

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

February 11, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

Deborah McGowan called the meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Mahoning Township Building 2175 Blakeslee Blvd Dr. West, Lehigh, PA 18235.

PRESENT:

Deborah McGowan, Chair; Carol Etheridge, Supervisor; Mark Schwalm, Supervisor; Matthew Wentz, Supervisor; Thomas Nanovic, Solicitor; Megan Nanovic, Attorney; Natalie D. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer; Audie Mertz, Chief of Police and Ryan Wessner, Zoning Officer

ABSENT:

Ronald Reeser, Vice-Chairman

Reconvene Mudrick Meadows Conditional Use Hearing

MOTION

Mark Schwalm made a motion to approve Mudrick Meadows with the following conditions.

1. Occupancy shall be limited to 130 patrons or such other lower number as may be approved by the Building Code Official.
2. Any buildings or structures, including the barn, must comply with the Uniform Construction Code.
3. With the exception of ground and hand-held sparkling devices, there shall be no fireworks or pyrotechnics used during events. A "sparkling device" shall consist of a metal wire coated with a chemical composition that produces a shower of sparks, a colored flame, and/or a crackling effect; and shall have the same meaning as a "Wire Sparkler or Dipped Stick" as defined in APA 87-1A Standard for the Construction, Classification, Approval & Transportation of Consumer Fireworks.
4. The banquet hall may only be open and operated between April 1st and October 31st of each year.
5. Events at the banquet hall may only be held on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays although caterers and the like may deliver or set up on any day.
6. Events at the banquet hall must begin no earlier than 3:00p.m. and end no later than 10:00p.m., although caterers and the like may arrive or leave between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 11:00p.m.
7. Food trucks and other similar methods of outdoor sales or distribution of food, goods, or services are prohibited.
8. The source of any amplified noise, including music, must be located within the barn.
9. Applicants shall deliver to the Zoning Officer a written and notarized document signed by Kelly Follweiler evidencing that the Applicant is authorized to use the subject premises in the manner described in the Application and set forth in the foregoing Decision.
10. Applicant shall provide the Zoning Officer with copies of any inspection reports prepared by an engineer, architect, or any other person which were in possession of the Applicants on or before January 28, 2026.
11. A landscaped buffer in accordance with section 116-60 of the Zoning Ordinance and 99-59 of the Mahoning Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance ("SALDO") shall be provided along the entire westerly side of the subject premises.

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12. The Applicant must obtain final unconditional approval of a land development plan in accordance with the SALDO.
13. The Applicant must comply with all provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, including section 116-65 (Noise), 116-70 (Surface and Ground Water Protection) and 116-71 (Stormwater Management and Soil Erosion Control).
14. Must obtain septic permit approved by the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer
15. Unless a variance is obtained from the Zoning Hearing Board, parking spaces need to be illuminated in accordance with section 116-29.C and section 116-67 of the Zoning Ordinance
16. Unless a variance is obtained from the Zoning Hearing Board, parking areas shall have a maximum grade of 6% as provided in section 116-29.J.2 of the Zoning Ordinance.
17. Unless a variance is obtained from the Zoning Hearing Board, the parking area must be paved in accordance with section 116-29.J.3 of the Zoning Ordinance.
18. A highway occupancy permit must be obtained from the township.
19. No active play equipment or recreational inflatables are to be used on the property during events.

Tom Nanovic asked are there any other conditions that the board wishes to impose? No

Matthew Wentz seconded the motion. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, no; Mark Schwalm, yes; and Matthew Wentz, yes 3-1 vote. Motion carried.

Deborah McGowan adjourned the Mundrick Meadows Conditional Use Hearing.

Deborah McGowan announced that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session on January 28, 2026, for personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Todd Wingert: Present with regards to the slaughterhouse. Shared Holly Heintzmann was going to be here, but she slipped and broke her wrist. They've been delivering on Mondays and Tuesdays and they got stuck on her property trying to deliver the goats. But she'll address that with the Board. There was something going on with one of the drivers that deliver the goats, they are not allowed to deliver through the front. But right now, that's the only place that they are delivering is through the front. Questioned the zoning officer on where are we with their permit of them being there and operating? Ryan Wessner, they're in the middle of an appeal with the county for the fence. With regards to the use, we'll have to proceed after all this is done with the county. Todd Wingert questioned he thought that the appeal was already done.

