

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
February 11, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Tolino called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Also present were Supervisor Huratiak, Solicitor Ricky Santee, Interim Zoning Officer Howard Beers, Matthew Evans of Keystone Consulting Engineers, Police Chief Krome, and Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Cifuentes. Chairman Smith was not present and voted via phone as needed. There were 3 people in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

General Fund	CK#'s 21440-21495	\$87,346.11
Garbage Fund	CK#'s 1268	\$82,055.56
Recreation Fund	CH#'s 1887	\$150.00

Supervisor Huratiak motioned to approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$87,346.11. Chairman Smith seconded via phone.

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Vice Chairman Tolino motioned to approve the Garbage Fund bills in the amount of \$82,055.56 and the Recreation Fund bills in the amount of \$150.00. Supervisor Huratiak seconded.

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APPROVAL OF TAX CHANGES: Interim Real Estate and Additions, Garbage Additions

Vice chairman Tolino motioned to approve the 2025 Real Estate Changes of 13 in the amount of \$577.74. Supervisor Huratiak seconded.

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TREASURER REPORT: Secretary/ Treasurer Sharon Cifuentes stated that the Treasurer's report is available to view at the municipal office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1) Approval of the Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025

Vice Chairman Tolino moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 10, 2025, January 5, 2026, and January 14, 2026. Supervisor Huratiak seconded the motion.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: James Kostura of 50 Woodmill Dr, Bangor, PA 18013 spoke about damage to his mailbox post that was incurred during snow removal and requested reimbursement in the amount of \$65.00.

Vice Chairman Tolino motioned to reimburse Mr. Kostura \$65 for the repair of the damage done to his mailbox post. Supervisor Huratiak seconded.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Martins Jacoby Watershed Association – Stream Crossing Signs** – Rich Budihas spoke about the Association wanting to apply for a grant to purchase/replace missing signs where roads cross the creek. There are 11 signs in Washington Township. Mr. Budihas also asked if the township would supply the labor and a letter of support.

Vice Chairman Tolino motioned to support the Martins Jacoby Watershed Association in replacing signs marking the stream and using the township labor for installation. Supervisor Huratiak seconded.

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RECREATION: Justin Huratiak

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief James Krome

- 1) Incident Report** - There were 245 incidents, 13 citations and 8 arrests for the month of January 2026.
- 2) Vehicle Mileage** – Police vehicle mileage for January 2026 was 6154 miles.

ZONING REPORT: - Howard Beers – Interim Zoning Officer Beers presented the zoning permit log and spoke of some additional columns he added to it to track fees.

- 1) 611 Property – Dirt** - Interim Zoning Officer Beers stated he spoke with the owner who promised it stopped but it has not. The County Conservation District was already out to the property and Interim Zoning Officer Beers contacted the DEP last Friday. A cease-and-desist letter was sent and the owner responded and stated he would be in next Monday. The Board members, Engineer and Interim Zoning Officer, discussed the issue and its proximity to a stream and flood plain. Interim Officer Beers stated he would have Zoning Secretary Vicki Mack send pictures to Township Engineer Evans. Supervisor Huratiak suggested to keep calling soils and sending letters.
- 2) Driveway Ordinance** – Interim Zoning Officer Beers sought clarity about roles and responsibilities. The Board agreed the Interim Zoning Officer or Road Foreman had the discretion to approve driveway work without the input of the engineer.
- 3) 430 Washington Blvd** – Property is now in compliance. Solicitor Santee will draft a letter to be sent out by Interim Zoning Office Beers explaining that the fence is now

in compliance; but, if that changed the owner would have to come back to ask for relief.

- 4) Zoning Ordinance – Section 8** – Solicitor Santee spoke about some revisions to Section 8 of the zoning ordinance. Two main revisions were the residency requirement for the zoning officer and the appeal deadline being 60 days, which is typically 30 days. The upcoming comprehensive planning shouldn't really look at the items and would be more concerned with uses and other things. On page 163, there is a new section c that addresses uses not specifically regulated. This is in case someone proposes a use that's not in the zoning ordinance, it is treated as a special exception and goes to planning. Solicitor Santee and the Board discussed how this would apply to solar farms, data centers and other uses. The next step is to send the proposed changes to Article 8, the data center ordinance, and solar ordinance to Planning Commission and LVPC.

