

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
September 25, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman David Moyer called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:04 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, Thomas Powanda, 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, Brian Mohr, Township Roadmaster and approximately 20 Members of the public were in attendance.

Chairman Moyer announced Executive session was held this evening regarding personnel and land issues.

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. Bill Piersol, 481 Weinsteiger Road, Bechtelsville, PA, 19505 was also taping the meeting.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Fred Rhamer asked if there is anything he can do to reduce the stormwater management system planned for his new construction. He stated he feels that the current plan is over the top and not needed for his new home construction. John Weber stated the design group has prepared the plan for a closed system which raises the cost rather than a small detention basin. He suggested they could redesign the plan if they wish to try to save on the cost.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Piersol addressed the board requesting that when he or anyone wishes to speak at the public meetings they are given the chance to speak and are treated with respect.

Barbara Dunn asked for an update on the progress to address the water runoff issues at Towhee Court in Spring Valley Village. John Weber will contact Mr. Eddy for an update.

Matt Bakes 149 Limekiln Rd. inquired if he needs permission to maintain the ditches near his property which are filling with silt and debris. David Moyer suggested he contact DEP regarding the maintenance of the ditch.

Andrew Carpenter inquired what steps need to be taken regarding his permit for an addition to his home that was denied. John Weber suggested he contact the Zoning Hearing Board if he wished to make an appeal.

Daniel Stauffer reported on information for possible ways to fund the proposed Emergency Services Tax rather than a proposed 1% mill tax increase. Based on information he obtained from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), he stated that a portion of the Per Capita Tax, LST Tax and the EIN Tax that the Township currently collects from employed township residents could be a possible option to fund the Fire and EMS. Chairman, David Moyer said the Fire and EMS tax will be discussed further at the Budget Meeting on Monday October 13, 2025.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINTUES OF AUGUST 28, 2025

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda for the approval of the meeting minutes dated August 28, 2025 as prepared.

All ayes

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Rommie Long 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 September 25, 2025, and to file the treasurer's report for audit.

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

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

Real Estate Tax	\$ 2,386.43
Interim Tax	\$ 170.89
Light Tax	\$ 69.30
Per Capita Tax	\$ 6,007.10
Amusement Tax	\$ 9,106.65
 Total	 \$17,740.37

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 prepared September 18, 2025, is enclosed.

WWTP Sewer Facility Operations- everything is running normal at the plant

Grease Trap Ordinance –

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Rommie Long to advertise the Grease Trap Ordinance to be adopted in October.

All ayes

Old Route 100 Manhole Repair – SDE Inc. is in the process of preparing permits and will then be moving forward.

Force Main Relocation – Matt Peleschak stated he had a conversation with DEP and the permit will be amended to review and finalize the permit.

Gas/Diesel Fuel Storage Tank – The existing gas/diesel fuel tank at the Public Works Department has sludge and should be replaced. Documents should be provided for bid in October in hopes to replace the tank in the new year.

Matthew Peleschak, SDE Inc. stated that there is an ongoing issue involving “flushable wipes”. While the package may say flushable the fibers become stringy and get tangled in the working parts that grind them causing wear. The fibers need to be manually removed. It is recommended that wipes are not flushed and that residents be notified on the Township website and in the Newsletter alerting them of these concerns. Matt stated this is a general problem everywhere not just in Washington Township.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

A Copy of the Township Engineer’s Report dated September 17, 2025, is enclosed.

Barto Road Straightening Project- Reseeding and tree planting is scheduled for October 15, 2025.

2025 Road Project – The project was completed on September 4, 2025 and went well. The final price was about \$1,000.00 less than the original contract.

Spring Valley Village stormwater complaint – ongoing discussion

Dale Road Subdivision – The plan will be reviewed at the Planning Commission Meeting on October 2, 2025.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Valley Run Hydrant testing – A letter will be sent to Valley Run Water outlining their requirements to test the hydrants.

Passmore Road water runoff temporary construction easement – A temporary construction easement agreement has been prepared for Grandview Speedway to sign allowing the Township to make necessary repairs along Passmore Rd.

Camp Camino Improvement and Stormwater O & M Agreement- Agreements have been signed by the applicant.

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Rommie Long to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the agreements for the stormwater for Camp Camino.

All ayes

Marlowe ZHB decision appeal – nothing new to report

Sewer Easement -2213 Old Route 100 (rear) – Council has been in contact with the property owner's attorney regarding some questions he had.

Fire Ordinance Amendment- in progress

Family Member Suites- A draft was given to the Planning Commission at their September meeting. It is on the agenda to be reviewed at their October 2, 2025 meeting. Further reporting should be at the October Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Edison Walk – nothing new to report

Reserve at Barto Open Space and Sewer Capacity – nothing new to report

Prestige Properties WWTP Expansion- nothing new to report

Dan Stauffer asked Solicitor London if she could give an update on where the expansion agreement stands. Joan London stated she has revised a draft agreement that has been forwarded to the attorney for Prestige on July 9, 2025. Any capacity needed by the developer would be paid for by the developer not the Township.

Route 100 Euro's Clean Up – The case has been assigned to a Judge with a discover deadline in 2026.

