

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
February 26, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Romnie Long 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, Chairperson Romnie Long, Matthew McCluskey, Solicitor, Joan London, Esquire; John Weber, LTL Consultants, Matthew Peleschak, Systems Design Engineering, Susan Brown, Township Manager/Secretary, Lisa Boyer, Township Assistant Secretary, and approximately thirty-five (35) members of the public were in attendance.

Absent Thomas Powanda

Chairman Romnie Long stated that executive session was held prior to the meeting regarding potential land litigation and 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 Assistant Secretary, was taping the meeting this evening. Bill Piersol, Weinstein Road, Barbara Dunn, Spring Valley Village and Tara Christman, Old Rt 100 were also taping the meeting.

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Dunn provided feedback to members of the board with information she obtained regarding Data Center Ordinances and expressed concerns with the potential minimal lot size allowance as well as electronic waste disposal of the equipment. A copy of her feedback will be provided to the Planning Commission members at the March 5, 2026 PC meeting.

Ray Hall expressed his concern regarding rumors that a Data Center could be going near his home. Solicitor, Joan London confirmed with the Township Manager, Susan Brown and the Township Engineer that no plans have been submitted to the Township for a potential Data Center anywhere in the Township at this time.

Solicitor London, stated that a proposed draft ordinance is being provided this evening and will be provided to the Planning Commission at their March 5, 2026 meeting. The

draft ordinance would define and add specific requirements for Data Centers and Data Center Accessory Uses. The ordinance would require the use of a closed loop water recycling system to avoid the risk of drawing down neighboring wells. She welcomed residents to share their comments and concerns regarding Data Centers stating that the goal is to avoid severe negative impact on residents.

Daniel Stauffer, Sycamore Rd chose to reserve his public comments for a later time.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2025 AND JANUARY 22, 2026.

Due to the lack of a quorum the BOS Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2025 were not approved this evening.

A motion was made by Matt McCluskey and seconded by Romnie Long to approve the BOS Meeting Minutes dated January 22, 2026 as prepared.

All ayes

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey 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 February 26, 2026, and to file the treasurer's report for audit.

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

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

Interim Tax	\$ 186.39
Per Capita Tax	\$ 16.50
Total	\$ 202.89

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 February 19, 2026, is enclosed.

WWTP Sewer Facility Operations

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to authorize the payment of \$3800.00 for the repair of the Sub Cab wire for influent pump #1

All ayes

A motion was made by Matt McCluskey and seconded by Rommie Long to approve the payment of \$1857.14 for the repair of the Digester EQ Valve, Top-side gear box
All ayes

FOG Program – Initial letters have gone out to potential commercial customers to get the program started.

Old Route 100 Manhole Repair

A motion was made by Matt McCluskey and seconded by Rommie Long to authorize SDE to advertise for bids to repair the Old Route 100 Manhole Repair
All ayes

Force Main Relocation – ongoing with no new action tonight

Gas/Diesel Fuel Storage Tank- ongoing

Professional Service Agreement -Weinsteiger Road Pump Station emergency generator, not to exceed \$17,750.00

A motion was made by Rommie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to authorize SDE, Inc to design the Professional Service Agreement for the Weinsteiger Road Pump Station emergency generator, not to exceed \$17,750.00
All ayes

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

A Copy of the Township Engineer’s Report dated February 19, 2026 is enclosed.

Niantic Road crosswalk project update – at Penn Dot for review

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Valley Run Hydrant testing - a follow-up letter has been sent by certified mail to Valley Run regarding testing

Passmore Road water runoff temporary construction easement – certified letter has been sent to Grandview Speedway on February 23, 2026.

Marlowe ZHB decision appeal – no new information on the docket

AI Data Center Ordinance (discussed under public comments)

Edison Walk – nothing new to report

Reserve at Barto open space & sewer capacity

A motion was made by Rommie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to authorize Solicitor, Joan London to prepare the agreements for Reserve at Barto open space & sewer capacity.
All ayes

Prestige Properties WWTP Expansion – nothing new to report

Route 100 Euro’s Clean Up- continued contact with Attorney Rush regarding removal of vehicles parked in the township right-of-way.