Megan Nanovic provided an update. There is a motion to strike the appeal, but in terms of any other new appeal, there's none that I'm aware of. The Board has made a motion to intervene on the matter, as has Holly Heintzmann, which I'm sure you're aware. But other than that, we have an argument scheduled to address the motion to strike the appeal. That has not yet happened. I looked at the docket, but we didn't get the official order yet. It's somewhere in the middle of March.

Mildred Molino, Attorney representing Joseph & Carol Frey (listed under old business on the agenda)

Sharon Fields: I'm here about the slaughterhouse. It's not a humane way of slaughter. Also, I don't think it's good for them to be there, it's not good for the community. Deborah McGowan

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addressed with there's a USDA representative on site that can present reports if we ask for them. It's done as humanely possible as it can.

Response of a bullet would be a humane thing instead of slicing your throat. Deborah, that's not for us to determine. That's the USDA and they have regulations that they have to follow. There is a lady there all the time. Sometimes there's two of them there, depending on what they're doing.

Response, we're hearing cows mooing. So, they are doing some specialty slaughtering, which we have no control over.

Deborah, that's controlled by the USDA. So that's where that stands. I'm sorry. Ryan's working on it. But there's a process that we must go through.

Ryan, I started here on January 5th. I did not issue that permit. That was the former zoning officer.

Trooper Magillio: I'm stationed at the Lehigh Barracks. I've been a trooper for 15 years, stationed in Lehigh since graduating from the Academy in 2012. I am an alternate community service officer for Troop Bend. Troop Bend consists of Hazleton Barracks, Lehigh, Stroudsburg, and Fern Ridge and part of my job duties are to come and talk to the public at government meetings and schools. I am making an appearance at the township meeting because we cover calls in Mahoning Township and I have statistical data that might answer some questions. I know in the past, we received a lot of phone calls on how come the state isn't handling the investigation or I call for service and the state police aren't showing up. So, I'm here to hopefully clarify some of that and address some issues. First and foremost, I'm unaware or unsure if your township's police department is full-time or part-time. Do we know that? Deborah McGowan it's considered a full-time department except for the hours between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. and we have a Chief of Police as well. The Chief is present tonight. It has a lot to do with the part-time versus a full-time department. So, with the full-time police department, we cover what we consider emergency calls, and I'd like to just briefly explain what an emergency call consists of. These are just brief examples. It would be wellness checks, in progress, retail thefts, domestic violence related incidents, motor vehicle crashes resulting in injury or where one or more vehicles can't be driven from the scene, suspicious person or vehicles, panic alarms, and like a request for an EMS service. For the month of January, we did pull some data. January consisted of a total of 744 hours. 347 of those hours were covered by your local municipality for police coverage, and 397 of those were covered by Pennsylvania State Police. We primarily cover 191 square miles. That's our primary coverage area which consists of Polk, Eldred, and Ross Township, which is Monroe County, East Penn Township, Towamensing Township, Lower Towamensing Township, Weissport Borough, Parryville, and half of Penn Forest. The Carbon County side of our coverage area adds up to 113.10 square miles. The Monroe side is 78, gives us a total of 191 square miles that we cover every day 24-7. Mahoning Township and correct me if I'm wrong, is 23.78 square miles? (correct is 24.6 square miles)

When we cover your municipality, that's an increase of almost 13% of coverage area to our primary job functions that we have. On any given shift, we usually run between three and four troopers plus a patrol supervisor to cover that area, just to give you an idea of the resources that we have and how we try to disseminate that appropriately among the patrol zones that we have.

Are there any questions on anything that I went over?

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Deborah McGowan, we would like to have a document of what you have. Response, you can get that from the Carbon County 911 Center. It was made as a formal request. Once the request was approved, it was given to a patrol supervisor and then obviously forwarded to me for my demonstration, my presentation today. Question of how often do you come to meetings?

I've never been to a Mahoning Township meeting. Usually, it's municipalities that don't have police departments. We do a lot in Monroe. There's no local coverage on our Monroe side at all, so we are there and Towamensing.

Question, several months back we had a trooper that attended a meeting, but he didn't speak.

He was just there for observation; it's part of our job.

Deborah McGowan, the stats are wonderful. They're going to help us a lot, covering 397 hours is more than half of the full-time. Again, all this comes from the 911 Center. All the logins, their sign-in and sign-out times are all date and time stamp for us that they provided. So, this isn't like keeping tally or anything. This is just data we pulled quickly from the 911 Center.

Deborah McGowan, some days we have three officers on, some days we have one, weekends we usually have a night shift, 5P to 3A. Day shifts, 7 to 5, 7 to 3, whatever the case may be. The chief works from 7 to 3. He's an eight-hour shift, Monday through Friday. They're out there as much as they can. We're aware and grateful for the coverage that you guys offer us.

We try our best given, and we don't have any notice when we're going to be covering your municipality. So, with those three troopers that we have, that's another 13% of area that now is on top of what we're already taking care of. One thing I did forget to mention, for the month of January, 54 calls to our barracks came in from Mahoning Township. 23 of those were deemed an emergency and responded to those 23 calls and investigated those as appropriate.

Deborah, so then the non-emergency as told by from the com center they are held for the next day. That's correct. We still generate an incident number. It's called referred to another agency number. Non-emergency type calls that your full-time department would investigate or take care of. Deborah, does that number correlate then with our Police Department's incident number?

If they do I have no idea. Our incident numbers are statewide It depends on if the person follows up with the state trooper. So, every incident that we receive that we deem enough to generate some sort of police response, whether it be an emergency or non-emergency, we'll cut an incident #4 and like I just mentioned, they're referred to numbers, get an incident number and that memo is faxed over to the Mahoning Police Department and that goes for all the local municipalities. Deborah asked the Chief if we are following up on those calls that are left for the morning. Audie, as far as a characterization of emergency, as far as what they didn't cover and what you would deem in order of importance, or are they just taken from the top of the list and we go down? Audie, It depends on the type of events. But if they don't follow up with you, then it's null and void. It's up to the person to follow up with us, that's all. Would they be told that they must follow up with our department? Yes, every time we generate an incident number it's referred to a local police department. That person is instructed they must follow up with that police department whenever they come back on duty. That's normal practice for us. So, if they don't follow up, then it's on them.

And again, non-emergency only. If this is an emergency, we're going. We cover 113 square miles of Carbon County, without counting Mahoning Township. Seventy-eight square miles is our Monroe County coverage area, so we cover more Carbon than we do Monroe.

And again, we don't enforce any township ordinances. I don't know if you were aware of that, but that would be something that we don't entertain. Is it common practice that with a fatality,

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you're called in no matter what? If we're requested by the police department or the district attorney's office.

Does anybody in the audience have any questions they want to ask?

Shared they will be getting new barracks. The state's made the decision to move, happening in the next two to four years.

The reason I asked about part-time, full-time is when we generate calls, when we make an incident number, it all goes to some number crunch from somewhere in Harrisburg. They pick and decide whether we're allotted more manpower, less manpower, so on and so forth.

Being that it's a full-time department, if we handle 100 calls a day in your municipality, it's not going to help us because you're considered full-time.

So part-time departments, for example, Lansford, technically just went to part-time, and we are now going to be benefiting through our incident numbers to hopefully get one more person in the next 24 months or so to help them.

What establishes the criteria between full-time and part-time?

To my knowledge, I'm not certain, but it's the amount of federal funding that the municipality receives.

Jeff Frace, we had a guy out on maternity leave, and one had an illness and this same month we had 70 cases. So, I'm just trying to figure out what determines that criteria.

We're not considered full-time by state standards and that's reported to the state. Yearly, they get our total number of compliments and the hours that we cover. Goes into their NIBRS submission.

So, we would be better off classifying our police department as part-time

If that goes on record as part-time, just like we did in Lansford, we can get the ball rolling and restructure our entire zoning map, and instead of it being a zone 99, which is just another, this would be part of zone 15, coverage zone 15, which would start the process.

How do we move that along?

So, I'll go back and report to my supervisor, let him know what we spoke about with the chief related, and we'll go from there.

I mean, like I said, we just did this with Lansford, and it's only going to help with our manpower, so therefore it would help with this municipality's manpower.

It takes time, it's not overnight, it's usually 24 to 36 months. They collect all this data and that's how they base their manpower.

If there are no other questions or anything from anybody, I'm going to head out.

Be safe. Have a good night. Take care.

Pam Wuest: I'm here because of something that was brought up at a township meeting a couple of months ago when Ms. Etheridge was installed as a board member, without anybody knowing about the whole thing. I was told that it was a perfectly legal, there's an actual law or ordinance or something that you fell back on that justified what you did. However, I'm still standing on the fact that even though you may have followed the legal lines, it wasn't necessarily the right thing to do for the sake of the whole township. I was really trying to just let this go; but then the Times News brought it back to the surface. Two consecutive days, there was an advertisement by East Penn Township, looking for a new township supervisor, and they were advertising for people in the township to submit a letter of interest. That was the right way to do it. Let's survey the whole township and see if anybody's interested, give them the chance. So, I'm going to ask the question, why did you decide to do it the way you did?

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Tom, I can certainly answer that the way we did it was legal, the procedure that was followed. I'm not sure why the procedure was followed, but I can certainly say that Carol has been coming to our meetings and has been very active in the township. And since she has been a member of the Board of Supervisors, I think everyone on this board, even though we disagree on occasion, would say that she's one of the most active members of the Board of Supervisors and instrumental in all sorts of things that are going on.

Ron's not here. Deb, you're the only one that's here who was a past board member. Zeke obviously knew he was out.

Deborah responded that we had no idea until the evening he presented his resignation.

Why did you decide to go about it the way you did?

We're not required to request letters of intent for supervisor positions.

Just because East Penn or West Penn or whatever, just because they did it, they have a different board. We as a board decided that Carol was going to be the best replacement.

How would you know if she was going to be the best when it wasn't put out there to the rest of your people that live in this township? Do you think she's the only one who could have done a good job?

We knew her background. Do you know someone that you think could do it better?

I would have been interested. My daughter would have been interested. I know a few other community members who would have been interested because they too are starting to perk an ear to what goes on around here. I just want to know why the decision was made to keep it so tight in-house and behind closed doors and not made public. Nobody can give me an answer and that's what I fully expected.

Carol responded, "I ran a campaign, I sat in this room for over a year while I was running my campaign. So, there wasn't a curiosity of whether I was interested in this position. I made my interest known. I sent letters of interest to the township.

Which I would have also done, and Natalie told me I could do that.

I was doing this ahead of anybody resigning. I was interested and I care about our community, which is why I campaigned. And I invite anyone else to campaign. We have so few people campaigning.

Your campaign is not part of this; you lost your campaign. The election was over, over.

My campaign is part of this because it shows interest.

Ms. Etheridge, I have nothing against you personally. I don't even know you.

My issue is how this was done.

Deborah, all I can tell you is that there's two of us that are done at the end of 2027, I suggest that you keep it in mind for the next election. I'm sorry constituents are unhappy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2026, Board of Supervisors Organization Meeting. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2026, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

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MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2026, Board of Supervisors Workshop. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2026, Mudrick Meadows Conditional Use Hearing. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2026, Historical Ordinance Workshop. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2026, Continued Mudrick Meadows Conditional Use Hearing. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS:

MOTION

Mark Schwalm made a motion to approve the following transfers:

