

MERCER COUNTY

SPRINGFIELD

== TOWNSHIP, EST 1805 ==

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
AT 7:00 P.M.
JANUARY 19, 2026**

Present: Supervisors Tim Stiffy, Marcus Kohan, and Willie Hohmann. Also present Jim Nevant Township Solicitor, and Lucinda Lipko Township Administrator.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Additions or Deletions:

Marcus Kohan noted that Willie Hohmann's name in previous meeting minutes.

Public Comment:

Chief Daniel Hutchins reported that 2025 was the busiest year to date. The Fire Department received 26 calls in December and 259 calls for the year. Lithium batteries are causing a lot of fires lately. There are bags that will snuff out the fire while the lithium batteries are charging. Marcus Kohan can advertise a presentation at one of his CERT meetings for discussion on this topic.

Approval of Minutes, Bill List and Payroll:

Tim Stiffy made the motion to approve the below meeting minutes, Bill List, and Payroll for December 2025. Seconded by Willie Hohmann, motion carried.

- Meeting minutes of December 2, 2025
- Meeting minutes of December 15, 2025
- Meeting minutes of December 23, 2025
- Bill List of December 2025
- Payroll for December 2025

Administration and Finance:

Tim Stiffy made a motion to advertise the Public Hearing on February 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for the Springfield Township Fire Department Tax Rebate Agreement. Seconded by Willie Hohmann, motion carried.

Tim Stiffy made the motion to advertise Ordinance # 1 - 2026 – Establishing a Volunteer Service Credit Program; Enacting Tax Credits for Volunteer Members of Volunteer Fire Companies; and Establishing Administrative Procedures and Appeals. Seconded by Willie Hohmann, motion carried.

Tim Stiffy made the motion to approve Saturday, June 13, 2026 as the Springfield Township Bulk Clean Up Day from 8 a.m. until noon. Seconded by Willie Hohmann, motion carried.

Tim Stiffy made the motion to approve Gateway's General Engineering Services Work Authorization, for the First Quarter, not to exceed \$ 6,159.40. Seconded by Willie Hohmann, motion carried.

Tim Stiffy made the motion to approve Gateway's Engineer's Retainer Work Authorization, for 2026, not to exceed \$ 8,415.00. Seconded by Willie Hohmann, motion carried.

Sewer and Water: No report

Roads and Bridges: No report

Public Works Report: No report

Reports:

Solicitor Jim Nevant and Lucinda have reviewed the proposed legal advertisement and it was approved for the paper. Jim Nevant will handle the summary for the legal advertisement for the Ordinance.

Per the Court Order, the Grove City Outlets Tax Assessment appeal is February 5, 2026 at 11 a.m. and Jim Nevant will be present and report back to the Supervisors.

Jim Nevant met with Ray Bogaty to discuss the water issue on Rt. 208 and Ray handed over a lot of files this week. They are both hoping for a smooth transition.

Supervisors:

Marcus Kohan asked if the agreement was ready for the Church for the Early Warning System. Solicitor Nevant will get to it.

Marcus Kohan stated that when the Fire Department put the addition on the building there were no restrooms, and they need an avenue for fund raising. The Fire Department should

have a locker room and restrooms. Marcus feels that the Township needs to figure out what we can do to alleviate this problem. Marcus asked Daniel if the Fire Department considered putting in a social hall across the road. Daniel advised that it has been discussed. Discussed the possibility of an agreement stating if they fall or anyone else falls during a Fire Department event at the Township Building, the Fire Department would be liable. The Fire Department would need to check on the occupancy of the building to make sure we would still be in compliance with exits.

The Officers of the Fire Department are here to collectively apologize for the financial problems, and they are putting a plan in order to stop it from happening again. Today Daniel, Pete, Mike and Stacy are responsible for the finances of the Fire Department and getting financial reports, PLGIT receipts, and diesel fuel logs to the Township on a monthly basis. Jason Patterson was a great treasurer, and Stacy is now the treasurer. Mike Kieser is Vice President, Pete Dickson is President, and Daniel Hutchins is Chief.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Executive Session: None

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion was made by Tim Stiffy to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Willie Hohmann, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Lucinda G. Lipko, Township Administrator