

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF:
April 21, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, April 21, 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, Edward Smith, and Mary Jane Sierer.

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. Keith Heinbach Tax Collection Report 3/1/25 – 3/31/25
2. North End Run Report
3. Mosquito and West Nile Virus monitoring station information
4. Email from resident asking about chickens
5. PA Liquor Control Board notice of liquor license transfer
6. Mackin – Load rating document for bridges
7. County of Schuylkill Tax Assessment Bureau: copies of total assessed value for parcels to Keith Heinbach
8. Operation Hugs and Kisses notice of repurposing FEMA property to create a small park in Pine Grove
9. Erie Insurance: Certificate of Insurance – Wentzel LLC
10. Judicial Sale Bidder List from Elite Revenue
11. Clauser Environmental LLC notice of intent to submit application for a DCNR grant for Sweet Arrow Lake and Frog Hollow County Park
12. Copy of tax return by Keith Heinbach
13. Countryside Propane Safety Announcement
14. Garman, Garcia, and Shea 2024 Audit
15. Change notice of properties
16. EM Kutz retirement announcement
17. FCCB – Statement
18. Fulton Bank – Statement
19. PLGIT - Statement

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Resident Edward Smith wondered if there was anything that could be done about the craters on the side of the road along Dad Burnhams Rd. Roadmaster

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Brown said it is a state-owned road, but he may have luck calling PennDOT. Chairman Krause instructed Secretary/Treasurer Reinford to also call PennDOT on Mr. Edwards' behalf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approving the minutes for March 17, 2025, regular monthly meeting without correction. This motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS FOR APPROVAL: Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe, the March 14, 2025 – April 17, 2025, Treasurer's Report was approved with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, was \$1,463,306.14. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. This motion unanimously carried.

RECEIPTS: The report of receipts (March 14, 2025 – April 17, 2025) listing \$45,071.01 in EIT receipts and \$98,409.94 in regular General Fund receipts was approved as printed upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Wiest stated he has nothing to report on.

ROADMASTER REPORTS: Roadmaster Brown stated that his crew is done with sweeping and is now cutting shoulders and drainage ditches for the roads to be bid out. He stated that while other Townships dump their anti-skid after sweeping, he has recouped about 1/3 of clean anti-skid for re-use. Brown let the Board know that the skid sold for \$18,050 at the PA Auction in March and that the truck and broom are at the auction for April. He stated that he and Secretary/Treasurer Reinford will start working on the GP-11 permitting information shortly for the Turkey Farm Road bridge.

COUNTY ZONING:

- a. Schuylkill Conservation District: Technical Deficiency Letter; Amanda Dastgheib – E&S Plan
- b. Schuylkill Conservation District: Adequacy Letter; Amanda Dastgheib – E&S Plan

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: EMC Nick Miller stated the new run cards have taken effect, and a tree was cleaned up on Saturday. He announced the Schuylkill County LEPC Conference is meeting from 9 am - 2 pm at the Mountain Valley Golf Course in Barnesville on June 12th.

OLD BUSINESS 03/17/2025: Secretary/Treasurer Reinford stated she spoke with the representative from CINTAS. The rep explained that the cost was due to replacing the items with the newer brand and that the cost and frequency will be reduced now that everything has been updated. The Board agreed to keep CINTAS.

NEW BUSINESS 03/17/2025: Resident Wes Ficus had emailed regarding his daughter's medical needs and having a viable water source in case of emergency. EMC Nick Miller stated he wrote letters from Miller Mechanical and North End Fire Company as a viable water supply.

Chairman Krause motioned to permit the Teener League to use the ball field at no cost and to help clean up when needed, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

6 Blue Gill Lane has a water runoff problem due to a hose coming from the house. This is a private road and would be a civil matter between neighbors.

There were no sealed bids to open.

Chairman Krause motioned to appoint Ruthann Schaeffer to be the 1st alternate to the UCC Appeals Board, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Krause motioned to approve the liquor license transfer for White Horse Inn's Rock Hotel for owner Jeremy Mumma, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS 04/21/2025: Chairman Krause motioned to accept the March 2025 tax exemptions provided by Tax Collector Keith Heinbach, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Reinford presented an Agricultural Exemption Permit application for 1085 Mountain Rd. There were no concerns regarding issuing the permit.

Chairman Krause stated he listened in on some Solar meetings and wanted Solicitor Rick Wiest to look at the Solar Ordinance for Damascus Township and see if there is anything Washington Township may need to or want to adopt as an ordinance regarding decommissioning solar fields when the contracted expires.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Reinford
Secretary/Treasurer
Washington Township