corner with Gilbert Avenue to a point 25 feet north of the northeast corner with Gilbert Avenue.

On both sides of Gilbert Avenue from the intersection with Traymore Avenue to a point 40 feet westerly thereof.

On the south side of Gilbert Avenue from its intersection with Traymore Avenue to a point 56 feet easterly thereof.

Mr. Cobb inquired about the fine for parking enforcement. Mr. Taylor responded that the parking ticket would be a \$25 fine for a regular motor vehicle. The fine increases for heavier vehicles such as trucks weighing over 10,000 pounds. The Board of Commissioners sets the fine for parking violations.

Motion (Lee-May) vote 7-0 to amend the Springfield Township Code section 107-35 Schedule XII (Special Purpose Parking Zones) in order to establish a handicap parking space on the north side of Wyndmoor Avenue from a point 33 feet west of the intersection with Traymore Avenue to a point 18 feet westerly thereof.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Community Development Committee, reported:

Mr. Wilson announced the resignation of Heather Snyder-Killinger, a member of the Springfield Township Historical Commission, due to her moving out of Springfield Township in 2026. Mr. Wilson thanked Ms. Snyder-Killinger for contributing her time and talents to the Springfield Township community.

Motion (Wilson-May) vote 7-0 to appoint Al Comly, Jr. and Baird M. Standish to new, three-year terms of service as members of the Springfield Township Historical Commission. The new terms of service for both individuals shall expire December 31, 2028.

Mr. Wilson announced that a vacancy exists as an alternate member of the Historical Commission. Any resident who is interested in serving as an alternate member of the Historical Commission is encouraged to submit a letter of interest and/or resume for consideration by

January 2, 2026 to the Township Manager at mtaylor@springfieldmontco.org, or via the Township's website www.springfieldmontco.org.

Mr. Wilson announced that he will be retiring from the Board of Commissioners after twelve years of service. Over the twelve years, he enjoyed working with current and former members of the Commissioners and commented that he was the only member of the Board who attended meetings at the old administration building, the Springfield Township Middle School building, and the new building. He looks forward to a peaceful retirement.

Mr. Cobb, Chairman of the Administrative, Fiscal Affairs and Zoning Committee, reported:

Motion (Cobb-McNamara) vote 7-0 to approve the November check reconciliation in the amount of \$635,912.08 and the December bill listing in the amount of \$472,630.90.

Mr. Cobb announced that the 2026 agency meeting schedule will remain substantially the same as the 2025 meeting schedule of the Board of Commissioners and Township agencies. The Board of Commissioners will continue to meet each month on the second Wednesday at 7:30 PM, as well as the Monday preceding the second Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Mr. Cobb announced the Recreation Center Advisory Committee will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM but will be relocating from the Free Library of Springfield Township to the Springfield Township Administration Building. In addition, the steering committee that was created to guide the planning for the creation of a public park at the former Tank Car Corporation of America property on Walnut Avenue will be meeting as needed on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM at the Township Administration Building.

Mr. Cobb also announced that the Board of Commissioners will meet to reorganize on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM. Prior to any new business of the Board, all newly elected and re-elected officials will be administered the oath of office by District Justice Kate McGill at approximately 6:40 PM.

Mr. Cobb reported that the Springfield Township Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Monday, December 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Springfield Township Building. Mr. Cobb summarized the two petitions that are to be heard by the Board. A copy of the applications and plans are on file in the Code Enforcement Office and may be viewed during normal business hours.

Ms. Ratsavong, Chairwoman of the Parks and Recreational Resources Committee, reported:

Ms. Ratsavong announced that at the December 8, 2025 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township, the Board received a presentation from PORT Architecture and Urbanism to celebrate the conclusion of the master planning process for the conversion of the former industrial site at 1725 Walnut Avenue to a public park. The live presentation can be viewed as a recorded video, and the presentation slides can be viewed on the

Township website, www.springfieldmontco.org. Ms. Ratsavong thanked the steering committee members and the planning consultants from PORT for their contributions. The Township will proceed with abatement and demolition of the buildings, and creation of the park in a phased approach as funding is secured to perform the work.

Ms. Ratsavong acknowledged the contributions of Commissioners Cobb and Wilson, as they both retire from the Board.

Mr. May, Chairman of the Environmental Resources Committee, reported:

Mr. May announced that during the month of November 2025, Springfield Township residents recycled 146.8 tons of material with a householder participation rate of 75.2%. The net cost for the month was \$24,675.82.

Mr. May also informed residents that the Township's annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program will begin on January 5, 2026, and will run through January 16, 2026. Residents are asked to remove all decorations and tree stands, and to place their tree at the curbside along with other refuse and recyclable materials on their normal collection day. Please do not "wrap" trees in plastic as the trees will be chipped into a useful mulch and made available to residents at the Township's distribution site on West Wissahickon Avenue this spring.

Mr. May thanked Commissioners Cobb and Wilson for their guidance and acknowledged that due to their absence, the other Commissioners will have to step up to fill the void.

