

MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2025

5:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER - Present were Mr. Sabot, Mr. Quinn, Ben Johnson, Solicitor Gary Sweat, Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Kotchman, Road Foreman Todd Lanch, and Director of Planning and Development, Erin Dinch. The meeting was available via teleconference with public attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER - by Pastor Steve Ramey, Mt. Hermon Church

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Sabot advised there would be an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss a litigation matter with no action.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****MOTION to approve the minutes of November 18, 2025, Supervisor's Meeting** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

*****MOTION to file the Treasurer's Report for future audit** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

BILL APPROVAL AND CHECK SIGNING

*****MOTION to approve total bills and check signing** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

GUESTS

BUILDING PERMITS

Harold Ivery reported that there were four (4) building permits in the amount of \$21,791.19.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to adopt the proposed budget for 2026** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

Mr. Quinn commented on the budget being a well-balanced budget. Mr. Johnson commented that the Board has not raised taxes and that the Township was in good standing. Mr. Sabot said that the Township is in a financially strong position for the future.

There was discussion concerning certain statements that appeared on Facebook in regard to Police coverage in the Township. Mr. Sabot stated that all three Supervisors voted to disband the Police Department in 2018. Mr. Sabot highlighted the progress the Township has made including, lowering taxes, increasing the road crew to four and purchasing all new equipment, increasing support to the Volunteer Fire Department via various donations and programs, and spending over \$1,000,000 to pave roads. In addition, he said the State Police were doing a great job protecting the Township. Mr. Sabot said the Board was willing to talk with residents in person about any concerns they have about the Township.

2. ***** MOTION to approve a Multi-Municipal Cooperation Agreement with South Franklin Township for the Public Sewage Project including the property at 710 Moore Road, Washington, PA** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

ORDINANCES

Discussion for Amending the Burn Ordinance was tabled until the January 13th meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

1. *****MOTION to approve Resolution No. 19 of 2025, a Resolution of Adoption of the current draft of the Act 537 Plan** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Sabot voted no. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to advertise and set the 2026 Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 5, 2026, at 5:30 pm** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
2. *****MOTION to advertise and set the Board of Auditors Meeting for Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 4:30 pm** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
3. *****MOTION to advertise and set the Supervisor's Meeting for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 5:30 pm** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
4. *****MOTION to approve the purchase of a new Welcome to North Franklin Township sign for the mall entrance from H&R Signs for \$6,943.75** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

ROAD CREW REPORT

Todd Lanch reported that salt bin is full for the winter. He said the snow removal from the storm last week went well. He reported that the Engineers met with him and the Cemetery about flood mitigation. He reported that there are plans to do pipelining in Walnut Ridge, Ridgewood, Driftwood and Gabby area. He said they were going to try and pave some on Palm Street.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave Bane was absent.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Harold Ivery reported that Peak, who is developing a 90-unit apartment building near Trich Drive, were inquiring about permit fees. He said there was a submittal for a variance for 34-unit senior citizens apartment building at the corner of Hancock and Blaine Street. He also reported that the Planning Commission is meeting December 23rd to discuss an Ordinance amendment regarding Data Centers. He reported the Mall demo was going well.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Sweat reported that the school district and their attorney were monitoring tax appeals. He also confirmed that the Township's special counsel has started the lawsuit against the General Contractor and the design Engineer for the Township building. He also reported that Range Resources would be coming to the Township in 2026 for a Conditional Use Permit for property off Vankirk Road for a new drill pad. He wants to look at updating the fee schedule.

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT – Mr. Sabot wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – None

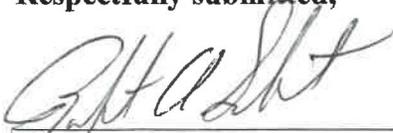
SUPERVISOR JOHNSON'S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

ADJOURNMENT

The board recessed at 6:14 pm to go into Executive Session with no action.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Sabot, Chairman



Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer