

Washington Township Municipal Building  
185 Manors Road  
Elizabethville, PA 17023

## **MEETING MINUTES**

February 3, 2026

Chairman Benjamin Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

### **Board Members Present:**

Benjamin Brown      Cynthia Stout  
Glenn Stoneroad      Paul Wertz

### **Board Member Absent:**

Kevin Stadheim

### **Administrators and Others Present:**

Joseph Kerwin – Solicitor  
Colby Snyder – Representing EMS Authority (Millersburg Borough)  
Peggy Kahler & Dennis Henninger (Elizabethville Borough)  
Christian Wright – Elizabethville Mayor  
Laverne Brown, Lori Brown – Citizens (Washington Twp)

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

### **MINUTES:**

Supervisor Stout made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, second by Supervisor Stoneroad. Motion carried.

### **PAYMENT OF INVOICES:**

A listing of invoices since last meeting was provided.

Supervisor Stoneroad made a motion to approve Robert Crabb to pay the current invoices, second by Supervisor Wertz.

**Roll Call Vote:** Stoneroad (yes), Wertz (yes), Stout (yes), Brown (yes)

Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Sign at Kocher Lane Appeal**

Still in “limbo”. We need to determine how much we want to fight, knowing each person has their own definition of offensive. This large digital sign will affect local residents that live in that area. We will wait and see how far they go.

#### **Martin Property Update**

Since Mr. Jay Martin didn't appear in court, Judge Margerum found him guilty and a fine will be sent to him since no improvements have been made as requested.

#### **Family Promise**

Matthew Wagner was going to attend last months meeting, but he is no longer with this organization. The current members are planning a meeting on February 23. Our engineer, Ralph Hummel told them to apply for a variance, but it will get denied. After that, they can appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board.

### **COG EMS Discussion (Resolution 2026-01)**

Colby Snyder gave the presentation. (Informational sheets were provided.) Mr. Snyder wanted the supervisors to sign the resolution stating it doesn't obligate us for "anything" at this time. However, he could not provide any time frame or potential cost. The cost would be determined by the number of municipalities willing to participate, up to 20. When asked, "If all 20 municipalities decided to participate, what would be our cost?" He refused to provide an answer because it "wasn't time yet." Mr. Snyder said the resolution only says we recognize the need, but doesn't commit us financially. He would like representatives to attend the next meeting on Thursday, February 24, 6:30 PM at the Upper Paxton Township Building. He also stated each municipality would get one seat on their governing board.

Supervisor Stout asked several questions trying to get information on cost, methods of funding, and strategic operations. Mr. Snyder couldn't answer any of the questions because it "wasn't time" or he didn't know. He did state they are looking at adding a "tax/fee" to each real estate bill for the funding. Laverne Brown expressed his concern and frustration that this method of funding would cause landlords who own multiple properties to pay more. Supervisor Stout said she would be willing to get prices from other companies so we would have something to compare.

Even though we realize EMS faces serious challenges with increase demand and loss of reimbursements, the Supervisors chose NOT to bring it up to a vote due to lack of information.

### **Secretary Update**

We currently have 5 applicants (more applications were emailed, but not all were returned yet.) Robert Crabb will plan to schedule interviews the week of February 9 with interview committee being Supervisor Benjamin, Supervisor Stoneroad and Robert Crabb.

We are continuing to use as Wanda Hockenberry, Patti Sitlinger, and Christina Crabb as needed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Dauphin County – Interest Free Grace Period**

The Supervisors were NOT opposed, so no action is needed.

#### **Use & Pay Custer, Faust, Nestor & Associates to Finalize Our 2025 Taxes & Payroll**

The Township needed assistance for end of the year paperwork. Supervisor Stout made a motion to pay Custer, Faust, Nestor & Associates, second by Supervisor Wertz.

**Roll Call Vote:** Stoneroad (yes), Wertz (yes), Stout (yes), Brown (yes)

Motion carried.

#### **Christina Crabb Part-Time Secretary as Needed at the Previously Approved Rate**

Supervisor Stoneroad made a motion to pay Christina Crabb as needed up to \$30.00/hour, second by Supervisor Stout.

**Roll Call Vote:** Stoneroad (yes), Wertz (yes), Stout (yes), Brown (yes)

Motion carried.

#### **Approval for the Sale of Items on Muncibid**

Supervisor Wertz made a motion to sell the items as posted, second by Supervisor Brown.

**Roll Call Vote:** Stoneroad (yes), Wertz (yes), Stout (yes), Brown (yes)

Motion carried.

### **SOLICITORS' REPORT:**

Solicitor Kerwin strongly suggested there be a 90-day probationary period after the hiring of a secretary. Other municipalities had to fire staff for various reasons, including a drug-test failure. Does

the township want to require a drug test? (Paid for by the township)  
The County will be issuing a substantial rent reimbursement check.  
Northern Dauphin Christian School had a meeting regarding their bonding requirements. After legal counsel and talking with the engineer, it would be acceptable if the school would “pay as they go” rather than have the bond for the full amount upfront. They could also get a letter of credit from one of their larger donors.  
No action was needed tonight.

**SUPERVISORS REPORTS:**

**Benjamin Brown – Recycling & Landfill**

Nothing

**Kevin Stadheim – Road Report**

Nothing.

**Glenn Stonerod – UDA School District & COG**

The COG/EMS was discussed earlier in the meeting. Nothing to report regarding UDA.

**Cynthia Stout – Parks & Recreation & Reliance Hose Company No. 1**

Nothing.

**Paul Wertz – Washington Township Authority**

Robert Crabb is to notify the Authority about hiring their own entity to handle their paperwork and accounts.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Nothing.

Supervisor Brown thanked Laverne Brown for his comments during the EMS Authority discussion and shaking Mr. Snyder's hand.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Planning Commission: Monday, March 2, 2026

Authority: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Recreation Board: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 (8PM)

Supervisors: Tuesday, February 17, 2026

All meetings, unless otherwise indicated, are held at the Washington Township Municipal Building starting at 7:00 PM..

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Supervisor Stout made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Supervisor Stonerod. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.