

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

November 12, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Robert Slaw called the meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Mahoning Township Building 2175 Blakeslee Blvd Dr. West, Lehighton, PA 18235.

**PRESENT:**

Robert Slaw, Chairman; Myron Blahy, Vice-Chairman; Deborah McGowan, Supervisor; Ronald Reeser, Supervisor; Ronald Wenrich, Supervisor, Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor; Natalie D. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer and Audie Mertz, Chief of Police

**ABSENT:**

Stephen Wanner, Zoning Officer

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mark Schwalm: nothing at the moment.

Sandra Palinchak: Provided copy of an article that was in the Times News regarding MVDI and states camping within the article. Sandy expressed they are in violation and should be fined. Forward to zoning officer.

Todd Wingert: present with regards to Slaughterhouse, questioned the ordinance for waste pickup in Mahoning. He has been putting out rat traps, never had a rat issue prior. The Board needs to stop this.

Jake Arner: on the agenda. Present with an update of Sierra Vista and request for an extension. (listed later on the agenda item)

Holly Heintzelman: Has the Zoning Officer revoked Alif Farms permit for fence? Will look into.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION**

Deborah McGowan made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 8, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes and Ronald Reeser 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Ronald Wenrich made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 28, 2025 Board of Supervisors Conditional Use Hearing-Fredericks Grove Road Solar Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes and Ronald Reeser 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

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**APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:**

**MOTION**

Robert Slaw made a motion to approve the following transfers:

\$18,309.85 Payroll Checking to General Checking 10/9/25

\$18,266.68 Payroll Checking to General Checking 10/16/25

\$16,393.33 Payroll Checking to General Checking 10/23/25

\$16,246.97 Payroll Checking to General Checking 10/30/25

\$16,768.71 Payroll Checking to General Checking 11/6/25

537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking

\$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes and Ronald Reeser; 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:**

**MOTION**

Deborah McGowan made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2025.

Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes and Ronald Reeser, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve the following bills and payrolls:

Bill List #538 in the amount of \$252,298.16

General Check's #25447-#25504

Building and Land Check's #1121-#1122

Subdivision Land Development Check's #1642-#1648

Road Machinery Check #1069

Seconded by Myron Blahy. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes Ronald Wenrich, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to accept and place on file the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports September 28, 2025-November 1, 2025

Mahoning Township Road Department Equipment and Fuel Log for October 2025

Mahoning Township Police Department Fuel Log for October 2025

Mahoning Valley Ambulance October 2025 Directors Report

Mahoning Township Municipal Authority Minutes for September 17, 2025

Mahoning Township Building and Zoning Report October 2025

Mahoning Township Sewage Enforcement Report September 5, 2025 to October 22, 2025

Mahoning Township Alternate Sewage Enforcement Report from January 3, 2025 to September 17, 2025

Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board Minutes for October 30, 2025

Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Robert Slaw, yes; Myron Blahy, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Myron Blahy Letter of Resignation as Supervisor (motion to accept)

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to accept Myron Blahy letter or resignation as township supervisor. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Myron Blahy thanked the Board, it has been a pleasure. STAY WELL

Appoint a member as Vice Chairman of the Mahoning Township Board of Supervisors

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to appoint Deborah McGowan as Vice Chairman to the Mahoning Township Board of Supervisors. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes and Deborah McGowan, abstain 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

Carol Etheridge Letter of Interest for the Position of Township Supervisor

**MOTION**

Deborah McGowan made a motion to accept Carol Etheridge letter of interest and appoint as township supervisor. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Sage Meadow Letter of Credit in the amount of \$55,660.00 and amendment to Development Agreement

**MOTION**

Deborah McGowan made a motion to approve Sage Meadow Letter of Credit in the amount of \$55,660.00 and amendment to Development Agreement. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Summit Ridge Letter of Credit in the amount of \$156,280.74 and amendment to Development Agreement

**MOTION**

Ronald Wenrich made a motion to approve Summit Ridge Letter of Credit in the amount of \$156,280.74 and amendment to Development Agreement. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Proposed 2026 Budget (motion to advertise to make available to the public)

**MOTION**

Ronald Wenrich made a motion to advertise the proposed 2026 budget to make available to the public. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Kirk & Suma Company, CPA (motion of intent to appoint to perform the 2025 Audit)

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to appoint Kirk & Suma Company, CPA to perform the 2025

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audit. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Fee Schedules 2026 (providing copy adopt at organization)

Meeting Dates 2026 (provide and review, motion to advertise)

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to set meeting dates at 5:00 PM, motion failed for lack of second.

