

BOS Meeting Minutes
Washington Township,
Lehigh County
Emerald, PA
February 4th, 2025

Chairman Josh Friebolin called the monthly meeting for Washington Township, Lehigh County Board of Supervisors to order at 7:30 PM at the Washington Township Building, 7951 Center St. Emerald, PA.

This meeting has been recorded for the accuracy of taking minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members Present –Josh Friebolin, Shawn Wanamaker, Tom Dengler

Roll Call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler-Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

Also present were Manager Wade Marlatt, Secretary/Treasurer Brooke Lichtenwalter, and Attorney John Ashley

Motion to approve the 2/4/2025 workshop minutes was made by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

Motion to approve the 1/7/2025 minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting was made by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin

Motion to approve the 1/16/2025 minutes of the Board of Supervisors additional meeting was made by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin

Motion to approve the December 2024 Treasurer’s Report was made by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

SUBDIVISIONS: None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to approve the release of the budgeted donation of \$1,000.00 to the Slatedale Athletic Association was made by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin

2. Motion to approve the release of the budgeted donation of \$1,000.00 to the Eagle's Nest Playground was made by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin

3. Motion to approve the release of the budgeted donation of \$5,000.00 to the Slatington Library was made by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin

4. Motion to approve the release of the budgeted donation of \$30,000.00 to the Emerald Fire Company was made by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin

5. Motion to approve Washington Township clean-up day for Saturday, June 7th, 2025 from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin

6. Motion to approve the advertisement for bids for the 2025 Road project (Roads are Creek, Spring Valley, and Hickory) by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin

7. Motion to approve the duplicate tax bill fee to go from \$5.00 to \$10.00 by Shawn Wanamaker and seconded by Tom Dengler.

Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aaron Oswald who resides on Harbor Court came before the Board of Supervisors to air his grievances about a neighbor moving next to his property. This neighbor does have an area of 14 acres and has decided to start building a house very close to the property line. Aaron is able to see this house within very close proximity of his house and view. He wants to make sure that everything this neighbor is doing is in compliance with zoning processes and laws. He wants the Zoning Officer and the engineers to look everything over to make sure that this house is being built with the integrity and standards of Washington Township. Pictures and examples were shown to the supervisors.

Jason Grozier who resides on Lovers Lane is also concerned about this person building on the property. He wants to make sure his well does not get contaminated as it is very close to his property line. He already has specialty equipment on his well valued at approximately \$2000.00. He heard of upcoming plans that this neighbor will be utilizing the land to make a horse track and farm. He says the neighbor is already bringing in special dirt for the horses. His concern is for his family not getting sick from manure that could possibly be going into the dirt and water.

Joel Merkel explained his process of when he put a pool in at his residence a few months back.

Mildred Kistler brought up that she was not helped in the past and wished everyone good luck with the public comments that were discussed.

SUPERVISOR COMMENT: Josh did say he is going to have the Zoning Officer and the engineers look over Aaron's property and the neighbor's property to make sure everything is in compliance. Attorney John Ashley and Shawn were in agreement with looking everything over. The neighbor can possibly be meeting all of the setbacks and be in compliance.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2/4/2025 at 7:56 PM.

A motion was made by Tom Dengler for adjournment and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.
Roll Call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Lichtenwalter

Secretary/Treasurer
Washington Township, Lehigh County

