

MERCER COUNTY
SPRINGFIELD
TOWNSHIP, EST 1805

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING**

AT 7:00 P.M.

MAY 18, 2026

Present: Supervisors Tim Stiffy and Willie Hohmann, Road Foremen Jim Knight, Township Solicitor Jim Nevant, and Township Administrator Lucinda Lipko.

Absent: Supervisor Marcus Kohan.

Also Present: David Swartz, Dan Goncz with GFT, Anthony Ditka of Dinsmore and Shohl, and Jason Schepp.

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

Agenda Additions or Deletions: None

Public Comment: None

Guests:

Dan Goncz representing Neshannock Creek Authority reported that currently there are 2 and 3 inch lines designed from Mercer to the Iron Bridge. Supervisor Stiffy asked if they could change the diameter of the pipes in Phase I to 4 inches so they don't have to upsize as part of Phase II to Leesburg. Anthony Ditka suggested that the Township write a letter of support to get the pipe upsized.

Anthony Ditka reported Neshannock Creek Authority received from PennVest \$878,796 in loans And \$721,204 in grants. The Neshannock Creek Authority is the primary payee and the Township is the secondary payee. The loan covers 60% of the project and there is enough revenue to cover the debt service. This will not affect the Township's borrowing capacity.

Supervisor Tim Stiffy stated that no grants were applied for to help homeowners cover the purchase of grinder pumps. Dan stated that CDBG will not do that and they are currently working on a special

price for homeowners. Anthony Ditka advised that the interest rate for the loan is 1%.

Dan Goncz reported that the Neshannock Creek Authority found out in January about the loan. The facts sheets will not go out until August to the homeowners. The Sewer Authority will put in the main line and also install the grinder pump. Homeowners buy the pumps from the Authority and the Authority will replace them for free. The Authority will also maintain the grinder pump for as long as the owner wants and it will also transfer with the sale of a property.

Dan Goncz reported that the USDA still has to approve the borrowing as well. The Federal Government wants to approve it because Neshannock Creek already has borrowing and they do not want to get in over their head. PennVest will look at the water line in the same way, since they do not have any customers.

Supervisor Willie Hohmann asked if the Authority cannot make a payment, do we have a legally enforceable right to collect our money back? Per Anthony Ditka the Township is the first grantor but in the second position.

Approval of Minutes, Bill List and Payroll:

A motion was made by Willie Hohmann to approve the following:

- Meeting minutes of April 7, 2026
- Meeting minutes of April 20, 2026
- Bill List of April 2026
- Payroll List of March 2026
- Payroll List of April 2026

Seconded by Tim Stiffy, motion carried.

Administration and Finance:

A motion was made by Willie Hohmann to approve the Work Authorization from Gateway Engineers, not to exceed \$ 28,000.00, for Engineering on the Small Water and Sewer Grant.

Seconded by Tim Stiffy, motion carried.

A motion was made by Willie Hohmann to approve the Work Authorization from Gateway Engineers, not to exceed \$ 15,000.00, for Inspection Services on the Small Water and Sewer Grant.

Seconded by Tim Stiffy, motion carried.

A motion was made by Willie Hohmann to advertise Ordinance # 2-2026 and to prepare any other documents related to the PENNVEST Loan. Seconded by Tim Stiffy, motion carried.

Sewer and Water:

Jim Knight reported that he purchased another 55-gallon drum of LBA additive for the Pine Township Lift Station.

Roads and Bridges:

Jim Knight reported that he has had numerous one calls throughout the Township and he also completed a road inspection on Indian Run Road for logging.

Public Works Report:

Jim Knight reported that the Township received dirt from PennDOT's shoulder cutting project. The Number 2 Mine Road is having issues with drainage. It needs a 6-inch pipe and catch basin at the lowest points of the road for better drainage. Road base is failing due to water and he feels that the Township needs to replace the catch basin and pipe. It cannot take the water across the road since there is not enough of a grade. Estimated cost of the project is \$3,000-\$4,000 and can be completed in house.

Jim is trying to find a used spray bar. SEI gave a quote of \$4,000. A new kettle is \$35,000 for 300 gallons. The spray bar will cut time in half. He is looking at two other places for prices and would like a motion on the next agenda to purchase one.

Reports:

Tim Stiffy went to the PSATS Conference in Hershey, PA, and data centers were the big topic discussed. Now is the time to have work sessions on Data Centers and Ordinances in place.

Correspondence:

The Fire Chief has approved the following requests for Fire Police:

- a. For traffic control on May 9, 2026, for the PA Super Kids Fundraiser in Sharpville Borough.
- b. For traffic control on May 25, 2026, for the Memorial Day Parade in Greenville Borough.
- c. For traffic control and parking control September 8th through 12th for the Jamestown Community Fair in Jamestown.
- d. For traffic control on May 25, 2026, for the Memorial Day Parade in Mercer Borough.
- e. For June 15th through June 20th for the Worthington-West Franklin Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Homecoming and Carnival.
- f. For traffic control on May 23, 2026, for the Prospect Memorial Day Parade/America 250 Celebration.
- g. For traffic control on July 3, 2026, for the Harrisville Community Days.
- h. Fire Police will be attending the State Fire Police Conference on May 16th and 17th in Lebanon, PA.

Public Comment:

Dave Swartz reported that the storage bins at the corner of Route 19 and Leesburg-Grove City Road need to be moved back from the highway for better sight distance. Did the landowner receive permits for the storage sheds?

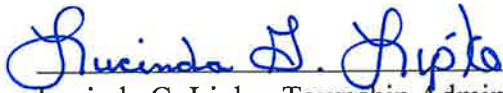
Jason Schepp stated the people expected to hook into the sewer line along Rt. 19 will need help for funding. They cannot afford \$10,000 to hook into the lines.

Executive Session: None

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion was made by Willie Hohmann to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tim Stiffy, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Lucinda G. Lipko, Township Administrator