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to have meeting time remain at 6:00PM and advertise. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Final Minor Land Development Plan over lands of Melo Enterprises LLC (Ashtown Drive Solar) an extension letter received requesting time until February 11, 2026

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to grant extension to February 11, 2026. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

Motion to place Truck #36, 2011 Dodge on Municibid and to advertise the sale of Truck #36 on Municibid

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to advertise and place 2011 Dodge Ram on Municibid. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

**OLD BUSINESS**

Joseph & Carol Frey & Casara Weinrich Lot Line Adjustment (LTL review letter September 11, 2025)

Planning Commission recommend approval of Joseph & Carol Frey and Casara Weinrich lot line adjustment plan. Note: comments signed notarized plans by owners and plans sealed and signed by professional surveyor.

NOTE: EXTENSION OF TIME REQUEST FEBRUARY 11, 2026

MOTION

Robert Slaw made a motion to approve the extension of time request to February 11, 2026. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

Application from Chase Zeigenfuss for part time winter snowplow driver

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to hire Chase Zeigenfuss part time winter snowplow driver at a rate of \$18/hr. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

ULP Agreement: Table

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Mahoning Township Historical Society Ordinance-(Tom provided summary)

Todd is going to reach out to him and arrange to meet with Board to compare Toms summary and the ordinance and hash out what may be offensive.

Mahoning Valley Fire Co. License Agreement

Table until Mark Ebbert gets together with Tom Nanovic to go over legalese.

Warehouse Ordinance

Tom will have draft before Thanksgiving. TABLE

Data Center Ordinance

TABLE

Sierra Vista (Planning Commission granted conditional final plan approval of Sierra Vista Phase 1A, conditions: Compliance with comments of LTL letter of 10-20-2020. No construction to take place until pre-security agreement is approved and signed, and escrow fund for construction inspection and letter of credit for sewer main trench maintenance and Flagstaff Road overlay are submitted to the Township).

RECEIVED EXTENSION LETTER REQUEST TO December 31, 2025

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to grant extension of time to Sierra Vista Phase 1A to December 31, 2026. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

MOTION

Deborah McGowan made a motion to accept and place the correspondence on file dated November 12, 2025. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

\*\*\*BOROUGH OF LEHIGHTON, RYAN SAUNDERS, MAYOR

RE: FIRE POLICE ASSISTANCE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR VETERANS PARADE, NOV 9 @ 2PM.

RAIN DATE NOV 16, 2025

MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve rain date of November 16, 2025 for assistance at Veterans Parade. Seconded by Ronald Wenrich. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

\*\*\*BOROUGH OF LEHIGHTON, RYAN SAUNDERS, MAYOR

RE: FIRE POLICE ASSISTANCE REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE 5K WALK/RUN, DEC 13 @9AM.

Ronald Reeser made a motion to approve fire police assistance at Snowflake 5K. Seconded by Robert Slaw. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Wenrich, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

\*\*\*LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD; STEPHEN WANNER, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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RE: PERMIT DENIAL, 1376 MAHONING DR EAST

\*\*\*LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD; STEPHEN WANNER, ZONING OFFICER

RE: PERMIT DENIAL FOR DECK; ENGLE, BREEWOOD RD

\*\*\*LTL CONSULTANTS, LTD; STEPHEN WANNER, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, UNPERMITTED SIGN; GEORGE, ASHTOWN DR.

\*\*\*NANOVIC LAW OFFICES, THOMAS NANOVIC

RE: HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ORDINANCE SUMMARY

\*\*\*PA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,

RE: ESTIMATED LIQUID FUELS ALLOCATION FOR 2026 \$208,137.57

\*\*\*PSATS NEWS BULLETIN, OCTOBER 2025

\*\*\*LETTER OF RESIGNATION, SUPERVISOR MYRON "ZEKE" BLAHY, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

\*\*\*LETTER OF INTEREST FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISOR POSITION

\*\*\*LEHIGH SOILS & WETLANDS, SCOTT BIEBER

RE: REQUEST TO NOT BE APPOINTED AS PRIMARY SEO IN 2026, RECOMMENDS IAN FARRELL AS  
PRIMARY. WILL STAY ON AS ALTERNATE

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Road -nothing

Police- Police radios we will discuss in December's budget meeting.

Fire- nothing

**OFFICIALS:**

Deborah McGowan: reiterated on Give a Gobbler

Robert Slaw: Resigned from the Police Committee and appointed Carol Etheridge to the police committee.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION**

Deborah McGowan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Robert Slaw, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes Ronald Wenrich, yes and Carol Etheridge 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Natalie D. Haggerty  
Secretary-Treasurer