

# MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATION MINUTES

January 5, 2026

## CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM. at the Mahoning Township Building, 2175 Blakeslee Blvd. Drive West, Lehighton, PA 18235.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance

## ROLL CALL:

### PRESENT

Ronald Reeser, Supervisor; Deborah McGowan, Supervisor; Carol Etheridge, Supervisor; Mark Schwalm, Supervisor; Matthew Wentz, Supervisor; Megan Nanovic, Solicitor and Natalie Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer

## RECOGNITION OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2026

Ronald Reeser, Supervisor; Deborah McGowan, Supervisor; Carol Etheridge, Supervisor; Mark Schwalm, Supervisor and Matthew Wentz, Supervisor

## APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY SECRETARY

### MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to appoint Natalie Haggerty as temporary secretary. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

## APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR THE PERMANENT POSITION OF CHAIRMAN:

### MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to appoint Deborah McGowan as temporary chairman to receive nominations for the position of chairman. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes; Matthew Wentz, yes and Deborah McGowan, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

## NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN:

### MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to nominate Deborah McGowan to serve as chairman for 2026. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes; Matthew Wentz, yes; and Deborah McGowan, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

## NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN:

### MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to nominate Ronald Reeser as vice chairman for 2026. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes; Matthew Wetntz, yes and Ronald Reeser, abstain 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

## APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY-TREASURER:

### MOTION

Ronald Reeser made a motion to appoint Natalie D. Haggerty as Secretary-Treasurer for 2026. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

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## **SETTING THE PAY RATE AND BENEFITS FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER:**

### **MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to set hourly rate at \$28.39/ hour with terms and conditions to remain the same as set forth in 2009 (revised 1/23), short term disability, life insurance, inclusion in pension plan, vacation and sick days can be accumulated, jury duty and bereavement. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes. 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP CLERK:**

### **MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to appoint Barbara Kester as full-time township clerk for 2026. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

## **SETTING THE PAY RATE FOR THE TOWNSHIP CLERK:**

### **MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to set the pay rate at \$22.17/ hour with terms and conditions (rev. 1/23), short term disability, life insurance, inclusion in pension plan, vacation and sick days can be accumulated, jury duty and bereavement. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

### **MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to appoint Nanovic Law Office as legal counsel for the Mahoning Township Board of Supervisors for 2026. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:**

### **MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to appoint LTL Consultants, Peter Eisenbrown as township engineer for 2026. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT OF ROAD MASTER**

### **MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to appoint Nevin Frey as the township road master for 2026. Seconded by Matthew Wentz. Deborah McGowan, no; Ronald Reeser, abstain; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 3-0 vote. Motion carried.

## **SETTING PAY RATE AND BENEFITS FOR ROAD MASTER**

Employment agreement October 17, 2016

### **MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to provide a 3% raise for the year 2026. Seconded by Matthew Wentz. Carol Etheridge, no; Mark Schwalm, yes; Deborah McGowan, no; Ronald Reeser, abstain and Matthew Wentz, yes. 2-2 vote. Motion fails.

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**APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS AND SETTING RATE OF PAY:**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to appoint Gabriel Szozda as a Mahoning Township Part Time Police Officer for 2026 rate of pay of \$29.87/hour. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Mathew Wentz 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISORS TO OVERSEE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to appoint Deborah McGowan and Carol Etheridge as supervisors to oversee the police department. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, no and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-1 vote. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF A ZONING OFFICER AND SETTING RATE OF PAY:**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to appoint Ryan Wessner, RMW Inspections LLC as zoning officer for 2026. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISORS TO OVERSEE THE ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

**MOTION**

Deborah McGowan made a motion to appoint Matthew Wentz and Ronald Reeser to oversee the road department. Matthew Wentz declined. Motion fails

Mark Schwalm made a motion to appoint Ronald Reeser and himself to oversee the road department. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME WINTER ROAD DEPARTMENT WORKERS AND SETTING RATE OF PAY:**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to appoint Ronald Wenrich, AJ Wenrich and Chase Ziegenfus as part time winter road department workers. Rate of pay at \$20.00/hour if they hold a Class B CDL; \$18.00/hour for all other. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Matthew Wentz, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes and Mark Schwalm, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME SUMMER ROAD DEPARTMENT WORKERS AND SETTING RATE OF PAY:**

(Part time road department worker Jeffrey Kirsch)

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Kirsch as part time summer road department workers. Rate of pay at \$17.00/hour. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**AFFIRMATION OF SUPERVISORS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO WORK WHEN NEEDED:**

**MOTION**

Deborah McGowan made a motion that all supervisors are authorized to work when needed in 2026 if needed and qualified to do the work. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol

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Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF AUDITORS THE RATE OF PAY FOR WORKING SUPERVISORS:**

**MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to recommend to the Board of Auditors the rate of pay for working supervisors at \$20.00/hour for Class B CDL work (only) and \$18.00 for all other work performed. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Matthew Wentz, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF AUDITORS THE RATE OF PAY FOR WORKING SUPERVISOR RONALD REESER**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to recommend to the Board of Auditors a rate of pay of \$28.62/hour for working supervisor Ronald Reeser and benefits same as Teamster Contract 2024-2027. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, abstain; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Mathew Wentz, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF ENCROACHMENT OFFICER:**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to appoint Nevin Frey as Mahoning Township Encroachment Officer for 2026. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes and Mathew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF A SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

**MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to appoint Ian Farrell as Mahoning Township Sewage Enforcement Officer for 2026. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes; Matthew Wentz, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

**MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to appoint Scott Bieber, Lehigh Soils and Wetlands as Mahoning Township Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer for 2026. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Mark Schwalm, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Matthew Wentz, yes and Carol Etheridge, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT OFFICER**

**MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to appoint Ian Farrell as Mahoning Township Stormwater Management Officer. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Mark Schwalm, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**AFFIRMATION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:**

**MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to approve the affirmation of Jeffrey Miller as Mahoning Township's Emergency Management Coordinator. Seconded by Matthew Wentz. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol

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Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT OF A CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

### **MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to appoint the chairman of the Board of Supervisors as the Chief Administrative Officer for 2026. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Mark Schwalm, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE VACANCY BOARD (1-YEAR TERM)**

### **MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to appoint Yvonne Reeser as Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Mark Schwalm, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, abstain; Carol Etheridge, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD (3-YEAR TERM)**

### **MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to reappoint AJ Wenrich to the Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, no and Matthew Wentz, yes. 4-1 vote. Motion carried.

## **MAHONING TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL SECURITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to appoint Mark Schwalm, Jeffrey Hill, Ryan Hoffman and Keith Rex to the Mahoning Township Agricultural Security Committee. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes. 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT TO MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

### **MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to act upon the recommendation of the Mahoning Township Municipal Authority and recognize Timothy Eckhart and Todd Wingert as members of the Mahoning Township Municipal Authority (5yr term). Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, no and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-1 vote. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT OF BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL**

### **MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to appoint Ryan Wessner, RMW Inspections LLC as building code official for 2026. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT OF A SOLICITOR FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

### **MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to retain Nanovic Law Office as Solicitor for the Planning Commission for 2026. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

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**APPOINTMENT OF A SOLICITOR FOR THE ZONING HEARING BOARD**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to act upon recommendation of the Zoning Hearing Board and retain Strubinger Law Office, Mathew Schnell for 2026. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**SETTING RATE OF PAY FOR THE ZONING HEARING BOARD SECRETARY:**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to establish the rate of pay for the Zoning Hearing Board Secretary for 2026 at \$90.00/meeting. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes Ronald Reeser, yes; Mark Schwalm, no; Carol Etheridge, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-1 vote. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LEHIGH CANAL RECREATION COMMISSION:**

**MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to appoint himself as representative to the Lehigh Canal Recreation Commission. Seconded by Matthew Wentz. Deborah McGowan, no; Ronald Reeser, no ; Carol Etheridge, no; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 2-3 vote. Motion fails.

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to appoint Carol Etheridge as representative to the Lehigh Canal Recreation Commission. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes ; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, no and Matthew Wentz, no 3-2 vote. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE CARBON COUNTY TAX COMMITTEE**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to appoint Carol Etheridge as the representative and Natalie Haggerty as the alternate to the Carbon County Tax Committee. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**APPOINT MEMBER TO THE JOINT BOARD OF APPEALS**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to appoint Robert Slaw as Mahoning Township Joint Board of Appeal Member. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Carol Etheridge, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Mark Schwalm, no and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-1 vote. Motion carried.

**CERTIFICATION OF A VOTING DELEGATE TO THE PSATS STATE CONVENTION**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to appoint Deborah McGowan as a voting delegate to PSATS State Convention for 2026. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ESTABLISHING A TREASURER'S BOND LIMIT AND SELECTION OF A BONDING COMPANY:**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to retain Travelers Casualty and Surety of America Insurance Co. and set Treasurer's Bond in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Ronald Reeser, yes; Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

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**SELECTION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP FUNDS AND NUMBER OF SIGNATURES NEEDED:**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to retain Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank, Lehigh, PA, 3 of 5 signatures needed one being the secretary-treasurer to deposit township funds. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF AUDITORS MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to recommend to the Board of Auditors a mileage reimbursement rate of 72.5 cents IRS standard rate for 2026. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT:**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to set equipment and operator at \$125.00/hour at a minimum of two hours to other municipalities. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETINGS, TIME AND DATE FOR THE YEAR 2026:**

**MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to establish the Board of Supervisors monthly meetings, times and dates for the year 2026 as advertised, second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM except of April 1 and December 30. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETINGS, TIME AND DATE FOR THE YEAR 2026:**

(3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 6:00 PM)

**MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to approve the Planning Commission monthly meetings, time and date for year 2026 as advertised, third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD MONTHLY MEETINGS, TIME AND DATE FOR THE YEAR 2026:**

(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:00 PM)

**MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to approve the Zoning Hearing Board monthly meetings, time and date for the year 2026 as advertised, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:00 PM. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT REAL PROPERTY TAX, PER CAPITA STREET LIGHT AND FIRE HYDRANT ASSESSMENTS FOR 2026:**

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**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to authorize Pauline Homm, Tax Collector to collect real property tax, per capita, streetlight and fire hydrant assessments for 2026. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MAHONING TOWNSHIP TO COLLECT LOCAL SERVICE TAX AND AMUSEMENT TAX FOR 2026:**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to authorize Mahoning Township to collect Local Service Tax and Amusement Tax for 2026. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-1 THE FEE SCHEDULE PERTAINING TO THE BUILDING PERMITS:**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-1 fee schedule pertaining to Building Permits. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-2 THE FEE SCHEDULE PERTAINING TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD ACTIVITIES:**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-2  
“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; that we the Mahoning Township Supervisors, hereby accept the fee schedule pertaining to the Zoning Hearing Board activities”. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-3 THE FEE SCHEDULE PERTAINING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-3  
“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; that we the Mahoning Township Supervisors, hereby accept the fee schedule pertaining to the Planning Commission activities”. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-4 THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR SUITABILITY TESTING AND ISSUANCE OF SEWAGE PERMITS:**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-4  
“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; that we the Mahoning Township Supervisors, hereby accept the fee schedule pertaining to suitability testing and issuance of sewage permits.” Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

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**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-5 THE FEE SCHEDULE PERTAINING TO ZONING PERMITS:  
MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-5

“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; that we the Mahoning Township Supervisors, hereby accept the fee schedule pertaining to zoning permits.” Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-6 APPOINTMENT OF KIRK, SUMMA AND CO., LLP**

(Perform 2025 Audit)

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-6

“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; that we the Mahoning Township Supervisors hereby appoint Kirk, Summa and Co., LLP to perform 2025 audit.” Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-7 ESTABLISHING FEES ASSESSABLE BY MAHONING TOWNSHIP FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND THE PROVISION OF REINSPECTION SERVICES PURSUANT TO MAHONING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2005-02**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-7

“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; that we the Mahoning Township Supervisors, hereby accept the fee schedule pertaining to encroachment permits.” Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-8 PRICE ADJUSTMENTS OF BITUMINOUS MATERIALS FOR SMALL QUANTITIES**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-8

“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; that we the Mahoning Township Supervisors, hereby accept the fees schedule pertaining to price adjustments of bituminous materials for small quantities. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-9 PERMITTING AND INSPECTION FEES FOR SERVICES FOR STORMWATER MANGAGEMENT FACILITIES**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-9

“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; that we the Mahoning Township Supervisors, hereby accept the fees permitting and inspection fees for services for storm water management facilities. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-10 ESTABLISHING FEES FOR AN APPEAL TO THE JOINT BOARD OF APPEALS**

**MOTION**

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Ronald Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-10

“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; that we the Mahoning Township Supervisors, hereby accept the fee schedule pertaining to an appeal to the Joint Board of Appeals.” Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-11 ESTABLISHING FEES FOR CASH CONTRIBUTION IN LIEU OF DEDICATION OF LAND FOR RECREATION**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-11.

“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; that we the Mahoning Township Supervisors, hereby accept the fee schedule establishing fees for cash contribution in lieu of dedication of land for recreation at \$500.00.” Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF #2026-12 FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS OF MAHONING TOWNSHIP CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE 3% MONTHLY COMPENSATION TO POLICE PENSION FUND FOR 2026 TABLE**

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-13 ESTABLISHING RATES FOR STREET EXCAVATION AND OPENING PERMIT FEES**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-13

“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; that we the Mahoning Township Supervisors, hereby establish rates for street excavation and opening permit fees. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-14 ESTABLISHING FEES FOR DUPLICATION/PRODUCTION OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-14

“BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026; that we the Mahoning Township Supervisors, hereby establish fees for duplication/production of digital photographs. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-15 AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MAHONING VALLEY FIRE COMPANY, INC (INCLUDING THE FIRE POLICE) AND THE MAHONING VALLEY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. DUE TO THE CHANGES IN THE WORKMAN’S COMPENSATION LAW, ARTICLE VI, and TITLES ADDITIONAL COVERAGE (added December 5, 1974, P.L. 782, No. 263, Section 601.):**

**MOTION**

Mark Schwalm made a motion to adopt an agreement with the Mahoning Valley Vo. Fire Company (including the fire police) and the Mahoning Valley Ambulance Association Inc. due to the changes in the Workman’s Compensation Law, Article VI, and titles additional coverage. Seconded by Ronald Reeser. Deborah McGowan,

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yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #2026-16 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT TO BE HELD IN ESCROW WHEN THE TOWNSHIP IS ASKED TO TAKE OVER OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES OF STORMWATER FACILITIES LOCATED IN PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAYS, AND PROCEDURES RELATED THERETO**

**MOTION**

Carol Etheridge made a motion to adopt Resolution #2026-16 monies held in escrow for ownership and maintenance responsibilities of stormwater facilities located in right of ways. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION**

Ronald Reeser made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Ronald Reeser, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 5-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie D. Haggerty  
Secretary-Treasurer