Township review of ordinance & codification project – ongoing

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A Copy of the report dated February 26, 2026, is enclosed.

Projects & Grant Status

WTP- Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project - ongoing

WTP- Master Plan Project – ongoing discussion taking place

WTP – Playground Upgrade Project – \$200,000.00 grant was received in 2025. Additional grant needed to cover the balance of the project

BCP- Master Plan Project – project is fully funded, a meeting will be held in April to discuss the plan

BCP Barto Trail Replacement

A motion was made by Matt McCluskey and seconded by Romnie Long to authorize PRB to apply for the Pottstown Regional Community Foundation grant in the amount of \$16,701.00

All ayes

BCP- Meadowbrook Trail Connector Project – work is pending for this summer when the roadcrew has time.

BCP -Kiosk Replacement Project – supplies have been delivered for the project to begin

BCP & WTP Security Camera project – a grant application has been submitted

War Memorial Restoration Project – a grant application has been submitted

Event Updates

2026 Planned Events

An Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for March 28, 2026 from 11:00 to 12:00 at the Barto Community Park

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to authorize PRB to spend up to \$250 on supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 28, 2026 at the Barto Park starting at 11:00 am.

All ayes

The Perkiomen Creek Spring Clean Up Event will be held on April 11, 2026. Cleanup events will be held at the Washington Township Park and the Barto Park.

New Items and Recommendations

None

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

344p-Tier compact Wheel Loader

The purchase of the equipment was in the 2025 budget.

A quote was received from Little's John Deer for \$194,996.08

A recommendation was made to obtain a second quote on a comparable piece of equipment before authorizing the purchase.

Road Occupancy permits

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to authorize the following Road Occupancy Permits for the placement of fiber optic line via underground bore contingent upon payment of the permit fees.

36 & 40 Victoria Drive

Kulps Road

Crow Hill Road

Second & Pine Street

All ayes

2026 Road Projects -Tabled

SUPERVISORS UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Admin Building renovation update

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to authorize payment application #2 in the amount of \$49,887.00 to Spotts Brothers, Inc. for electrical work.

All ayes

A motion was made by Matt McCluskey and seconded by Romnie Long to authorize payment application #1 in the amount of \$59,819.40 to Warko Group for HVAC.

All ayes

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Tax Exonerations

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to approve the 2025 Tax Exonerations provided on the per capita tax.

All ayes

2026-2027 COSTARS salt contract

A motion was made by Matt McCluskey and seconded by Romnie Long to authorize submitting the 2026-2027 salt contract of 500 tons of salt to Costars. (same as the previous year)

All ayes

Generator Coolant system service and waste disposal for WWTP

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to authorize payment of \$1835.00 for the generator coolant system service and waste disposal for WWTP

All ayes

LED Streetlight Conversion and repair Program through 2029

First Energy is launching a comprehensive LED Streetlight conversion Program to update all company-owned, non-LED streetlights to energy efficient LED Fixtures. First Energy is paying the cost for the upgrade.

Resignation of Lemuel Moore as Zoning Hearing Board Alternate Member

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to accept the resignation of Lemuel Moore as ZHB alternate member.

All ayes

Township Police Department Investigation/Study

Supervisor, Matt McCluskey announced that he has been making calls to obtain information/facts on what would be involved in obtaining a Police Department in the Township. He will continue to obtain more information. He stated that this is a fact finding mission not a proposal at this time. He also stated that it would be very costly to have a Township Police Force. He will continue to speak with the surrounding Police Departments.

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

None

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT EXTENSIONS

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

All ayes

Rose A Gross

03/04/26 – 06/02/26

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

All ayes

Kates Place

02/25/26 - 08/24/26

COMMUNICATIONS

Copy of the ARB Delinquent Account Report is enclosed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

The next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Resident Joe Kincade brought up that no discussion or decision making should be handled between Council and Supervisors outside of public meetings such as via phone or email, stating it would be a violation of the Sunshine Law.

Resident Dan Stauffer added the Open Meeting Law states that all agency business decisions must take place in a meeting open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Matt McCluskey and seconded by Ronnie Long to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:19 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Brown
Manager/Secretary