Township review of ordinance & codification project – ongoing

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A Copy of the report dated September 25, 2025, is enclosed.

Projects & Grant Status

WTP- Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project – Permitting is in process with the hope for the project to start in 2026.

WTP- Master Plan Project – no new information to report

WTP – Playground Upgrade Project – DCED cancelled their September 16th meeting. There should be more to report at the October or November meeting.

BCP- Master Plan Project – 4 bids were received and will be reviewed at the next Park and Rec. meeting in October with a recommendation to follow.

BCP Barto Trail Replacement

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long for Resolution 2025-23 authorizing grant application, authorization signature and terms & conditions of the LSA statewide grant in the amount of \$ 134,459.00.

All ayes

BCP- Meadowbrook Trail Connector Project- in progress

BCP -Kiosk Replacement Project – in progress

BCP - Multiple Improvement Project – New Bleachers were funded with a grant from the Yeck Family Foundation and will be in place soon.

BCP & WTP Security Camera project – Grant applications have been submitted this week.

War Memorial Restoration Project – on going

New Grants-War Memorial Restoration Project –Mark is working on submitting an LSA Statewide Grant for approximately \$35,000.00 as well as a grant for a new Township sign.

Events

Fall Festival – The fall festival will be held on October 11, 2025 ending with a bonfire from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A Craft Fair will be held in the Public Works Garage from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Park and Rec chairman will meet with the Township Manager and the Township Roadmaster to discuss the events planned.

New Items and Recommendations

None

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Woods Lane water runoff – in progress

Heydt's Schoolhouse Road water issue - Chairman David Moyer requested that John Weber, LTL Consultants apply for the bridge maintenance permit for the repairs.

105 Heydt's Schoolhouse Road possible road closure – The residents want to do some remodeling and would like the road closed when they do the work. A date for the remodel has not been determined. No decision was made this evening.

Locust Road maintenance – Ongoing discussion on a paving project on Locust Rd. took place.

Line Painting – on schedule to be completed within the next 2 weeks

Barto Park Fence – The property owner has addressed the weeds.

Kinetics Road Occupancy Permits – waiting on payment to schedule the work

Dottie Wildemore, Towhee Ct. stated the speed sign on Stauffer Rd is a waste of time. She said drivers appear to see how high they can get the numbers to register. She would rather see something that could ticket speeders be used.

SUPERVISORS UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administration Building Renovations

Demo work is underway on the first floor of the Township Building. A change order for some electrical work and the removal of 2 walls was presented.

A motion was made by Rommie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to authorize the change order request not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the administration building renovations.

All ayes

The Township offices continue to be located in the lower level of Municipal Building during the renovations.

Barto Road & Old Route 100 intersection upgrade – no new information to report

Berks County bridge 40A detour route approval

Township Manager, Susan Brown received a proposed detour route request from TDP which would affect approximately 2.1 miles located within the Township during a County owned bridge repair. The project is not expected to begin until the Spring/summer of 2027.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Rommie Long to approve the detour route while the Berks County Bridge 40A repairs are in process.

All ayes

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Rommie Long to accept the resignation of Barry Maust from his position in Public Works and to authorize the hiring of a Public Works replacement.

All ayes

Benecon Surplus check – The Township received a check in the amount of \$13,137.86

2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation -The Minimum Municipal Obligation for Washington Township's Pension Plan (06-204-5 N) is \$71,077.00 and the Municipal Authority's Pension Plan (06-367-8 N) is \$7,945.00.

PMHIC-ACH debit request for monthly health, dental & vision payments

PMHIC has requested that the monthly payments be made by ACH rather than a paper check. More information will be gathered on any fees that will be incurred to use ACH and the Township Manager will report back.

Aqua Pennsylvania waiver of Land Development Plan and authorization for letter of support for Pennvest funding

Aqua PA met with Township Manager, Susan Brown and Matthew Peleschak, SDE Inc. to discuss their plans for improvements planned at the Meadowbrook Well next year. The plans include installing ion exchange (IX) filters to remove perfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) levels in drinking water.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to grant a waiver from the Land Development Plan for Aqua to make improvements to the Meadowbrook Well.

All ayes

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Romnie Long to authorize a letter of support for improvements at the Meadowbrook Well for Pennvest funding.

All ayes

New shed to house Chlorine tank, pump and hoses

WWTP Operator, Tony Schwenk obtained a price quote of \$6800.00 from Wood Naturally in Hereford for a new shed to house the chlorine tank, pump and hoses. No action was taken this evening.

PAC shed rehab

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to authorize the purchase of siding, doors, insulation and a vent exhaust fan not to exceed \$1725.00 to rehab the PAC shed at the WWTP.

All ayes

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to reaffirm the approval of the Longacre-Treichler Associates Subdivision initially approved at the June 26, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to reaffirm the approval of the Camp Camino Subdivision Land Development Plan initially approved at the June 26, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.

All ayes

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT EXTENSIONS

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

J.D. McGovern 09/25/25 – 12/24/25
All ayes

COMMUNICATIONS

Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. (*if needed*)

Budget Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. (*if needed*).

The next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – not needed

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:38 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Brown
Manager/Secretary