

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES (Amended)
August 27, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Romnie Long called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:01 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, Thomas Powanda and Matt McCluskey. Solicitor, Joan London, Esquire; John Weber, LTL Consultants, Matthew Peleschak, SDE, Inc., Lisa Boyer, Assistant Secretary, Roadmaster Brian Mohr and approximately eighteen (18) members of the public were in attendance. Absent – Susan Brown

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Romnie Long announced that executive session was held prior to the meeting regarding personnel matters, litigation and pending litigation.

TAPING OF MEETING

The meeting was recorded as an aid in the preparation of the minutes. It was noted that Lisa Boyer, Assistant Secretary, was taping the meeting this evening as well as Bill Piersol, Weinstein Road, Tara Christman, Old Route 100 Wenhuan Qui, Old Route and Barbara Dunn, Spring Valley Village.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Tara Christman asked what is happening with the bales of cardboard at the recycling center. Previous discussions have taken place regarding potential liability issues if a supervisor volunteers to transport the bales to Cougles. Supervisor Powanda stated it is not cost effective to pay wages and gas for the roadcrew to transport the bales based on the small quantity but provides a service to residents. Previously Douglass Montgomery Twp. picked the cardboard up. Ms. Christman would like to see this kept within the Township. Discussion regarding the term “part-time employee” which is normally used for Supervisors if needed for emergency snowplowing was discussed. Solicitor London stated that the Township Manager is looking into liability issues with the Township insurance agent. Ms. Christman stated that Senator Pennycuik’s office reached out to her to set up a meeting with her and someone from DEP. They suggested the Township or EAC apply for a DEP Recycling Evaluation Assistance Grant. They would come out and evaluate the recycling center. Solicitor London asked if she had the grant application. Ms. Christman stated she could provide a link. She also mentioned there will be an EAC conference in Fort Washington in October which some members of EAC would like to attend.

Barbara Dunn thanked the roadcrew for the great job they did on Stauffer Road. Ms. Dunn stated that the flooding issues at 9 Towhee Court are still ongoing. She feels that the previous owner of 2nd Attic Storage should be responsible for fixing the issue and that the new owner was not made aware of the issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2026 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2026

A motion was made by Tom Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes dated July 23, 2026, as prepared.

All ayes

A motion was made by Matt McCluskey and seconded by Tom Powanda to approve the BOS Special Meeting Minutes dated August 11, 2026 as prepared.

All ayes

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

A motion was made by Tom Powanda 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 August 27, 2026, and to file the treasurer's report for audit.

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

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

Real Estate Tax	\$ 2,145.18
Fire Tax	\$ 739.72
EMS Tax	\$ 739.72
Per Capita Tax	\$ 5,644.50
Amusement Tax	<u>\$ 3,604.95</u>
Total	\$12,874.07

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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

Chief Chris Schaeffer introduced Jeremy Wozniak, Radio Administrator who spoke about the need to update 45 Motorola Radios used by the fire department. The current radios will be obsolete. The fire company is asking if there are any grants which might help defray the cost of replacing those units. Mark Bedle stated that normally the grants are not issued several months after purchases are made. Chief Schaeffer will inquire if the radios can be ordered by the March 2027 incentive deadline if payment is not made until after January 2028 when a possible grant could be obtained. New radios will allow for better reception and communication between fire fighters that the current radios allow.

Also discussed was the possibility of the fire department being involved with a bingo event at the Township. More information will be obtained. The Township is not allowed to obtain their own bingo license.

ZONING/SEO REPORT

Reports are in the binders.

SEWER ENGINEER'S REPORT

A copy of the Sewer Engineer's Monthly Report prepared August 20, 2026, was included in the binders

WWTP Sewer Facility Operations

A quote was obtained from Kappe Associates, Inc in the amount of \$49,780 to upgrade the outdated system at the WWTP. SDE recommends moving forward with the replacement of the WWTP PLC. The existing PLC has been discontinued for almost 10 years and it is highly recommended that it be replaced before it fails.

A motion was made by Rommie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to accept the quote from KAI in the amount of \$49,780 conditioned upon the funds being available in the 2026 budget.

All ayes

Force Main Relocation – Work began on 8/24/26 and should take approximately two (2) weeks to complete.

