

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
November 20, 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.

Chairman David Moyer asked those in attendance to remain standing for a moment of silence for Roger Lehman who passed away last week.

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 twenty (20) members of the public were in attendance.

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 and Barbara Dunn, Spring Valley Village were also taping the meeting.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Camp Camino Road Opening Permit

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Romnie Long to approve the Road Permit for Gehman and Schwenkfelder Rd. for Camp Camino.

All ayes

396 Weinsteiger Road Permit

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the Road Permit for 396 Weinsteiger Rd. contingent upon payment.

All ayes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Dunn, Bechtelsville asked if there have been any conversations on a police force. David Moyer stated there has not been a discussion regarding a police force. She also discussed the progress on the capping of the pipe behind 159 Eagles Watch South. John Weber of LTL Consultants stated that Mr. Williams and Mr. Stetler were still working on capping the pipe. She also asked if the trees that died near Towhee Court would need to be replaced by the developer. Mr. Weber stated it would not be a requirement after this

length of time since the development has been completed and the trees were alive and healthy when escrow was released.

Tanya Bauer Forgedale Rd. Barto asked how residents will be made aware of the proposed .5% fire and .5% EMS tax. Chairman Moyer stated it would be listed as a line item on their annual tax bill. She asked when taxes were lowered and David Moyer stated it was 10 years ago by 10%.

Joe Kincade Forgedale Rd. Barto stated he obtained a letter indicating a Supervisor made a racial slur to describe a co-worker back in 2010. Joan London stated that a hearing on the matter was held in 2010 and it was decided that the board member was allowed to serve.

**APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET MEETING MINTUES OF OCTOBER 13, 2025
AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2025.**

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Rommie Long to approve the BOS Budget Meeting minutes dated October 13, 2025 as prepared and the Regular BOS Meeting minutes dated October 23, 2025 as prepared.

All ayes

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

A motion was made by David Moyer 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 November 20, 2025, and to file the treasurer's report for audit.

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collectors Report for the month of October was presented by Susan Brown, Township Manager/Secretary in the absence of Brenda Breidigan, Tax Collector.

Real Estate Tax	\$ 2,247.95
Interim Tax	\$ 9.44
Light Tax	\$ 24.20
Per Capita Tax	\$ 916.83
Total	\$ 3,198.42

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 November 20, 2025, is enclosed.

WWTP Sewer Facility Operations

Operator obtained a quote from L&B Water for the purchase of the valve for \$1658.57. The operator feels this is high and is searching for a cheaper but comparable valve.

Old Route 100 Manhole Repair – the permit has not been received as of 11/13/25 BCCD is said to be several months behind on issuing permits.

Force Main Relocation

SDE, Inc has requested an extension to supply historical documents to DEP. The documents are from 1994 and currently in storage due to the office renovations and not easily accessible.

Gas/Diesel Fuel Storage Tank

Two bids were received. One for \$43,987.00 from TTI Environmental and a second one for \$89,750.00 from Neumeyer Environmental Services, Inc.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Rommie Long to approve the bid to TTI Environmental Inc. 1253 N Church St. Moorstown, NJ 08057 in the amount not to exceed \$ 43,987.00.

All ayes

SDE will get the notice to award the bid out to TTI Environmental.

1606 Main St. Land Development Plan

Matthew Peleschak, SDE Inc. met with the developer of 1606 Main St. to discuss the need for emergency backup power for the grinder pumps for each building. He stated the proposed sewer system meets the DEP minimum standards. SDE will draw up a letter stating the Township is agreeable with the concept.

483 Gehman Road sewer connection

The owner of the property at 483 Gehman Rd. would like to hook into public sewer since there is a failed septic system currently on the property. The property is north of the Bally Borough treatment plant. The problem is the line is at a higher elevation and on the other side of the road. After the pump station connected to Camp Camino becomes operable, connection to that system might be an option for the property owner.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

A Copy of the Township Engineer's Report dated November 13, 2025, is enclosed.

The Planning Commission reviewed the revised plan for 1606 Main St. at the November 6, 2025 meeting with no action taken. The plan should be reviewed again at the December 4, 2025 PC meeting.

The Dale Road Subdivision Plan should be reviewed at the January 8, 2026 PC meeting.

Barto Road Straightening Project – project is completed, final payment should be on next month's agenda

Spring Valley Village stormwater complaint – ongoing

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.

Marlowe ZHB decision appeal

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

Sewer Easement -2213 Old Route 100 (rear)

A proposed settlement agreement has been forwarded to the attorney representing the owner of the property.

