

MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2026

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 Rev. Dr. William Younger, The Church of the Covenant

ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Motion to add Resolution No. 9 of 2026 requesting the Washington County Commissioners to commit Act 13 Funds to abandon and demolish the bridge connecting the former Crown Mall/ Franklin Crossroads Development to Franklin Farms Road was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*****MOTION to approve the minutes of January 13, 2026, 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

Lt. Steve Dowlin, PA State Police gave a Police report on the Township. He thanked the Supervisor's for their continued support for the license plate reader program. He also thanked the Volunteer Fire Department and Road Crew for their ongoing assistance with police matters. He Reported in January 2026 there were three (3) alarms, two (2) harassments, twelve (12) domestic disturbances, two (2) mental health investigations, eight (8) motor vehicle crashes, twenty-seven (27) patrol checks, one (1) retail theft, two (2) thefts, and seven (7) welfare checks. Two residents mentioned speeding in the Township. Lt. Dowlin asked residents to pinpoint the time of day or timeframe and the roads or neighborhoods where it is happening to better police that area with patrols.

BUILDING PERMITS

Harold Ivery reported that there were three (3) building permits in the amount of \$32,834.00.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

1. *****MOTION to approve Resolution No. 6 of 2026 amending the schedule of fees to increase the Application Fee for Non-Residential (Commercial/Industrial) Conditional Uses to \$750.00 from \$350.00** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
2. *****MOTION to approve Resolution No. 7 of 2026 to support PREP's application for a PA Sites Grant to fund demolition of the old mall bridge** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
3. *****MOTION to approve Resolution No. 8 of 2026 authorizing Erin Dinch, Director of Planning and Development, to complete and sign grant documents for the Township's application to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a C2P2 grant to fund a restroom building for Waterside Park** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
4. *****MOTION to approve Resolution No. 9 of 2026 requesting the Washington County Commissioners to commit Act 13 Funds to abandon and demolish the bridge connecting the former Crown Mall/ Franklin Crossroads Park development and Franklin Farms Road** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *****MOTION to appoint Cathy Lynch to the Board of Auditor's for a 3 -year term (2026- 2028)** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

ROAD CREW REPORT

Todd Lanch reported that summer projects would include more pipelining in Lincoln Hill, West Maiden Street paving, and street sweeping the first week of April 6th. He said along with the Cemetery, they are looking into possible retention ponds to help alleviate flooding. He said it depends on securing funding and permitting.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that for January 2026 the Fire Department had 19 calls with an average of 4.6 people per call with a response time of 5 minutes and 50 seconds. For December 2025 he reported eleven (11) medical assists, five (5) motor vehicle accidents, two (2) public service, two (2) natural gas, two (2) structure fires, three (3) sewer alarms, two (2) check

hazards, one (1) wire down, one (1) smoking, one (1) flooding and six (6) unintentional alarms for a total of 36 calls. The average response time was 7 minutes and 30 seconds, and they averaged 4.6 people per call.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – None

SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT – Mr. Sabot reported he hoped to get all the fire sirens working by next week.

SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT – Mr. Quinn expressed praise for the Road Department's handling of all the snowstorms this winter.

SUPERVISOR JOHNSON'S REPORT – None

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Tony Feriozzi, 39 Cario Drive, voiced his concerns about flooding on Cario Drive. He asked what was happening to address the issues. Todd Lanch said WEWJA is going to reline the sewer line in the creek. Discussion continued about how to address additional issues. Everyone agreed that the amount of water that came down in the June and July storms was unprecedented and that regulation by the DEP and EPA has made it difficult over the years to address the issues. Vince Seyko, Gibson-Thomas Engineering, commented that the infrastructure and topography in the municipality was particularly challenging. He also said that prior to 1984 there was no Storm Water Ordinance to prevent developers from building houses in less than desirable areas, including low lying flood prone neighborhoods.

Perry Jamison of Spring Valley Drive said he worked for the State for 18 years, alongside the DEP and EPA. He said they are very slow and drag projects out for years sometimes. He explained how difficult it is to get through the red tape and all the permitting.

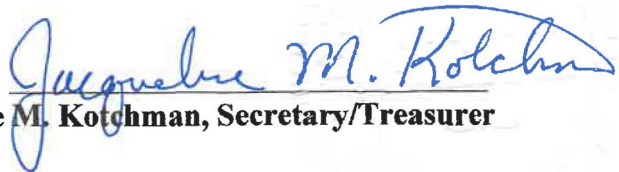
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Quinn made a motion to adjourn at 6:39 pm; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Sabot, Chairman



Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer