

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
September 24, 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, Thomas Powanda and Matt McCluskey. Solicitor, Joan London, Esquire; John Weber, LTL Consultants, Matthew Peleschak, SDE, Inc., Susan Brown, Township Manager/Secretary, Lisa Boyer, Assistant Secretary, Roadmaster Brian Mohr and approximately twenty (20) members of the public were in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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, and Barbara Dunn, Spring Valley Village.

SPECIAL REQUEST

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Dunn spoke about the continuing flooding issues that started in 2025 at 9 Towhee Court and stated that the owner of Spring Valley Village is willing to fix the issue. She asked the Board to put their best foot forward and resolve this. John Weber, Township Engineer requested authorization from the Supervisors to meet with the Township Roadmaster and a Board member to look at how a potential fix could possibly affect Limekiln Road. It was also discussed that the new owner of Budget Storage would need to allow permission for the work to be done on their property.

Missy Feight spoke about the discussion that took place at the August 27th BOS meeting and on social media regarding the open space at Cubbler Court. Previously discussed at the August 27th meeting were the concerns that items such as a pool, fire pit, and trampoline appear to be encroaching on Township open space property by neighboring property owners. Ms. Feight wanted to resolve the issues regarding where property lines are as this has been a gray area for 22 years stating that they have been following the previous mow lines. Also stating that the neighboring children/teens use the area and do

not cause disruption. Supervisor McCluskey stated that the concern was brought to his attention and he needed to address it and that this is not a personal attack on anyone.

Supervisors, Powanda and McCluskey stated they would like to see a baseball backstop for the children to play. Mark Bedle stated the Township has rules and regulations that are set in place for Open Space to be used as passive recreation. Things like a baseball field are not allowed for Open Space.

William Piersol stated that open space belongs to all residents, not just the adjoining properties and stated that fireworks should not be set off on Township property by residents. More discussion took place under the Township Engineer items on the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2026
AS AMENDED**

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the BOS Regular Meeting Minutes dated August 27, 2026, as amended.

All ayes

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

A motion was made by Thomas 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 September 24, 2026, and to file the treasurer's report for audit.

All ayes

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collectors Report for the month of August was presented by Susan Brown in the absence of Brenda Breidigan, Tax Collector.

Real Estate Tax	\$ 1,085.78
Fire Tax	\$ 374.42
EMS Tax	\$ 374.42
Light Tax	\$ 14.30
Per Capita Tax	\$ 6,509.20
Amusement Tax	<u>\$ 7,745.92</u>
Total	\$ 16,104.04

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

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

It was noted that Senator Pennycuick will be meeting with EBFD to discuss the possibility of applying for grants to offset the cost of new radios.

ZONING/SEO REPORT

Reports are in the binders.

SEWER ENGINEER'S REPORT

A copy of the Sewer Engineer's Monthly Report prepared September 17, 2026, was included in the binders

WWTP Sewer Facility Operations – SDE will hold quarterly meetings with the WWTP operator.

Force Main Relocation – The contractor notified SDE of substantial completion on 9/9/26. SDE will schedule a substantial completion inspection with the Contractor and the Township in the near future.

Weinsteiger Pump Station generator – generator should arrive in December

Camp Camino Escrow Release

A motion was made by Matt McCluskey and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the escrow release #3 of \$116,574.00 for Camp Camino

All ayes

Aqua PA Planning Module

SDE has concerns with allowing backwash water into the sewage collection system and recommended Aqua would need an industrial user permit to control PFAS. Matt Peleschak stated it is Aqua PA's responsibility to inform people of PFAS. An industrial user permit would allow the Township to set rules and regulations setting limits similar to those used by DEP protecting the Township.

A motion was made by Rommie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to approve the Aqua PA Planning Module

All ayes

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

A Copy of the Township Engineer's Report dated September 17, 2026 was included in the binders.

3 Subdivision Plans will be reviewed at the 10/1/26 Planning Commission meeting. They are CWI Holdings, Royer Subdivision and The Brooke Lands Subdivision.

Washington Townships Open Space

Cost estimates to survey and mark the corners of four (4) Open Space areas were provided for:

Hoffman Estates	\$2950.00
Prestige-Edison Walk	\$4000.00
Cubbler Court	\$2950.00
Westfield	\$2950.00

Concrete monuments will be an additional \$100.00 for each monument.

It was suggested to survey the open space at Prestige-Edison Walk and Cubbler Court at this time.

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to accept the estimates from LTL to survey and mark the corners of the Prestige-Edison Walk Open Space by the Barto Park for \$4,000.00 and the Cubbler Court Open Space for \$2,950.00.

All ayes

Schwenkfelder Road bid specs should be available for bid in January, with bid opening to take place in February.

2026 Road Project

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to pay \$769,899.72 to Recon Construction subject to review and approval of all contract documentation by the Township Engineer.

All ayes

O & M Agreement – 5 Berks Mont Lane

A motion was made by Ronnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to execute the Storm Water Best Management Practices O & M agreement for 5 Berks Mont Lane.

All ayes

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

2213 Old Route 100

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to approve the settlement agreement for 2213 Old Route 100.

All ayes

American Tower Amendment – The board authorized Solicitor London to review the American Tower Lease Agreement and to include language to maintain the vegetation and fence and to research the potential 25-year lease extension to make sure it does not convert to ownership by PA law.

AI Data Center Ordinance – At the BCPC for review.

Valley Run Hydrant testing

The HOA Attorney, Mr. Hoffman would like justification that testing is required. Solicitor, London provided him with 3 justifications proving it is their responsibility to test the hydrants they own.

Passmore Road water runoff temporary construction easement - ongoing

Edison Walk – nothing new to report

Reserve at Barto – nothing new to report

Prestige Properties WWTP Expansion – nothing new to report

Route 100 Euro's Clean Up – The agreement was hand delivered to the Township.

Township review of ordinance & codification project - ongoing

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A Copy of the report dated September 24, 2026, was included in the binders.

Projects & Grant Status

WTP- Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project – ongoing

WTP- Master Plan Project – A grant was just submitted to complete the funding for the project which is stated to start in January/February 2027.

WTP – Playground Upgrade Project

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to apply for the LSA-Cat 4 grant in the amount of \$112,524.95.

All ayes

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to adopt Resolution No. 2026-26 authorizing grant application authorization signature and terms and conditions of the LSA Cat 4 grant for the WTP Playground Upgrade Project.

All ayes

BCP- Master Plan Project – The public meeting was held September 22, 2026. Concept plans were presented. The goal is to present the plan at the November 19th BOS meeting for adoption.

BCP Barto Trail Replacement – The Township did not receive the grant funding. The project is on hold to be included in the master plan.

BCP- Meadowbrook Trail Connector Project – project is almost complete

BCP -Kiosk Replacement Project – ongoing

BCP & WTP Security Camera project – Cameras have been installed and the Township Manager is working on finalizing.

War Memorial Restoration Project –

Pictures were provided showing 2 different ways to finish the mortar on the War Memorial.

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to not use the white band on the mortar on the War Memorial Restoration.

All ayes

LSA Cat 4 Grant

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to adopt Resolution No. 2026-27 authorizing grant application authorization signatures and terms and conditions of the LSA-Cat 4 grant for a new trailer.

All ayes

LSA Statewide Grants (Due November 30, 2026)

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to apply for the LSA Statewide grant for EBFD Radios.

All ayes

Event Updates

2026 Planned Events

Fall Festival -Sunday October 4, 2026, 1:00 – 4/5p.m transitioning into a bonfire at the Barto Community Park.

Bingo with EBFD – ongoing, the date has not been selected yet

New Items and Recommendations

None

ROAD MASTERS REPORT

Public Works Fuel Tank

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to authorize payment to Francis Smith & Sons Inc for \$2176.02.

All ayes

Line Painting -authorization to pay invoice

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to pay Lincoln Pavement Services \$20,446.97 for the line painting on Township roads.

All ayes

ROP – 18 Audrey Drive

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Romnie Long to approve the ROP for 18 Audrey Drive.

All ayes

Sign Management program - ongoing

SUPERVISORS UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Berks County Conservation District 80th Anniversary Dinner sponsorship request – there were no motions made for this request.

EAC- Transportation of Cardboard bales to Cogle's

Ongoing discussion has taken place regarding recycling of cardboard in the Township. Township Manager Susan Brown provided a recommendation from the insurance company, H.A Thomson regarding allowing Supervisor Matt McCluskey to transport bales of cardboard to Cogle's Recycling Center. H.A. Thomson stated that since Supervisors receive a W-2, they are considered a Township Employee. Workers comp coverage would generate a very small premium increase. It is their recommendation that Township vehicles/equipment be used to transport the items for recycling. Chairperson, Romnie Long, stated she would like to see the cost for gas, and vehicle use as well as conditions that there is no damage to Township vehicles. After lengthy discussion it was determined that a member of the Roadcrew would transport the cardboard. Bill Piersol noted that an appointment must be made with Cogle's (Casella Waste Systems) for the delivery of the cardboard, the cardboard cannot be dropped off without an appointment. **A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to authorize the Roadcrew to transport the recycling to Cogle's.**

Thomas Powanda -abstained

Chairperson Romnie Long requested that the Township Manager check with the Township Insurance Agent to review coverage for volunteers using the baler at the recycling center.

NEW BUSINESS

Municibid approval of bids. There were no bids received.

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to rebid for the following four (4) items, V Plow, Backhoe Bucket, Virnig 4 in 1 and Cold Planer.

All ayes

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey authorizing the employment of former Township employee Missy Swanson on an as needed basis for training and or fill-in for employee extended absences at her previous rate of pay.

All ayes

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Thomas Powanda to accept the resignation of Thomas DiAscro Sr. from the ZHB (alternate member). Thomas DiAscro Sr. has been appointed to the Planning Commission.

All ayes

The 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Washing Township is \$76,243.00 and the Municipal Authority is \$0.

A motion was made by Romnie Long and seconded by Matt McCluskey to accept the proposal of \$44,531.00 from PIRMA for Township property and liability coverage (the proposal from EMC was \$48,092.00).

All ayes

SUBDIVISION/PLANNING

A motion was made by Thomas Powanda and seconded by Matt McCluskey to adopt Resolution 2026-28 for the Royer Subdivision Planning Module Component 2 & 4.

All ayes

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT EXTENSIONS

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

CWI Holdings

09/29/2026 – 12/27/2026

All ayes

COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5th and Tuesday October 6th 2026 *(if needed)* at 6:00 p.m.

The next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 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 9:30 p.m.

All ayes

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Brown
Manager/Secretary