

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
July 24, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman David Moyer called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:05 p.m., at the Washington Township Municipal Building. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Supervisors, Chairman David Moyer, Romnie Long, Solicitor, Joan London, Esquire; John Weber, LTL Consultants, Matthew Peleschak, Systems Design Engineering, Susan Brown, Township Manager/Secretary, Lisa Boyer, Township Administrative Assistant and 35-40 members of the public were in attendance.

Chairman Moyer announced Executive sessions were held on 7/18/25 regarding personnel issues and this evening regarding potential land issues.

Chairman Moyer announced there was an amendment to this evening's agenda to discuss the drainage easement at Edison Walk.

TAPING OF MEETING

The meeting was recorded as an aid in the preparation of the minutes. It was noted that Lisa Boyer, Township Administrative Assistant, was taping the meeting this evening. Two (2) residents in attendance this evening, Bill Piersol, 481 Weinsteiger Road, Bechtelsville, PA, 19505 and Barbara Dunn 7 Towhee Ct. Bechtelsville, PA 19505 were also taping the meeting.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Barbara Dunn provided the supervisors with photos of ongoing water issues that are affecting several residents of Spring Valley Village along Towhee Ct. This is due to water runoff and drainage issues which she believes comes from a nearby business, 2nd Attic Storage Facility. The owner of 2nd Attic, Doug Stetler stated that he has not made any changes to the property that would affect water runoff and that her concerns should be addressed by the owners of Spring Valley Village. Ms. Dunn stated that she feels this is a health issue to residents as well as their pets as standing water has been a problem for some time now. She asked the board for a 30-day remediation to this problem.

A motion was made by Dave Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to authorize John Weber, Township Engineer, LTL Consultants LTD. to investigate the stormwater discharge from the adjoining property.

All Ayes

Pierce Keating addressed the board asking for permission from the Township to move forward with the Gym and Welcome Center underground at Camp Camino. Mr. Keating read a letter of support from John Gehman the owner of Butter Valley Golf Course. Mr. Gehman's letter was to support the continued development of Camp Camino. Pastor Bob Machamer spoke in favor of Camp Camino and its benefits to the community. Steve Shanahan also addresses the board asking for the Township to allow progress to continue without delay. Solicitor Joan London stated that she feels the Township is well protected as Mr. Keating has already posted financial security in the amount of \$4,098,250.51 and will give an additional amount of \$955,155.00 in escrow. Solicitor London stated that an agreement is in place with strict indemnification for the Township.

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by David Moyer to authorize the second amendment to the preapproval construction agreement and the second amendment to the escrow agreement for Camp Camino.

All Ayes

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by David Moyer to authorize the Declaration of Utility Easements for Camp Camino

All Ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to approve the Storm Water BMP and O & M Agreement for Camp Camino subject to the Township Engineers review.

All Ayes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Heydt asked for an update on the water runoff affecting his property at 52 Passmore Rd. Chairman Moyer stated The Township is working with Kenny Rogers of Grandview Speedway to divert water coming down from pit road. Chairman Moyer will take a look at the area tomorrow.

Tim Merkel asked for an update on the water runoff affecting his property at 62 Passmore Rd. Chairman Moyer said he will look at the area tomorrow and as long as no other road emergencies occur, the road crew should begin work on Monday.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINTUES OF JUNE 26, 2025

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Romnie Long for the approval of the meeting minutes of June 26, 2025, as prepared.

All Ayes

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the payment of all bills for the General Fund, Highway Aid Fund, Recreation Fund, Street Light Fund, Traffic Impact Fund, Sewer Fund and Building Escrow Funds up to and inclusive of July 24, 2025, and to file the treasurer's report for audit.

All Ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collectors Report for the month of June was presented by Brenda Breidigan, Tax Collector

Real Estate Tax	\$ 20,534.40
Interim Tax	\$ 126.29
Light Tax	\$ 95.00
Per Capita Tax	\$ 165.00
Amusement Tax	\$ 13,808.69
 Total	 \$ 34,729.38

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The EBFD and Bally EMS Reports were included in the binders.

ZONING/SEO REPORT

Reports are in the binders.

SEWER ENGINEER'S REPORT

A copy of the Sewer Engineer's Monthly Report dated July 24, 2025, is enclosed.

WWTP Sewer Facility Operations- nothing new to report

Grease Trap Ordinance

A draft Grease Trap Ordinance has been provided for review by the Solicitor

Old Route 100 Manhole Repair

Manhole 222 is along a stream off Old Route 100 and Stauffer Road. The stream bank has eroded away compromising the integrity of the manhole.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to authorize SDE to prepare a stream bank restoration design and complete the appropriate permit applications.

All Ayes

Process Masters Price Increase

Matthew Peleschak, SDE Inc informed the board of the 3.5% price increase on a chemical used at the treatment plant due to tariffs. The chemical contains aluminum and is not obtained in the US.

Force Main Relocation

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to authorize SDE to obtain a water quality management part 2 permit at the Swamp Creek Pump Station.

All Ayes

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

A Copy of the Township Engineer's Report dated July 17, 2025, is enclosed.

Barto Road Straightening Project

Barto Road opened today about 4 weeks ahead of schedule. Some trees still need to be planted.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Rommie Long to authorize the payment of application #1 to Barwis Construction in the amount of \$190,304.73 for their work on Barto Road.

All Ayes

2025 Road Project awarding of bid – reviewing documents from AMS

Camp Camino Escrow Release

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the release of the Camp Camino onsite improvements escrow release request #3 in the amount of \$124,355.23. (After this release the balance in the onsite improvements escrow account will be \$2,828,178.48)

All Ayes

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

American Tower Proposal

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Rommie Long to approve the first amendment to the land lease agreement.

All Ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the Supervisors to sign the consent resolution to the first amendment to the land lease agreement.

All Ayes

Marlowe ZHB decision appeal – remains pending in the court of common pleas

Sewer Easement -2213 Old Route 100 (rear) – Council will be speaking with the landowner's attorney next week when he returns to his office.

Fire Ordinance Amendment- in progress

Sewer accounts #240, #242, #246 lawsuit – hearing date rescheduled for August 22, 2025

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to lien the properties of sewer accounts # 240, #242 and #246.

All Ayes

Daniel Stauffer asked how many delinquent accounts the Township has. The exact number of delinquent accounts was not stated but the dollar amount was estimated to be approximately \$200,000.00. Solicitor London stated the Township has placed several municipal liens on the properties with delinquent sewer accounts stating while the municipal lien information is public knowledge, a list of delinquent names in not.

Family Member Suites

The proposed ordinance has been transmitted to the Planning Commission for review and should be on the August Board of Supervisors agenda.

1606 Main St. – nothing new to report

Edison Walk –

The agenda was edited for Edison Walk and Penn Dot Permits.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to authorize the Township to sign the Roundabout Maintenance Agreement, the Escrow Agreement pending the Solicitor and Township Engineer's reviews, the Highway Occupancy Permit and the Conditions Statement authorizing the agent to apply for the Highway Occupancy Permits.

All Ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to authorize execution of the permanent drainage easement conveyed to the Township by RG Properties 1 LLC at the intersection of Rt 100 and Stauffer Rd.

All Ayes

Reserve at Barto Open Space and Sewer Capacity – no action being taken tonight

Prestige Properties WWTP Expansion- draft agreement under review

Route 100 Euro's Clean Up – Suit has been filed in the court of common pleas seeking the removal of the cars from the right of way and no parking areas.

5 Ehst Road Multi Unit to Single Family Home-

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to allow an additional 30 days for the reconversion of the home at 5 Ehst Rd. back to a single-family dwelling to be completed by November 1, 2025.

All Ayes

Township review of ordinance & codification project – ongoing

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A Copy of the report dated July 24, 2025, is enclosed.

Projects & Grant Status

WTP- Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project – currently under permitting

BCP-Master Plan Project – will be sent to DCNR for final approval

WTP- Master Plan – waiting on the check from Berks County- on going

WTP – Playground Upgrade – more info coming this fall

BCP & WTP Multiple Improvement Project – equipment has been ordered

BCP- Meadowbrook Trail Connector Project

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to move forward with the project for a total cost of \$9,173.00

All Ayes

BCP -Kiosk Replacement Project – ongoing

War Memorial Restoration Project – painting will begin on August 2, 2025

Park Rental Agreement

BSC Update – the signed agreement been returned to the Township

Events

Fall Festival

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to move forward with the Fall Festival for a total cost of \$5,633.00.