Fire Ordinance Amendment - has been advertised in the Reading Eagle for adoption tonight.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Rommie Long to adopt Resolution 2025-4 to establish rules and regulations for the maintenance and testing of fire hydrants and to set forth standards for fire hydrants, to provide for administrative and operational oversight, and penalties for violation.

All ayes

Family Member Suites – The proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors and revised. It now requires review by the County Planning Commission. It should be ready for adoption at the December 18, 2025 BOS meeting.

Edison Walk – Township Manager, Susan Brown, Solicitor Joan London and Township Engineer, John Weber met with Jim D'Angelo and Prestige's Attorney to discuss revisions to the phasing and the access. A revised preliminary plan will be presented.

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

Prestige Properties WWTP Expansion – revisions are being reviewed by the board

Route 100 Euro's Clean Up – Council has contacted the attorney regarding moving the cars that are parked in the Township Right of Way before snow plowing begins.

Township review of ordinance & codification project – ongoing

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A Copy of the report dated November 20, 2025, is enclosed.

Projects & Grant Status

WTP- Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project

DOT permits have been submitted for review.

WTP- Master Plan Project – nothing new to report

WTP – Playground Upgrade Project

No decision has been made on the grant award.

BCP- Master Plan Project

More discussion will take place at the December 18, 2025 meeting regarding the Chester Valley Engineers bid dated 9/12/25.

BCP Barto Trail Replacement – nothing new to report

BCP- Meadowbrook Trail Connector Project – ongoing

BCP -Kiosk Replacement Project - ongoing

BCP & WTP Security Camera project – ongoing

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

Event Updates

Discussion on 2026 events will take place at the PRB December 9, 2025 meeting.

New Items and Recommendations

None

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Woods Lane water runoff – ongoing discussion regarding maintenance

Heydt's Schoolhouse Road water issue

John Weber discussed the scope of work which included stabilizing all four corners of the structure, removal of the debris from under the structure, installing an 18-inch pipe under the driveway at the meadow and stabilizing the bank. David Moyer stated this needs to be completed. If we get another storm the bridge could be lost costing much more to replace.

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to accept the proposal from Sacks & Sons Inc. for \$81,951.69 to repair the culvert on Heydt's Schoolhouse Road.

All ayes

Discussion took place regarding the removal of logs blocking the creek flow. David Moyer suggested the Roadcrew remove the logs. Rommie Long was not in favor of having the Roadcrew do the job and suggested a professional excavator do the work. Roadmaster Brian Mohr obtained an estimate for \$1100.00 from Steve's Bobcat Service LLC to complete the job.

A motion was made by Rommie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to have Steve's Bobcat Service LLC remove the logs blocking the creek for a cost not to exceed \$1,100.00

Rommie Long – aye

Thomas Powanda – aye

David Moyer – opposed

Kulps Road project

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to authorize Recon to bore the road to get 4-6 samples between Hillcrest to the Hereford Township line.

All ayes

Elm Street overlay (Township portion) –

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Rommie Long to authorize \$ 11,355.21 to Bally Borough.

All ayes

SUPERVISORS UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Administration Building Renovations- update

MG invoice - \$ 3,760.57

A motion was made by Rommie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to authorize the payment of invoice #25-0006.0-7 to Muhlenberg Greene Architects, Ltd. In the amount of \$ \$3,760.57.

All ayes

GC payment#3- \$58,880.14

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Thomas Powanda to authorize the payment of \$58,880.14 to the general contractor.

All ayes

The Township offices continue to be located in the lower level of Municipal Building during the renovations. Renovations should be completed by mid December. The offices will move back to the first floor after completion.

Authorization to hire Public Works employee at a starting rate of \$27.00 retroactive to November 10, 2025

A motion was made by David Moyer and seconded by Romnie Long to ratify the hiring of Public Works employee retroactive to 11/10/25 at a starting rate of \$27.00
All ayes

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

NEW BUSINESS

On-lot septic pumping exemption request

The previous on-site sewage system was pumped and removed at 1683 Route 100 Barto. A new system was installed on 5/24/24. The resident is requesting to be on the next pumping cycle in 2028.

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the on-lot septic pumping inspection exemption request for 1683 Route 100 Barto for this year and be back on schedule in 2028.

All ayes

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

None

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT EXTENSIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. *(if needed)*

The next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

A hearing regarding the proposed Family Member Suites Ordinance will be held at 6:30 December 18, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session was held to discuss potential verbal threatened litigation by the developer of 1606 Main St.

Chairman Moyer wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Rommie Long to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:37 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Brown
Manager/Secretary