

## MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 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. Richard Wilson

### **ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**\*\*\*MOTION to approve the minutes of December 9, 2025, Supervisor's Meeting** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

**\*\*\*MOTION to approve the minutes of January 5, 2026, Reorganization Meeting** was made by Mr. Sabot; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Quinn abstained as we was absent. Motion 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 six (6) building permits in the amount of \$370.00.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

## ORDINANCES

1. **\*\*\*MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1 OF 2026, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 129 OPEN BURNING TO ESTABLISH A DEFINITION FOR NORMAL AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS, TO ELIMINATE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF BURNING, TO AMEND THE DAYS AND TIMES BURNING SHALL BE PERMITTED AND TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS REGARDING CERTAIN BURNING IN THE TOWNSHIP** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

## RESOLUTIONS

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **\*\*\*MOTION to approve a \$1,000.00 donation to Lincoln Heights Community Park/Playground** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
2. **\*\*\*MOTION to approve an agreement with the Washington County Historical Society regarding processing of payments for the Augusta Town Court House reconstruction** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
3. **\*\*\*MOTION to authorize Gibson-Thomas Engineering to generate bid documents and advertise for the Waterside Park Sport Courts / Parking Area Project** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.
4. **\*\*\*MOTION to authorize a support letter from the Redevelopment Authority of Washington County for Morris Township's Bulk Water Filling Station Project and its application for funding** was made by Mr. Quinn; seconded by Mr. Johnson. Unanimously carried.

## ROAD CREW REPORT

Todd Lanch reported that all the snowplow equipment was running smoothly and 200 ton of salt was just ordered. He said the summer projects would include more pipelining and a new pipe and inlet on Driftwood Drive. He also hoped to pave West Palm Street this year.

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Dave Bane reported that for November 2025 the Fire Department had 19 calls with an average of 5 people per call with a response time of 5 minutes and 50 seconds. For December 2025 he reported four (4) building fires, ten (10) medical assists, nine (9) motor vehicle accidents, three (3) public service, one (1) natural gas leak one (1) wire problem, one (1) downed power line, two (2) stand-by, and seven (7) unintentional alarms for a total of 38 calls. The average response time was 8 minutes and 26 seconds, and they averaged 5.1 people per call. In

2025 they had a total of 410 calls with an average of five 5 people per call with a response time of 7 minutes and 53 seconds.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT**

Harold Ivery reported there would be a Zoning Hearing Board meeting this month for a 34-unit apartment building (Serenity Farms). The request with the variance included the height of the building. The Fire Chief did not see a problem with it. Mr. Ivery also reported that the Mall progress was moving along.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Sweat reported that they were monitoring tax appeals with the school district, which includes Crown Center Mall. He also said they would be recommending Zoning changes that identify Industrial Districts within the Township and the Zoning around the dams. He said they would also begin drafting revisions to the Oil and Gas Well Ordinances. He said he spoke with the Prep representatives for the mall and they reported they would have 100,000 square feet of retail space with 85% is already rented. He said a restaurant called Bacon Jam would be moving to a space.

**SUPERVISOR SABOT'S REPORT** – None

**SUPERVISOR QUINN'S REPORT** – None

**SUPERVISOR JOHNSON'S REPORT** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Sabot made a motion to recess and go into Executive Session with no action at 5:58 pm; seconded by Mr. Quinn. Unanimously carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
Robert Sabot, Chairman

  
Jacqueline M. Kotchman, Secretary/Treasurer