- \$19,278.40 Payroll Checking to General Checking 1/8/26
- \$20,960.61 Payroll Checking to General Checking 1/15/26
- \$19,084.81 Payroll Checking to General Checking 1/22/26
- \$17,986.40 Payroll Checking to General Checking 1/29/26
- \$22,539.53 Payroll Checking to General Checking 2/5/26
- \$537.97 Residential Street Light to General Checking
- \$595.20 Residential Fire Hydrant to General Checking

Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:

MOTION

Mark Schwalm made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2026. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLLS:

Bill List #543 in the amount of \$311,824.76

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to approve the following bills and payrolls:

- General Check's #25574-#25629
- State Check's #1909-#1911

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Building and Land Check #1125-#1127

Subdivision Land Development Check #1651

Fire Co. Check #1049

Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

MOTION

Mark Schwalm made a motion to accept and place on file the following reports:

Mahoning Township Road Department Reports December 28, 2025-January 31, 2026

Mahoning Township Road Department Equipment and Fuel Log January 2026

Mahoning Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2025

Mahoning Township Auditors Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2026

Mahoning Valley Ambulance January 2026 Directors Report

Mahoning Township Municipal Authority Minutes for December 17, 2025

Mahoning Township Building and Zoning Report January 2026

Mahoning Township Sewage Enforcement Officer Report Nov 4, 2025-Dec 15, 2015

Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board Meeting Minutes Jan 6, 2026, and Feb 3, 2026

Mahoning Township Police Department Fuel Log January 2026

Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to Ratify Authorization for the Township Solicitor to File a Notice of Intervention in the Matter of Alif Farms vs. Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to ratify authorization for the Township Solicitor to file a notice of intervention in the matter of Alif Farms vs. Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to ratify the filing of the Motion to Strike Appeal which was filed in the Alif Farms vs. Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board Case

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to ratify the filing of the Motion to Strike Appeal which was filed in the Alif Farms vs. Mahoning Township Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to Ratify the Advertising of Zoning Workshop Feb 9 and March 9, 2026

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to ratify advertising of Zoning Workshop Feb 9 and March 9, 2026. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

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Motion to Award Dehumidification System Base Bid to the Low Bidder: M&M Mechanical in the amount of \$25,050

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to award dehumidification system base bid to the low bidder M&M Mechanical in the amount of \$25,050.00 Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion Carried.

Add alt 1: Dehumidification unit upper level \$24,300 (previous Board did not accept add alt 1)

Add alt 2: Dehumidification unit for south lower level \$22,255 (previous Board did not accept add alt 2)

Motion to Advertise Part Time Winter Road Department Workers

MOTION

Mark Schwalm made a motion to advertise for part time winter road department workers. Seconded by Matthew Wentz. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion Carried.

Police Pension-Columbian Financial

Motion to advertise Request for Proposals (RFP)

Carol Etheridge made a motion to advertise request for proposals for professional services regarding police pension. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion Carried.

Historical Society Discussion

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to table Historical Society Ordinance discussion until such time the Board brings up again. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion Carried.

Mahoning Township Disposition of Records-Resolution 2026-17

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-17 Mahoning Township Disposition of Records. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Motion to approve EIT and Township Real Estate Volunteer Credit Certificates for 2025

FIRE COMPANY

Rickey Frey	2285 Mahoning Drive West
John A. Michalik	2986 Mahoning Drive West
Mark Ebbert	1037 Mahoning Drive East
Clifford Klotz II	18 Chestnut Lane
Rob Frey	672 Mill Road
Darrin Arndt	16 Mahoning Drive East
Alden Everett	3 Laurel Road
Jeffrey Miller	2264 Mahoning Drive West

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Robert Brooks

122 Keiser Lane

William Boyd Henry III

1518 Hemlock Drive

Erik Reichard

2547 Mahoning Drive West

Bryan Pollock

694 Mill Road

Andrew Conrad

2701 Mahoning Drive West

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to approve EIT and Township Real Estate Volunteer Credit Certificates for 2025. Seconded by Deborah McGowan. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-12 Police Pension Contribution TABLED

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to table Resolution 2016-12. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mahoning Valley Fire Co. License Agreement TABLED

Mark Schwalm, Mark Ebbert and Audie Mertz will arrange and meet at old police department for evaluation of old police department's state of condition.

