

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
October 23, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman David Moyer called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 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, Brian Panther, Systems Design Engineering, Susan Brown, Township Manager/Secretary, Lisa Boyer, Township Administrative Assistant, Brian Mohr, Township Roadmaster and approximately twenty-two (22) members of the public were in attendance.

Chairman Moyer announced Executive session was held on October 17, 2025, regarding personnel matters.

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, Barbara Dunn, Spring Valley Village and Christine Neiman, Boyertown, PA 19512 were also taping the meeting.

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Piersol stated that at the budget meeting it was said that he heard someone say they had a gun at a previous meeting, and he wanted to make it clear that he did not hear anyone say they had a gun. Mr. Piersol reiterated he does not think taxes should be raised for the .5 mill for the Fire Company. He lives in the Township for 32 years. He does not feel we live in the rock age and mentioned the Township Building is not 30-40 years old but possibly 27 years old.

Barbara Dunn stated she is representing Spring Valley Village as their Government Relations Person. Spring Valley Village has quarterly meetings. She will bring special requests from the meetings to the Board of Supervisors meetings on an as needed basis. She asked if the concerns over flushable wipes and the potential issues that can arise at the sewer treatment plant has been listed on the Township Website. Towhee Court has not had any significant flash flooding since we have not had much rain. John Weber, LTL Consultants, spoke to Mr. Eddy at Hutt's Glass. They have cleaned debris and vegetation

out of the level spreader trench along their property to improve its function. A pipe behind 159 Eagles Watch South is scheduled to be capped as well. She also stated that Verizon is now available for an internet provider in Bechtelsville.

Tara Christman has some concerns about the use of planning module exemption mailers and related documents for the Reserve at Barto. She stated some developers have them going before the Planning Commission and others do not and she is wondering why. She wants to put on record that she has not received a response to her request for Grant information and expense reports for the REC Board. She feels she cannot approve a budget when she does not have this information. She also stated that the EAC meeting dates have not been discussed with all EAC Members, and this should be done before approving the 2026 EAC Meeting dates schedule.

Daniel Stauffer asked if a sewage planning exemption module is brought before the Planning Commission for the Chairman to sign off. John Weber stated there are different parts to planning modules. The planning exemption modules are reviewed by SDE and do not have to be acted upon by the Planning Commission. A Component 4A does need to go before the Planning Commission as does the Component 1. An exemption request goes before DEP. A Form B Non-Building Waiver goes before the Planning Commission.

Mr. Stauffer asked if the Board has received alternative options regarding the proposed Fire and EMS tax increase. Specifically, the use of funds from current taxes, a possible Resolution, or a Contractual Agreement between the Township and Fire and EMS. Solicitor London stated she sent a memo to the board members with some possible alternatives. Mr. Stauffer requested a copy of that memo.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Rommie Long to approve the BOS Meeting minutes dated September 25, 2025, as prepared.

All ayes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Moyer announced executive session was held on 10/17/25 regarding personnel matters.

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 October 23, 2025, and to file the treasurer's report for audit.

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

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

Real Estate Tax	\$ 2,270.83
Per Capita Tax	\$ 573.17
Amusement Tax	\$ 7,405.37
Total	\$10,249.37

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 October 16, 2025, is enclosed.

WWTP Sewer Facility Operations

Excelsior performed a check and determined the leak at the digester blower No. 1 was just a spill.

ALTEK visited the West Tract Pump Station and determined a new capacitor for Pump 1 and a new starting coil for Pump 2 is needed. Pump 2 is currently running but Pump 1 is not operational at this time. The cost for repairs will be paid by the Developer.

Grease Trap Ordinance

**The Ordinance was approved for advertisement at the September Meeting.
A motion was made by Rommie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to adopt the Grease Trap Ordinance 2025-3
All ayes**

Old Route 100 Manhole Repair

The permit for MH-222 (Stauffer Rd/Old Rt 100) has not been received as of 10/16/25. Once SDE receives the permit they will prepare bidding documents for the work.

Force Main Relocation

A meeting with DEP and SDE is scheduled to conduct a file search to identify the design parameters in the current permit, which is necessary for permit amendment.

Gas/Diesel Fuel Storage Tank – tabled until next month

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

A Copy of the Township Engineer's Report dated October 16, 2025, is enclosed.

The Township has received a revised plan for 1606 Main St. Land Development Plan and that plan will be reviewed at the November Planning Commission meeting.

The Dale Road Subdivision Plan has been reviewed but the applicant did not attend the October Planning Commission Meeting.

The MS4 Annual Report has been submitted to DEP.

Barto Road Straightening Project

6 trees have been planted along Barto Road. Additional grass seed has been applied.

Spring Valley Village stormwater complaint

There is ongoing discussion with Leejon Williams and the owner of 9 Towhee Ct. regarding the berm repairs.

Authorization to submit PennDOT HOP for Niantic Road crosswalk

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing LTL to act as the Boards agent to submit a PennDOT HOP for the Niantic Road crosswalk.

All ayes

Camp Camino onsite improvements escrow release # 5 - \$57,135.87

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Romnie Long granting the Camp Camino onsite improvements escrow release #5 for \$57,135.87

All ayes

Camp Camino Homestead #3 escrow release #1 - \$70,534.75

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda granting the Camp Camino Homestead #3 escrow release #1 of \$70,534.75.

All ayes

Stauffer Road escrow release #1 - \$36,650.00

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda granting Stauffer Road escrow release #1 for \$36,650.00

All ayes

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Valley Run Hydrant testing

A letter has been sent, and we are waiting for a response.

Passmore Road water runoff temporary construction easement

A letter has been sent to the owners of Grandview Speedway and waiting for a response.

Exemption of Real Estate Application – Authorization to execute

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to authorize the Chairman to sign the exemption application to be forwarded to the County.

All ayes

Marlowe ZHB decision appeal

Council checked the Docket and there has been no new action from the applicant since the Townships intervention in December 2024.

Sewer Easement -2213 Old Route 100 (rear)

The owner's Attorney has some questions to be directed to Matthew Peleschak, SDE upon his return.

Fire Ordinance Amendment- in process**Family Member Suites**

The Planning Commission reviewed the revisions and had no new changes.

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Romnie Long authorizing Council to resend the Proposed Family Member Suites Ordinance to the Berks County Planning Commission for advertisement for the December meeting.

All ayes

Edison Walk – nothing new to report**Reserve at Barto Open Space and Sewer Capacity -**

Prestige's Attorney forwarded a revision to the agreement that was prepared to update it for current conditions. Council's comments have been forward to the Board for review to be discussed at the next meeting.

Prestige Properties WWTP Expansion – nothing new reported**Route 100 Euro's Clean Up** - currently in litigation

David Moyer stated that cars are parked in the Township's Right of Way, and it will be an issue when snow plowing starts. Council will discuss this with them.

Township review of ordinance & codification project – ongoing

Council will do some research into Data Center Ordinances.

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A Copy of the report dated October 23, 2025, is enclosed.

In the absence of Chairman, Mark Bedle, Vice Chairperson, Tara Christman was present.

Projects & Grant Status

WTP- Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project – no new information reported

WTP- Master Plan Project – no new information reported

WTP – Playground Upgrade Project - no new information reported

BCP- Master Plan Project – no new information reported

BCP Barto Trail Replacement – no new information reported

BCP- Meadowbrook Trail Connector Project – no new information reported

BCP -Kiosk Replacement Project – no new information reported

BCP & WTP Security Camera project – no new information reported

War Memorial Restoration Project Bedrock Outdoors quote \$36,000.00

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long for Resolution No. 2025-24 authorizing signature and terms and conditions of the LSA Statewide grant for \$36,000.00

All ayes

Event Updates

None

New Items and Recommendations

2026 Master Plan Funding- no new information reported

2026 Meeting dates & time

Tara Christman requested that the proposed schedule for the EAC Meetings be reviewed by the members of the EAC committee before advertising

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Woods Lane water runoff – ongoing discussion regarding maintenance

Heydt's Schoolhouse Road water issue –

Chairman Moyer met with Contractor and the repair estimate exceeds \$10,000.00. John Weber will work on preparing simple specs.

105 Heydt's Schoolhouse Road possible road closure – nothing new to report

Locust Road maintenance

The paving has been completed. There is still some swale work to be completed

Line Painting - completed

SUPERVISORS UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administration Building Renovations- update

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Romnie Long to approve the payment to General Contractor Payment application #1 in the amount of \$23,538.14

All ayes

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve General Contractor Payment application #2 in the amount of \$30,407.45

All ayes

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to approve Electrical Contractor Payment application #1 in the amount of \$13,113.00

All ayes

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

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

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to authorize payment by ACH for monthly health, dental and vision insurance payments.

All ayes

Authorize purchase of a new shed to house Chlorine tank, pump and hoses

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to authorize the purchase of a new shed at the WWTP and the cost of siding and roof vent exhaust fan not to exceed \$8500.00

All ayes

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

NEW BUSINESS

Septic pumping waiver request for 495 Kulps Road

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda denying the residents request of a waiver from pumping their septic system in accordance with the 3-year pump cycle.

All ayes

Temporary housing request – 88 Hillcrest Rd.

Darryl & Laura Moser were present to request the use of their camper for temporary housing while their new home is being constructed so that their son does not need to change schools.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to allow the temporary use of their camper on their land while the new home is constructed until May 1, 2026, with the condition that proof of the septic pumping is provided as well as acceptable connections of electricity and water are maintained.

All ayes

Motion for Resolution No. 2025-25 authorizing the submission of a grant application for the 2025 round of the Commonwealth Financial Authority's LSA Statewide grant authorizing signature and terms and conditions.

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda & seconded by Romnie Long to adopt Resolution No. 2025-25 authorizing signature and terms and conditions of the LSA Statewide grant in the amount of \$48,930.00 from the Commonwealth Financing authority to be used for the Washington Township Sign Replacement Project.

All ayes

2026 Holiday Schedule approval

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the 2026 Holiday Schedule.

All ayes

2026 Meeting Schedules approval & authorization to advertise

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve and advertise the 2026 Meeting Schedules with the exception of the EAC Meeting Schedule.

All ayes

The 2026 EAC Meeting Schedule will be discussed and advertised at the January 2026 BOS Meeting.

2026 Proposed Budget

A .6 mill will be taken from the General Fund, and a .4 mill tax increase will be used to fund the 1 mill total for Fire and EMS. Supervisor Long stated she is not in favor of raising taxes.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda authorizing the advertisement of the 2026 proposed budget.

David Moyer & Thomas Powanda - ayes

Romnie Long – opposed

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

None

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT EXTENSIONS

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

All ayes

Dale Road Subdivision 11/05/2025 – 02/03/2026

COMMUNICATIONS

Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. (*if needed*)

The next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. (*this is a week early due to the Thanksgiving Holiday*)

Chairman Moyer announced that the quarterly sewer rate for 2026 will be reduced by \$15.00 per quarter bringing the quarterly amount to \$265.00.

Friday October 31st is Halloween. Keep an eye out for children in the streets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – not needed

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Romnie Long to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:35 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Brown
Manager/Secretary