

# MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

81 East Alumni Ave

<u>www.millcreektwp.org</u> millcreektwp@comcast.net Newmanstown, PA 17073-9159 - Ph: 610-589-4750 - Fax: 610-589-9923

#### **MINUTES OF November 12, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Eric J. Weidman, commencing with the Pledge to the Flag, and a moment of silence for Donald Leibig a Township Supervisor and long-time employee.

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

<u>Public Comment:</u> Glenda Davis 130 W Main St was present to inquire if Ms. Brown of Commonwealth Code will be making sure snow is cleared from sidewalks.

Dan Hogeland 7 Hogeland Rd was present to inquire about getting Kalbach road corrected on GPS, it is currently spelled with a "u"

Robin Bomgardner 305 E Main St inquired about a dumping location for yard waste.

# **Reports of Organizations:**

Planning Commission Minutes-Received Commonwealth Code Report-Received Recreation Board minutes -Received Newmanstown Water Authority-Received GLRA reports -Received Road Foreman Report-Received Police Activity Report-Received Western Berks Ambulance Report-Received

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

#### **Solicitor:**

The Solicitor discussed the Agreement with Dale and Anna Mary Good. He reported that at the October Board of Supervisors Meeting the Board authorized him to create a draft of an agreement between Dale and Anna Mary and the Township for the removal of the in-law dwelling. A recap of the terms of the agreement are as follows: The agreement will afford the Goods 60 days from the date of the agreement (today) to remove the in-laws dwelling and restore the property to its previous condition prior to that dwelling being present. Financial security would not be released until the Goods complete the sewer update and remove the in-laws' dwelling and restoring the property to what it was like before. The current land development plan would remain in full effect until the goods complete the sewer updates and remove the in-laws' dwelling and return the property to it's previous condition prior to the dwelling being present, and they'd have to comply with any future land development and zoning regulations. The Solicitor said after hearing from County Planning that the sewer matter has been completed, he also stated that the Goods have removed the in-laws dwelling. He spoke to Mr. Good, present at the meeting, letting him know that a copy of the agreement will be sent to him and asked him to notify County Planning of the completion as they are in control of the financial security.

# Page 2 - Minutes of November 12, 2025

The Solicitor requested the board make a motion to approve the Agreement to Remove the Dwelling between the Township and the Goods and authorize Chairman Wideman to sign on behalf of the board. Weidman made a motion to approve the Agreement to Remove the Dwelling between the Township and the Goods and authorize Chairman Wideman to sign on behalf of the board. Second by DeSantis, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Solicitor Morrow spoke regarding the Quality-of-Life draft ordinance. He stated that in March the Township adopted The International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance. Karen Brown from Commonwealth Code has been working since April and she has found that the citation process is slow. She had recommended a few months ago a Quality-of-Life Ordinance. The Solicitor did research to find samples and worked closely with Ms. Brown and Chief Hostetter to create and provide the Township with the final draft of the Quality-of-Life Ordinance. The purpose of the Quality-of-Life Ordinance is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of Millcreek Township and its residents, visitors, and property owners by promoting a clean and safe environment, hence the quality of life. There are 15 listed Quality-of-Life violations in the ordinance. Some examples are matters such as accumulation of rubbish or garbage, animal maintenance and waste cleanup, high weeds, grass or plant growth, motor vehicles, outside placement of indoor appliances and furniture, and snow and ice removal from sidewalks. The Solicitor created the ordinance based on some previous complaints and what he thought would be fitting for the Township's vision for what a Quality-of-Life ordinance would entail. He explained what happens if a public officer finds a Quality-of-Life violation. The individual may issue a Quality-of-Life violation ticket. This is a faster process rather than just going through the citation court process. His opinion is that when coupled with the IPMC Ordinance, property maintenance will be modernized. The Solicitor requested that the board make a motion to have him publish a notice of the intent to enact the Quality-of-Life Ordinance, which is numbered 121025, at the December 10, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting. A motion by Weidman was made to have the Solicitor publish a notice of the intent to enact the Quality-of-Life Ordinance, which is numbered 121025, at the December 10, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting. Second by Moyer, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

#### Action:

The Fair Housing Resolution Community Development Block Grant. Resolution #111225 was discussed. <u>A motion was made by Weidman to adopt Resolution No. 111225</u>, the Fair Housing Resolution Community Development Block Grant Resolution General Application Certification. Second by DeSantis, all those in favor, aye. Motion carries.

The tax certification form was discussed. The current tax rates are 1.33 for municipal real estate mills, \$5 for municipal per capita, the LST is \$52.00, our streetlight tax is .77 cents for developed properties, .19 cents for undeveloped, and .05 mills for the hydrant tax. There are no tax increases for this coming year.

# **Unfinished Business:**

**2025 Budget Second Draft-**was discussed. **DeSantis made a motion to advertise and send our 2026 budget to our** accountants, Garcia and Garmen. Second by Moyer, all in favor aye. Motion carries.

The Fulton Bank Community Card was discussed. A representative from each department will have a card.

# **New Business:**

**Member terms expiring**. The terms of a few members of various Boards are expiring in 2025. Secretary will reach out to those members to see if they will be continuing their service with the Authority.

**Meeting Dates** 2026 were discussed- Organizational meeting is going to be January 5th, February 11th, March11th, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th. November 11th, and December 9th. Budget meeting will be at 9am on October 6<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Weidman that we establish the 2026 meeting dates as reflected on the sheet provided. Second by DeSantis all in favor aye. Motion carries.

#### Page 3 - Minutes of November 12, 2025

Treasurer Bond Renewal was discussed. The renewal price is \$2597 Weidman made a motion that we renew the certificate with H.A. Thompson for the Treasury bond. Second by Moyer all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

**Update Trap and Release contract with No Nonsense-** Secretary reached out to No Nonsense Neutering but has not had a response yet. She will contact them again.

**Asbestos.com**-Request to add general information to our website. Information was discussed, Secretary to investigate the information further.

**Central Square Annual Maintenance Fee- was discussed.** This is our police reporting system, every year we have an annual fee for ongoing maintenance. <u>Weidman made a motion that we enter an agreement with Central Square for our reporting system for the police in the amount of \$2,473.82. Second by Moyer all in favor, aye. Motion carried.</u>

Millcreek Rod and Gun donation request. -Donation was discussed, these are sent in the Spring and it is part of the 2026 budget. Weidman made a motion that we make a donation to the Mill Creek Rod & Gun for our 2026 donation, in the amount of \$1,250. Second by DeSantis all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

MRJA- upcoming vacancy: A Member has decided not to seek another term; anyone interested needs to contact the office.

<u>Treasurers Report: Weidman made a motion to accept the treasurer report and pay the bills as necessary. Second by Moyer.</u> All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

# **Adjournment:**

Weidman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Second by DeSantis. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

WITNESS:	
Lauren Ritchie, Secretary/Treasurer	Eric J. Weidman, Chairman