WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF: September 22, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held Monday, September 22, 2025.

Those in attendance were Chairman John J. Krause, Supervisor Lynn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer Holly McCrea, and Solicitor Rick Wiest. Also in attendance were Harold Bachert Jr., Nancy Welty, Samantha Moyer, Lisa Beb, and Nick Miller.

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 8/1/2025 8/31/2025
- 2. 2026 MMO Worksheet
- 3. Website submission regarding Bass Lane sign
- 4. Right to Know Request: Nancy Welty
- 5. MRM Trust Notes
- 6. Email to Marty regarding resident complaint of 3 Beech Tree Dr
- 7. North End Fire Company run report: August
- 8. PA One Call: 2024 Annual Report
- 9. Pine Grove Lions Club 78th Annual Holiday Classic Parade 10/18
- 10. JB Environmental sewage discharge on 707 Mountain Rd. Letter to homeowner
- 11. DCED letter of notice to file AFR, if not done already
- 12. PA Department of Labor notice of cancellation of certificate holder. RE: Sunwise Energy
- 13. Real estate transfer tax issued 8/1/2025 8/31/2025
- 14. FCCB Statement
- 15. Fulton Bank Statement
- 16. PLGIT Statement

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:</u> Samantha Moyer, Chair of the Friedensburg Fundraising Committee, asked if their park rental fee could be waived for the volunteer firefighter event benefiting Hillside SPCA and Red Creek Wildlife. Supervisor Brown motioned to waive the \$200 park rental fee, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion of Chairman Krause, seconded by Supervisor Brown, approving the minutes for the August 25, 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 August 22, 2025 – September 8, 2025, Treasurer's Report was approved with a balance in all accounts, before receipts and bills, was \$1,604,937.10. Included in this motion was the approval of payment of all bills presented. This motion unanimously carried.

RECEIPTS: The report of receipts (August 22, 2025 – September 8, 2025) listing \$59,411.58 in EIT receipts and \$7,800.05 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 did not have anything independent to report on.

ROADMASTER REPORTS: Roadmaster Brown discussed the DEP meeting and that it was a conference call vs an in-person meeting. He did bring up multiple water issues, but the DEP is focused on the Rock development at the moment. Brown stated he and his crew will be finishing up mowing and patching. He was in a quick bridge meeting to discuss the Turkey Farm Rd bridge and will be getting a quote for next month.

COUNTY ZONING:

a. Schuylkill Planning and Zoning: Submitted Plan is Administratively Complete – Mease Subdivision.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: EMC Nick Miller stated during the August 16th rainstorm that there were isolated spots of 7 inches of rain, namely on Hetzels Church Rd and Wild Cherry Rd, with minimal damage. There will be an EMC training with the county on September 23rd. Miller spoke about the July 24th consolidation meeting that was held at North End Fire Company and stated the merger is moving forward, and all four fire companies are on board. They have contacted an attorney to start the process, and as of now, if all goes as planned, the main station will be North End.

<u>NEW BUSINESS 8/25/2025:</u> Chairman Krause motioned to accept the July 2025 tax exemptions provided by Tax Collector Keith Heinbach, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Item b. Lighthouse Lane was not discussed as Mr. Morgan was not in attendance.

Secretary/Treasurer Reinford stated she had an AG permit for a poultry house but questioned if an erosion and sediment plan needed to be implemented before approval. Chairman Krause and Supervisor Brown agreed that the application should be sent back for an accurate number of areas to be disturbed and an erosion and sediment plan.

Secretary/Treasurer Reinford stated her last name is now McCrea.

<u>OLD BUSINESS 9/22/2025:</u> Chairman Krause, after discussion with the Board and Secretary/Treasurer McCrea, stated the website will not be undergoing any changes and will remain the same.

Secretary/Treasurer McCrea updated the Board on the AG exemption permit from Mr. Martin. The additional requirements were fulfilled, and the permit application was deemed completed. Chairman Krause gave the go-ahead to issue the permit.

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Resident Nancy Welty stated she contacted other Townships and found that they are using web design through PSATS at \$20/month and \$200/year. She stated that their secretaries built and updated the websites. Welty discussed the cost of the Township building and her feelings regarding remote work and staffing, and asked Secretary/Treasurer McCrea if she could explain. Chairman Krause stated this decision was a board decision.

Vice-Chairman Wolfe motioned to approve Marty from Light-Heigel & Associates to proceed with code enforcement on 3 Beech Tree Dr regarding someone living out of a camper, seconded by Supervisor Brown. This motion unanimously carried.

Supervisor Brown motioned to approve Marty from Light-Heigel & Associates to proceed with code enforcement at 1085 Rock Rd for running a hose through a window of the house to the oil tank, seconded by Vice-Chairman Wolfe. This motion unanimously carried.

Secretary/Treasurer McCrea stated she was contacted by a resident living on Bass Lane who requested how to go about getting a private lane sign. The Board reviewed the ordinance and stated the responsibility of payment is on the homeowners and they will need to sign a waiver taking responsibility for the sign.

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 7:34 p.m. This motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly McCrea Secretary/Treasurer Washington Township