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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Eric J. Weidman, commencing with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Eric J. Weidman, Chairman
Scott Moyer, V. Chairman
John DeSantis, Supervisor
Andrew Morrow, Solicitor
Lauren Ritchie, Sec./Treas.

Public Comment: None

Reports of Organizations:

Commonwealth Code Report-received
Newmanstown Water Authority-received
Millcreek Richland Joint Authority-received
Western Berks Ambulance Report-received
Police activity report-received
NVFC August Minutes-received

Minutes: Moyer made a motion to accept the minutes for July as written. Second by DeSantis. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Weidman made a motion to accept the August minutes as printed. Second by DeSantis. All in favor, aye. Motion carries

Solicitor:

The Solicitor spoke about the Quality-of-Life Ordinance. At the last Supervisor meeting he was authorized to research various Quality of Life Ordinances. The request was in response to Ms. Brown's recommendation that the Township adopt a Quality-of-Life Ordinance in addition to having the International Property Maintenance Code. This addition will allow her to issue tickets for property maintenance violations. The Solicitor provided samples of Quality-of-Life Ordinances used in other municipalities for the Board of Supervisors to review. He also gave some examples of what the Quality-of-Life Ordinance would cover, to include weeds and high grass, storing appliances and other trash items outside. The Solicitor requested a motion from the board to authorize him to begin drafting an actual Quality-of-Life Ordinance. **Weidman made a motion to authorize the solicitor to draft a Quality-of - Life ordinance for our review. Second by Moyer. All in favor, aye. Motion carried**

The Solicitor spoke regarding the Newmanstown Volunteer Fire Company. He reported having begun researching the maximum payment to firefighters before a company loses its volunteer status. He provided the Supervisors with a court case that discussed when an employment relationship between a fire company and a municipality was found. The Solicitor requested information on the Fire Company's incentive program so he could continue further research. The incentive information will be provided to him.

Executive Session

The Solicitor requested an executive session to discuss the Henry Family White Swan Park Matter. Given the nature of the case, he recommended the executive session to discuss further and return with a brief summary.

At 7:10pm the motion to adjourn was made.

Weidman made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and immediately go into executive session to discuss the Henry Family, White Swan Park matter. Second by Desantis. All in favor, aye. Motion carries

The Solicitor and Board left for a different room.

At 7:20pm a motion to resume the meeting was made.

Weidman made a motion that we resume the regular meeting. Second by DeSantis. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

The Solicitor indicated that during the executive session, it was determined that since two children were involved in this case and the low financial responsibility, the Township is no longer pursuing the matter.

Action: B&D Electrical Service, New 200 AMP service for Salt Shed, \$3,700. A quote was received to complete the work requested. **Weidman made a motion that we accept the bid for \$3,700 from B&D Electrical Services to build the new 200 amp service for the salt shed. Second by Moyer. All in favor, aye. Motion carries**

Unfinished Business:

The 2025/2026 Salt Contract - American Rock Salt \$92.00 (\$3.96 per ton increase) was reviewed.

Fire Tax and Incentive Program: Discussion on creating ordinances for the fire tax, and fair amounts for all residents. Samples of ordinances have been given to the Solicitor. Discussion will continue at next month's meeting.

Newsletter, Little Mountain Printing. Discussion on how often the Township will send a newsletter. Samples of other municipalities newsletters were presented.

Daniel Moyer, 213 Edgemont Lane, Newmanstown United Christian Church. An update was provided on using Memorial Park for the event on September 28. Original rental consideration was White Swan Park, but it is now unavailable due to time changes for the event. Memorial Park is available for use with the stipulation that proof of insurance be presented before the event. Ryan Risser spoke on the availability of electricity at Memorial Park.

New Business:

2026 MMO's were reviewed and acknowledged. Uniformed \$49,742 and Non-Uniformed \$8,431. **Weidman made a motion to accept the 2026 MMOs. Seconded by Moyer. All in favor aye. Motion carries.**

2025-2026 Capitol Blue Cross Renewal- Renewal was reviewed, no change from previous year.

Trick-or-Treat Night: Chief Hostetter reported that at the County Chief's meeting Trick-or-Treat night was set for October 31, 2025, from 6-8pm with no rain date. **Weidman made a motion to set our trick-or-treat night for Millcreek Township for Friday October 31st from 6 p.m. and no rain date. Second by Moyer. All in favor, aye. Motion carried.**

Myerstown request for Fire Police assistance at the Holiday Parade: Myerstown Borough requested Fire Police assistance for the annual Holiday Parade on Saturday November 29, with a rain date of Sunday November 30. **Desantis made a motion to allow the Fire Police to assist with the Myerstown Holiday Parade. Second by Weidman. All in favor, aye. Motion carried.**

PSATS Pension Trust Ballot: Ballot reviewed, and Secretary will sign and return.

Axon Enterprise-New Taser System Quote, New Police vehicle and upfitting quote. Current Taser system was discussed. System is out of date, and it is time to upgrade. New system will come with a 60-month support contract. Chief Hostetter reported he was sent a quote for a new vehicle. The current vehicle is a 2014 and will soon have 100 thousand miles on it. Quotes reviewed and will be put in the budget for further review.

MAP-Municipal Assistance Program: Program was discussed. The program provides funding to townships for improvements in zoning and updating ordinances. A list of examples of what funding was awarded for to other townships was provided.

Amazon card for office purchases: We currently use Quill for our office supplies. Quill is significantly higher than amazon for every day office supplies. Examples were reviewed. Local office supply store JDM was also compared and found to be less expensive than Quill. Board requested the Secretary investigate a credit card or of line of credit with the bank for purchases.

Road Forman Report: Ryan Risser reported on monthly road crew activity. Line painting was completed. Blacktop work has started; shoulder work will continue on Cocalico Road. Backhoe repair is complete and returned. Roadside mowing to continue. The salt shed is almost complete, and material stored at the Wolgemuth property and Jackson Township will be returned when shed is finished. Hogeland Bridge was discussed. Risser will meet with the Wilson Consulting Group to go over the report they prepared. Bethany Road Subdivision will start work on the storm sewer Monday. This will partially close Bethany Road during the day.

Treasurers Report:

Weidman made a motion to pay the bills as necessary and accept the treasurer report. Second by Moyer. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Adjournment:

Weidman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Second by DeSantis. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

WITNESS:

Lauren Ritchie, Secretary/Treasurer

Eric J. Weidman, Chairman