

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF:
January 20, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, January 20, 2025.

Those in attendance were Chairman John J. Krause, Vice-Chairman Eric Wolfe, Supervisor Brown, Secretary/Treasurer Holly Reinford, and Solicitor Rick Wiest. Also in attendance were Nick Miller and Harry Pfeiffer.

Chairman Krause opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Krause reminded the residents of the notices, regarding meeting conduct and public comment procedures.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following miscellaneous correspondence was received and presented to the Board of Supervisors for their review; a list was also included in the public packet. Received from:

1. 12/1/2024 – 12/31/2024 Tax Collector’s Remittance Report
2. GT&E Notice of Finance Charges on Late Balances
3. PSATS: No dues increase in 2025
4. NEPA Impact Report 2023 – 2024
5. MRM Trust: Loss Activity Report (0)
6. Emergency Response Agency – Capabilities Survey (Nick Miller)
7. Pottsville Quarry: Material Quote
8. Erie Insurance Certificate of Insurance; Belmont Solar LLC
9. Schuylkill County Real Estate Department: Recycling Report
10. Signed tax returns form from Keith Heinbach
11. DEP: water quality standards
12. BEAD Program Application Information
13. Office of Community Planning: State Land Use & Growth Management Report survey
14. TCC Meeting moved to January 28, 2025
15. MBS Newsletter
16. Elite Revenue Solutions appointed as the agent for the Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau
17. COSTARS reminder to file by March 15th
18. North End Fire Company run report: December
19. Comptroller: Reminder to submit 2025 AG-385 by March 15th
20. Span replacement for Comcast communication
21. UC Service Center information
22. Office of Public Safety: new permanent street address notification
23. FCCB – Statement

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- 24. Fulton Bank – Statement
- 25. PLGIT - Statement

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe, approving the minutes for December 16, 2024, regular monthly meeting without correction. This motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the December 13, 2024 – January 16, 2025, Treasurer’s Report was approved with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, was \$1,209,458.06. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. This motion unanimously carried.

RECEIPTS: The report of receipts (December 13, 2024 – January 16, 2025) listing \$35,725.80 in EIT receipts and \$25,581.76 in regular General Fund receipts was approved as printed upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Solicitor Wiest stated he attended the BEAD meeting on behalf of his firm but wanted to pass along his thoughts to Washington Township. He feels it is a good idea to go ahead and apply.

ROADMASTER REPORTS: Roadmaster Brown stated the new heaters in the shop are functional and that on Thursday Countryside Propane came out to inspect with no leaks. The crew will be removing the old heater unit.

COUNTY ZONING:

- a. Schuylkill Planning & Zoning: Submitted Plan is Administratively Complete; Annexation Plan for Elizabeth Griffiths.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: EMC Nick Miller didn’t have any reports. He will attend the Envision a Resilient Schuylkill County meeting on March 13th. Stated the township did a great job on the roads. Miller stated the run cards have been submitted.

NEW BUSINESS 12/16/2024: November 2024 Tax Exemption Requests: Chairman Krause motioned to accept the November 2024 tax exemptions submitted by tax collector Keith Heinbach, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Krause motioned to move the 2024 winter maintenance agreement funds from PennDOT, in the sum of \$13,621.69, out of the PLGIT account and into the General Fund, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Krause motioned to adopt the 2025 proposed budget, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Krause motioned to purchase and place two (2) autism awareness signs on Birds Hill Rd at the request of a resident, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Loop Rd signage was expressed by a resident as a concern, the resident did not show up to speak about or expand on this concern. Moving to old business in January.

OLD BUSINESS 01/20/2025: Removing Loop Rd signage as no one has shown up, called, e-mailed, or otherwise communicated anything more on this topic.

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114 Dad Burnhams Rd (misaddressed as 11 Koty Lane): resident Harry Pfeiffer stated he has an ongoing issue with this neighbor regarding ash being dumped on the driveway and washing onto his property and the road drains. The Board suggested Washington Township (Secretary/Treasurer Reinford) contact the Conservation District on his behalf to get him some information.

BEAD Application & Resolution 2025 – Four: Chairman Krause motioned to fill out and submit the BEAD application as well as accept Resolution 2025-Four regarding Washington Township's participation in BEAD, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Krause motioned to accept Resolution 2025 – Three, appointing Garcia, Garman, and Shea, PC as the auditing CPA for 2024, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Supervisor Brown motioned to purchase a 2024 Chevy 3500 through COSTARS for \$73,629.00, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Krause motioned to advertise the sale of the old skid loader, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Reinford
Secretary/Treasurer
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