Vice Chairman Tolino motioned adopt Article 8 amendments to include data centers and solar and send to the Planning Commissions for review and to advertise. Supervisor Huratiak seconded.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT: Matthew Evans

1. Engineer Evans provided some updates to the engineer report. There is a new land development plan review for 800 Lower S Main Street, the school bus depot.
2. Sewage Enforcements/Permits and Testing – There is a new tank replacement at 32 Richmond Road and soil testing at Molasses Rd, which is new build.
3. 2026 MS4 Update – There was permit renewal and favorable inspection from DEP. KCE will work on scope and 2026 worklist and will provide updated project recommendations.
4. Ryan Dr. does not meet PennDOT standards for liquid fuels due to no cul-de-sac.
5. DEP tentatively approved the NPDES renewal.
6. Country Mews – The stop sign has been installed at Evening Star and Emerald Valley. The project has been placed in maintenance which ends July 14, 2027.
7. Township Road Building – architectural and site concept plans are complete. Funding opportunities are being explored. An additional survey will be needed and will be completed after the snow melts.
8. Speed studies will be completed on Flicksville Rd and Five Points-Richmond Rd when weather conditions are mor favorable.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Vice Chairman Tolino

- 1) **Super Heat Quote for Thermostats** – Discussed the quote to replace the thermostats in the administrative office and police department.

Supervisor Huratiak motioned to approve having Superheat replace two thermostats at their quote of \$2980.48. Vice Chairman Tolino seconded.

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- 2) **SEO Change** – Stephen Gitch to be appointed SEO and Erik Erb to be appointed as an alternate.

Vice Chairman Tolino motioned to appoint Stephen Gitch as SEO and to appoint Erik Erb as alternate SEO. Supervisor Huratiak Seconded.

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- 3) **Routine Bridge Inspection Report Review** – The Township needs someone to attend a meeting to review the bridge inspection report. As the culvert is fairly new, the meeting should only be about 10 minutes. It was decided the meeting should be attended by the Road Foreman and/or Road Master.

- 4) **Mailbox reimbursement Requests**

- a) **James Kostura** – This was addressed under public comment.

- b) **Judy White** – Requested Reimbursement for damage to her mailbox during snow removal

Vice Chairman Tolino motioned to approve a payment to repair her mailbox located at 50 Timberlane Dr. in the amount of \$58.28. Supervisor Huratiak seconded.

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- 5) **Agricultural Security Area New Proposal** – Mingo Cabrera Living Trust

Vice Chairman Tolino motioned to accept and approve advertising the proposed Agricultural Security Area located at 480 Franklin Hill Rd., Bangor PA 18013. Supervisor Huratiak seconded.

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- 6) **Agricultural Security Resolution 9 – 2026 – Hester**

Vice Chairman Tolino motioned to adopt Resolution 9-2026 and to approve the addition of 18.67 acres located at 84 Joyce Ct. Bangor, PA 18013 to the Washington Township Agricultural Security Area. Supervisor Huratiak seconded.

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- 7) **Agricultural Security Resolution 10 – 2026 – McMillen**

Vice Chairman Tolino motioned to adopt Resolution 10-2026 and to approve the addition of 27.48 acres located at 1072 Five points-Richmond Rd. Bangor, PA 18013 to the Washington Township Agricultural Security Area. Supervisor Huratiak seconded.

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8) 2025 Real Estate Liens

Vice Chairman Tolino motioned to approve the real estate liens from Berkheimer Tax Administrators in the amount of \$32,599.75. Supervisor Huratiak seconded.

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Vice Chairman announced that there was an executive session just prior to the board meeting concerning HRA Claims. In attendance were Vice Chairman Tolino, Supervisor Huratiak, Solicitor Santee and Secretary/Treasurer Cifuentes.

9) HRA Claims Reimbursement –

Vice Chairman Tolino motioned to extend the claim submission period from 60 days to 90 days after the plan year end for the Harrison Group HRA plan year 2024-2025. Supervisor Huratiak seconded.

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ROADMASTERS REPORT:

- 1) Road Salt Contract – The deadline is March 15, 2026. Secretary/Treasurer Cifuentes will confirm the amounts with the Road Master and Road Foreman.**

SOLICITORS REPORT:

- 1) Bangor Regional Authority –** Solicitor Santee provided updates. In speaking with the Board and Engineer Martocci it makes sense to explore participation. Solicitor Santee spoke with the attorney for the authority. Currently Washinton township has approximately 100 units connected to the Bangor Authority. They are looking to expand the board from five seats to seven with one seat to represent Washington Township. The expense would be minimal and would include drafting some resolutions and document review by professionals. The one aspect not discussed is that Washington Township is the most likely area of expansion. If Washington Township gains a larger percentage of connections, one seat on the board may not be enough. The Board and Solicitor Santee discussed it further and agreed that overall, this could be good for the township. Solicitor Santee will go back to the Bangor Borough Authority to express Washington Township's interest and ask them to send over all documents for review.

- 2) **Slatebelt Rehabilitation** – there was a tax assessment appeal. Solicitor Santee is considering entering his appearance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairman Tolino motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Supervisor Huratiak seconded.

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