Ms. McNamara, Chairwoman of the Public Works and Facilities Committee, reported:

Motion (McNamara-May) vote 7-0 to authorize the Township Manager to execute an extension to the existing Multiple Listing Agreement with Dan Helwig, Inc. to market and secure tenants for office suite "F" at the Black Horse Inn, 1432 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, Dan Helwig Realtors shall serve as the Township's Broker and Agent and shall receive compensation during the term of the Agreement in an amount equal to one month's rent which shall be shared with any cooperating broker pursuant to the Terms of the Agreement. The Agreement shall expire April 30, 2026.

Ms. McNamara offered a note of appreciation to Commissioners Cobb and Wilson for their years of service on the Board.

Mr. Morris, Chairman of the Cultural Resources Committee, reported:

Mr. Morris expressed gratitude to Commissioners Cobb and Wilson for their patience, volunteerism, community service, and sacrifice. He thanked both Commissioners for their service and guidance.

Motion (Morris-Ratsavong) vote 7-0 to appoint Renee Brooks and Adam Hess to new, three-year terms of service as members of the Library Advisory Committee. The new terms of service for both individuals shall expire December 31, 2028.

Mr. Lee thanked Commissioners Cobb and Wilson for their years of service and reiterated how welcoming and willing they were to assist him over the years.

Mr. Cobb expressed his appreciation and pleasure at working with the Board. He acknowledged the Township staff and Department Heads, Assistant Manager Craig Lloyd, and Township Manager Mike Taylor for their institutional knowledge.

Mr. Taylor remarked that Commissioners Cobb and Wilson will be missed, and shared personal anecdotes with each Commissioner.

Mr. Lee opened the meeting to public comment.

Jane Thomas, Oreland, thanked Mr. Wilson and Mr. Cobb for their contributions to the Township. She remarked that Mr. Wilson is deserving of retirement. She commended Mr. Cobb for standing his ground during contentious moments.

Motion (May-Cobb) vote 7-0, to adjourn the business meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Taylor
Manager/Secretary

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

Motion (May-McNamara) carried unanimously to convene a public hearing on Wednesday evening, December 10, 2025, at 8:04 PM in the Springfield Township Building for the purpose of receiving public comment on the 2026 preliminary budget.

Mr. Lee announced that the hearing was being held in compliance with Section 1701 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, as last amended. The sole purpose of the budget hearing is for the Board of Commissioners to receive public comment on the 2026 Preliminary Budget.

Mr. Lee stated that the legal requirements associated with the budget hearing have been met by publishing a Legal Notice in the November 23, 2025 issue of the Ambler Gazette and making the budget available for public review in the Township Building, Library Building and on the Township website on or before November 14, 2025.

Mr. Lee stated the 2026 preliminary budget of Springfield Township is \$21,173,124, with a proposed real estate tax rate of 5.008 mills, an earned income tax rate of 1.0%, and a discounted annual refuse service fee of \$265.80 per dwelling unit.

Mr. Lee opened the public hearing to public comment. No public comment was received.

Mr. Lee stated that a special meeting to close the business of 2025 and adopt the 2026 budget of Springfield Township is scheduled to take place following the public hearing.

Motion (Cobb-McNamara) carried unanimously to close the public hearing at 8:06 PM and convene a special meeting to consider the adoption of the 2026 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Michael Taylor,
Secretary

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

Motion (May-McNamara) carried unanimously to convene a special meeting on December 10, 2025 at 8:06 PM to close out the business of 2025, and adopt the 2026 budget. All members of the Board of Commissioners were present. Mr. Lee presided.

Mr. Lee stated the 2026 budget is \$21,173,124 with a real estate tax rate of 5.008 mills and an earned income tax rate of 1%. The average household with a real estate tax assessment of \$175,400 will realize an increase of \$62.79 in their 2026 real estate tax. The discounted refuse service fee in 2026 will increase by \$8.24 per dwelling unit.

Mr. Lee opened the meeting to public comment. No public comment was received.

Motion (Wilson-McNamara) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1677, a resolution setting forth the reconciliation of the 2025 rental income and expenses of the Flourtown Country Club and authorizing the transfer of net receipts generated from the operation of the country club of \$136,628.81 from the Township's general fund to the Township's capital reserve fund. On an annual basis the Township reconciles the rental income generated from the lease of the country club with any expenditures incurred during the year. From 2006 to 2025, gross rental income has exceeded \$2,270,528.08 and resulted in a net transfer exceeding \$1,348,300.11 that are presently held in the capital reserve fund for future capital needs.

Motion (McNamara-Cobb) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1678, a resolution reconciling 2025 expenditures that may be over-expended with unencumbered balances of certain expenditure items and revenues received in excess of budgetary projections. The general fund actual expenses of \$17,745,227.34 were reconciled within the unencumbered balance of expenditures of \$774,639.66. The budgeted expenses for 2025 were \$18,519,867.

Motion (Cobb-May) carried unanimously to enact Ordinance No. 982 setting the 2026 real estate tax rate of 5.008 mills and that expenses of the Township for 2026 are appropriated from revenues as set forth in a table attached to and made a part of Ordinance No. 982.

Motion (May-Ratsavong) carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1679, a resolution setting the 2026 refuse service fee of \$271.23 for each residential dwelling unit. A discount of 2% is available if the fee is paid in full prior to March 31, 2026.

Motion (Cobb-McNamara) carried unanimously to close the special meeting and adjourn at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Michael Taylor,
Secretary