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to table Mahoning Valley Fire Co. License Agreement. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes. 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

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 granted to February 11, 2026

Mildred Molino, Attorney from Easton and I represent Joe and Carol Fry, who are with me here tonight. John Dunn is present in case you have questions that I can't answer, he's been the one who's dealing mostly with Jonathan Shuck, the surveyor for the Frys's and unfortunately Mr. Shuck couldn't be here today. This matter was before the Planning Commission in September with the plans that we have here and was recommended for approval with conditions. We secured all the signatures that are necessary from the Fry's and from the purchaser. What is happening is the Fry's are transferring to the buyer a little bit more than one acre to attach to her property. The plan is here, if anybody has any questions, requesting approval.

Tom questioned if all fees have been paid?

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to approve Joseph & Carol Frey & Casara Weinrich Lot Line Adjustment Plan conditioned upon all fees being paid. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

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Final Minor Land Development Plan over lands of Melo Enterprises LLC (Ashtown Drive Solar) an extension letter received requesting time until May 13, 2026

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to approve time extension for review of the Final Minor Land Development Plan over lands of Melo Enterprises LLC (Ashtown Drive Solar) to May 13, 2026. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to extend conditional use hearing approval six months to August 12, 2026. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Malik, Owner of Alif Farms, was present and requested to address the Board of Supervisors and neighbors regarding slaughterhouse. Malik shared that he plans on taking down the fence and withdrawing his appeal. If another parcel would be approved for a slaughterhouse use he would consider moving his business, he shared he owns several properties in Mahoning Township. My family has been in business longer than I have been alive and asking for what he can do so all are on the same page. He shared he has pest control come in weekly and has been trying to establish trash pickup. I have an odor abatement plan in place and slaughter between 7:00A.M. to 3:00PM. He said he has an open-door policy.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION

Carol Etheridge made a motion to accept and place the correspondence on file dated February 11, 2026. Seconded by Mark Schwalm. Deborah McGowan, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes -0 vote. Motion carried.

***GRACE INDUSTRIES, INC.

RE: NOTIFICATION OF REPLACEMENT BRIDGE WORK – COUNTRY CLUB ROAD – JANUARY 19 2026 – AUGUST 2026

***THE SWORD TAG SOCIETY, CHRISTOPHER NOTHSTEIN, PRESIDENT

RE: DONATION REQUESTS FOR BASKET RAFFLE, APRIL 11

***THE SWORD TAG SOCIETY, CHRISTOPHER NOTHSTEIN, PRESIDENT

RE: REQUEST TO POST FLYER ADVERTISING SPAGHETTI DINNER EVENT, APRIL 11

***THE SWORD TAG SOCIETY, CHRISTOPHER NOTHSTEIN, PRESIDENT

RE: DONATION REQUESTS FOR RENOVATIONS OF THE HISTORIC NORMAL SQUARE CHAPEL

***BURGET & ASSOCIATES, INC., SALLY BURGET

RE: FINAL MINOR LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OVER LANDS OF MELO ENTERPRISES, LLC TIME CONTINUANCE REQUEST UNTIL MAY 13, 2026

***PA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, LTAP – QUARTERLY REVIEW, WINTER 2026

***EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION – ROAD DEPARTMENT – DARRELL LEUDERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road: Nothing to report. Nevin Frey Roadmaster, not present.

MAHONING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

February 11, 2026

Police: Progress made but pending an executive session for arbitration discussion

OFFICIALS

Audie Mertz, Chief : Discussion of grant and body cams

Announced an executive session will be held at conclusion of meeting for personnel.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION

Mark Schwalm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Seconded by Carol Etheridge. Deborah McGowan, yes; Carol Etheridge, yes; Mark Schwalm, yes and Matthew Wentz, yes 4-0 vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Natalie D. Haggerty
Secretary-Treasurer