All Ayes

The Farmers Market scheduled for August 2nd has been cancelled

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Road Master Brian Mohr thanked Mark Bedle for his help in obtaining a grant for new radios for the road crew.

Wilt Road Dead Tree Complaints

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Romnie Long to approve \$5,900.00 to ArbPro for the removal of 12 dead trees in the right of way on Wilt Rd

All Ayes

Backhoe Repair Estimate

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to accept the quote from GT&E LLC for \$2,787.45 for the repair of the backhoe.

All Ayes

Gas/Diesel Fuel Storage Tank – SDE working on it

Woods Lane Water Runoff - tabled

49 Audrey Drive- Road Occupancy Permit – nothing new to report

250 Anthony's Mill Road Occupancy Permit – nothing new to report

Heydt's Schoolhouse Road Water Issue

A large tree and debris are in the creek causing the water to undermine Heydt's Schoolhouse Rd. The landowner stated they are not spending money to remove the tree. The Township will need a DEP permit to remove the tree from the creek. Roadmaster Brian Mohr has contacted DEP to see what can be done.

Township Resident Doug Stetler stated that erosion is occurring along Limekiln Rd. near the intersection of Old Route 100 due to vegetations being sprayed. Chairman Moyer directed the Township Manager to send a letter to the owner of the property.

SUPERVISORS UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administration Building Renovations

Township Manager Susan Brown stated a pre-bid meeting was held on July 15, 2025. Bid opening is scheduled for July 30, 2025. The bid is to be awarded at the August Board of Supervisors' Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PMRS Excess Interest Award

Two (2) letters from PMRS dated June 30, 2025 were provided regarding the 2023 Excess Interest Award of \$31,452.00 for the Washington Township Pension Plan # 06 - 204-5N and \$3,152.00 for the Washington Township Municipal Authority Pension Plan # 06-367-8N. Distribution options were also provided.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to distribute the excess interest to the active and vested employees when the employee starts to draw monthly benefits.

All Ayes

Rooftop Universal Silencer

A new/unused replacement rooftop universal silencer was purchased on ebay for a cost of \$375.00 including shipping. This is a cost savings of \$1,200.00 versus purchasing from the manufacturer.

Weinsteiger Road Repair

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to ratify the purchase for the emergency road repair on Weinsteiger Road near the pump station not to exceed \$2,300.00 to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company.

All Ayes

Reserve at Barto- \$55,000.00 contribution

On going discussion took place over the use of money agreed upon in connection with the development of The Reserve at Barto. Resident Daniel Stauffer voiced his concerns regarding the use of the funds going toward a road improvement project near the proposed development. Chairman David Moyer expressed his opinion that he is fine with the funds going to Parks and Rec.

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to allocate the \$55,000.00 to Parks and Rec to be used for open space, maintenance and/or land use.

All Ayes

Barto Road & Old Route 100 intersection upgrade

Discussion took place over improving the intersection at Old Route 100 and Barto Rd. for safety by reconfiguring the current Y in the road at that intersection.

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to authorize John Weber, LTL Consultants to look into making the improvements at the intersection of Old Route 100 and Barto Rd.

All Ayes

Authorization to execute the MS4 Cost Sharing & Cooperation Agreement

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to authorize to execute the MS4 Cost Sharing & Cooperative Agreement.

All Ayes

ISO Water Department Pre-Survey for EBFD

Township Manager Susan Brown reported that Valley Run Water has not responded to EBFD's request for hydrant testing. She stated that they have not responded to her email either. Mike Mutter of EBFD stated that the flow ratings benefit the insurance rating of residents in that area of the Township.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to authorize The Township to send a certified letter to Valley Run Water Co. reminding them of their obligation to test the hydrants water flow.

All Ayes

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

None

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT EXTENSIONS

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to grant the following Subdivision extension:

Camp Camino 07/26/25 – 10/24/25
All Ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to grant the following Subdivision extension:

Edison Walk 08/21/25 – 12/19/25
All Ayes

COMMUNICATIONS

Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed
Copy of the EAC Minutes dated 06/09/25 are enclosed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. (if needed)

The next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – not needed

Chairman David Moyer told everyone to enjoy their summer.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:25 p.m.

All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Brown
Manager/Secretary