Weinsteiger Pump Station generator – SDE provided an approved submittal to PSI, Pumping Solutions, Inc. has provided submittals for the generator on 7/17/26. Delivery should be about 12/04/26 (about twenty (20) weeks from order). The project is fully funded under two (2) different grants.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

A Copy of the Township Engineer's Report dated August 19, 2026 was included in the binders

CWI Development Plan will be reviewed at the September 3rd Planning Commission meeting.

The Royer Subdivision and the Brooke Subdivision were accepted at the August Planning Commission meeting and will be reviewed at the October 1st Planning Commission meeting.

2026 Road Project. The paving on Kulps Road, Stauffer Road and Barto Road started on 7/20/26 and is almost complete. Some lines still need to be finished as well as a crosswalk on Stauffer Road.

Camp Camino Land Development Onsite Improvements Escrow – Release #10

LTL Consultants has received an escrow release request for the above-referenced project from the owner/developer in the amount of \$261,930.71. After this release, the balance in the on-site improvements portion of the escrow account will be \$415,920.11.

A motion was made by Tom Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey for the release of Camp Camino Land Development Onsite Improvement Escrow Release #10 in the amount of \$261,930.71

All ayes

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

American Tower Amendment

Contact will be made with American Tower to see if a new proposal request was sent to the Township in error. An agreement was entered into about a year ago.

AI Data Center Ordinance

Ms. London discussed the recommended changes suggested by the Planning Commission to amend the Data Center Ordinance. These changes will be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting on September 3rd. Authorization has already been given to go to the County Planning Commission.

Valley Run Hydrant testing – contact has been made with the HOA attorney

Passmore Road water runoff temporary construction easement – obtaining more information

Edison Walk – nothing new to report

Reserve at Barto

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the Township to sign the finalized improvements agreement contingent upon resolving the one (1) issue of financial security

All ayes

Prestige Properties WWTP Expansion – nothing new to report

Route 100 Euro's Clean Up – a settlement agreement has been prepared

Township review of ordinance & codification project – Ms. London and the Township manager had a meeting to review. A report on the meeting should be available soon.

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A Copy of the report dated August 27, 2026 was included in the binders

Projects & Grant Status

WTP- Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project – ongoing

WTP- Master Plan Project – Project is scheduled to start in January/February 2027.

WTP – Playground Upgrade Project – A grant in the amount of \$199,835.00 is expected to be awarded in the 4th quarter of 2026.

BCP- Master Plan Project – The first public participation meeting was held on August 18th at 7:00 p.m. The second meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. A draft concept plan is scheduled to be on display at the meeting.

BCP Barto Trail Replacement – waiting for grants to be awarded

BCP- Meadowbrook Trail Connector Project – partially completed

BCP -Kiosk Replacement Project – working on some finishing touches

BCP & WTP Security Camera project – nothing new to report

War Memorial Restoration Project – project scheduled to begin early September

New Grants - LSA Category 4 and statewide – Township Equipment

A motion was made by Matt McCluskey and seconded by Rommie Long to authorize PRB to apply for the LSA Category 4 grant to be used for the 20 ton trailer with air ramps in the amount of \$ 42,463.00.

All ayes

Event Updates

2026 Planned Events

250th Anniversary Celebration was held on July 25th and went well.

Fall Festival -Sunday October 4th 2026 from 1:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Barto Community Park with a bonfire in the evening. *This is a date change from September 26, 2026 due to a scheduling conflict in the park.*

New Items and Recommendations

PARRC 2nd Quarterly Progress Report

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Public Works Fuel Tank – the electric has been hooked up

Sign Management Program- nothing new to report

2026 Road Project - almost completed, some backfill to be completed and lines to be painted

Schwenkfelder Road bid specs

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to authorize John Weber, LTL Consultants to prepare the bid specs for 2027 for Schwenkfelder Road.

All ayes

Road Occupancy Permit (Kinetics) – 15 Stauffer Road

A motion was made by Matt McCluskey and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the Road Occupancy Permit submitted by Kinetics contingent upon receipt of payment

All ayes

Wood Chipper Repair

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to authorize the repair of the wood chipper not to exceed \$ 3016.29.

All ayes

SUPERVISORS UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Planning Commission appointment

Matt McCluskey made a motion to appoint Elaine Pennington to fill the Planning Commission vacancy. Due to lack of a second motion dies

Romnie Long made a motion to appoint Thomas DiAscro Sr. to fill the Planning Commission vacancy. Tom Powanda seconded the motion. Thomas DiAscro Sr. will be appointed to the Planning Commission with a term expiring in 2028.

