

BOS Meeting Minutes
Washington Township,
Lehigh County
Emerald, PA
January 7th, 2025

Vice Chairman Shawn Wanamaker 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members Present –Shawn Wanamaker, Tom Dengler
Roll Call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler-Yes

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

Motion to approve the 1/7/2025 workshop minutes was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.

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

Motion to approve the 12/3/2024 minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.

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

Motion to approve the 1/6/2025 Reorganization minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.

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

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

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

LEHIGH COUNTY EXECUTIVE-Phil Armstrong

Phil announced his retirement and that he will stay on until the end of the year.

The State is requiring all of the firefighters, first responders, and ambulances having to go to digital radios. Lehigh County is the first County in the state of Pennsylvania that is taking out a bond to purchase the radios. The County will then set up a payment plan for the Municipalities. Phil is working on some grants for the Federal Government to help cover the cost for this radios. The radios run approximately \$7,000.00 to \$9,000.00 for each unit.

Lehigh County is the number one county in the state of Pennsylvania for acreage of farmland preserved versus how much acres of land we actually have. Percentage wise we are doing very well. It is very important to protect the farmlands as they are a valuable resource.

The community resource officer, Adrianna Calderon is still available for those who may need her assistance.

It is a tough time financially for many municipalities. Lehigh County did not have tax increases.

Phil will continue to stay on the National Organization of the County Executives of America. He will continue to represent nationally after his retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

SUBDIVISIONS: None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shawn Wanamaker read the thank you letter from NOVA for the township's donation for the new power stair lifts.

Shawn read John Tarafas' resignation letter.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve junk yard license renewal 2025-01 for 6855 Old Grange Road, 3 acres, Mark Yeanish and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes
2. A motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve junk yard license renewal 2025-02 for 2861 Cemetery Street, 3 acres, Siberini and Son Container Service and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes
3. A motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve junk yard license renewal 2025-03 for 6932 Jay Street, ½ acre, Jack and Kyle Follweiler and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes
4. A motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve junk yard license renewal 2025-04 for 3148 Spring Valley Road, 18 acres, Clay Sauerwine and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes
5. A motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve junk yard license renewal 2025-05 for 4162 Best Station Road, 35 acres, Alan Celmer and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes

6. A motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve junk yard license renewal 2025-06 for 4163 Best Station Road, 26.6 acres, Alan Celmer and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes
7. A motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve the additional Per Capita tax exonerations for 2024 and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes
8. A motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve Resolution 2025-01 tax credits to various volunteers and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes
9. A motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve the waiver request for well isolation distance and sewer indemnification agreement at 3720 Old Mill Road, Slatington 18080 and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes
10. A motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve the resignation letter and resignation from John Tarafas, Coding Enforcement Officer and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes
11. A motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve the use of the pavilion/covered bridge for the Springside Sportsclub Inc. for their 5th annual Fishing contest on Saturday, April 26th, 2025 with a back-up day of Sunday, April 27th, 2025 and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes
12. A motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve Todd Lichtenwalter for Planning Commission member commencing on 1/1/25 to 1/1/29 and seconded by Shawn Wanamaker.
Roll call: Shawn Wanamaker- Yes; Tom Dengler- Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SUPERVISOR COMMENT:

Shawn wished Supervisor Tom Dengler a very happy birthday.

Executive Session held on 10:00 AM on 1/3/25 to discuss personnel.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1/7/2025 at 7:50 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

