

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING
October 1, 2025 – 9:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. In addition to Chairman Smith , Vice Chair Tolino and Supervisor Huratiak were present. Also present: Bookkeeper Lisa Shetler, Police Chief James Krome, Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Cifuentes and Road Foreman Craig Hester. There was one person in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dick Lane of the Washington Township Volunteer Fire Company asked the Board of Supervisors to consider increasing their annual donation to the fire company. Dick Lane discussed the reasoning behind the increase request. The Board of Supervisors asked Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Cifuentes to add the request to the next meeting agenda.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Robert Smith

- 1) **Medical Plan Renewal – December 1** – Secretary/Treasurer Cifuentes presented the township health care renewal options provided by Pennsylvania Chamber Insurance. Secretary/Treasurer Cifuentes will invite our PCI representative to one of our budget meetings to take a deeper dive into the information.
- 2) **2026 Budget Planning** - Secretary/Treasurer, Sharon Cifuentes, reviewed the layout of the draft budget document dated September 29, 2025. The draft budget included three (3) years of historical data and actual YTD data for 2025 through September 29, 2025. The initial framework for the 2026 Budget was also included. The draft budget to be discussed today is a starting point and will change as we receive additional information. Secretary /Treasurer Sharon Cifuentes reviewed the content of each of the income and expense categories in the 2026 draft budget for the General Funds.

Discussion:

- 1) The most recent assed value, for tax purposes, from the County of Northampton in the amount of \$157,918,900.00 was discussed.
- 2) Police department salaries and other expenses were discussed. Account 410.120 will be increased to \$109,626.00. Account 410.130 will be increased to \$480,055.00. Account 410.125 will be increased to \$100,427.00. Account

- 410.231 will be decreased to \$15,000.00. Account 410.160 will be increased to \$136,206.00 to reflect the 2026 minimum municipal obligation.
- 3) Road Foreman Hester discussed having a separate line item for salt and anti-skid. This will be separated from 438.245 Road Maintenance Supplies.
 - 4) Road Foreman Hester also discussed the purchase of a new dump truck. The Board suggested looking at grants for the cost.
 - 5) Discussion was had about various road projects for 2026.
 - 6) Account 492.205 will be reduced to zero as the 2015 EmerRd loan was paid off.

**ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am.
Supervisor Huratiak seconded.**

Vote 3-3-0

Respectfully submitted,

**Sharon Cifuentes
Secretary/Treasurer**