Opposed -none

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Valley Village traffic light request for Stauffer Road & Route 100 intersection
The Township Manager received an email request to have a traffic light installed at the intersection of Stauffer Road and Route 100. No action was taken this evening

Gehring Road obstructed stop sign

The property owner was present to discuss a letter he received from LTL Consultants regarding tree branches obstructing the view of the stop sign in front of his property. He stated he trimmed the branches and if further work needs to be done the Township can do it. He was not in favor of the trees when the developer was required to install them and was very unhappy that he was expected to manage them.

Tara Christman suggested that the Traffic Improvement Plan be looked at since it is from 2002.

Activities not allowed on Township property

Supervisor McCluskey asked what activities are not allowed on Township property such as fireworks. He stated that he received a complaint from a resident stating debris from fireworks ended up in their pool. Further discussion brought up the suspicion that the

person setting off the fireworks may have a pool, firepit, trampoline and other recreational items encroaching on Township (open space) property for several years.
A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to authorize Roadmaster Mohr and LTL Consultants to investigate the boundary lines and to authorize enforcement if these items are on Township property.

All ayes

IRS increased mileage rate for second half of 2026 – increased to 76 cents from 72.5 cents

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to adopt the increase in the mileage rate for the use of personal vehicles for business use for the second half of 2026 from 72.5 cents to 76 cents per mile based on the IRS increased allowance.

All ayes

Berks County Conservation District 80th Anniversary Dinner sponsorship request - tabled

PLIGIT CD renewal rate

A motion was made by Matt McCluskey and seconded by Thomas Powanda to authorize the Township Treasurer to reinvest the PLIGIT CD at the best rate and terms available.

All ayes

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

1606 Main Street Land Development

Mr. Mingey was present to request Conditional Final Plan Approval for 1606 Main St. Land Development Plan

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to grant Conditional Final Plan Approval contingent upon the items in the LTL Review letter dated 6/26/26 and the SDE Review letter dated 8/26/26.

All ayes

Rose A Gross Minor Subdivision

John Aston III was present to request Preliminary Final Approval of the Rose A. Gross Minor Subdivision

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to grant the following SALDO Waiver:

SALDO SEC. 107-32.E(1) and (4) – To not require any further additional street r/w area or any street improvements at this time. PennDOT does not need any additional street r/w, and nothing is physically changing here.

All ayes

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to grant the following SALDO Waiver:

SALDO SECT. 107-35.A – To not require curbing. Neither Route 100 or Hoffmansville Road are curbed, and nothing is changing with this plan that would suggest a need for curbing.

All ayes

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to grant the following SALDO Waiver:

SALDO SECT. 107-36.A – To not require sidewalks. Similarly, neither Route 100 nor Hoffmansville Road has sidewalks.

All ayes

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to grant the following SALDO Waiver: SALDO SECT. 107-73 – To not require street trees. These could be required at a later time if Lot 2 is ever developed.

All ayes

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to grant the following SALDO Waiver:

SALDO SECT. 107-75 – To not require property line buffer screens here since nothing is physically changing however this could be required later if Lot 2 is ever developed.

All ayes

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to grant the following SALDO Waiver:

SALDO SECT. 107-21.B(4)(c)- Planning Waiver and Non-Declaration for Sewage planning for Lot #2 since no new development is proposed. This could be required later if Lot 2 is ever developed.

All ayes

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to grant Preliminary Final Plan Approval of the Rose A. Gross Minor Subdivision

All ayes

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT EXTENSIONS

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to grant the following subdivision extension:

J.D. McGovern Co. LDP

09/21/26 – 12/20/26

All ayes

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to grant the following subdivision extension:

Washington CSG 1 LLC

09/17/26 – 12/15/26

All ayes

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to grant the following subdivision extension:

D'Angelo Minor Subdivision

09/17/26 – 12/15/26

All ayes

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors Workshop Meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. *(If needed)*

The next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Barto Community Park Study Committee meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Matt McCluskey and seconded by Thomas Powanda to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:40 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A Boyer, Assistant Secretary on behalf of
Susan J. Brown, Manager/Secretary

APPROVED AS AMENDED AT A MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24TH 2026.

Romnie Long, Chairperson