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Minutes

Milford Township Board of Supervisors' (BOS) Hybrid Workshop & Meeting March 2, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

Location: 560 Route 6 & 209, Milford, PA 18337

Workshop

There is an art program at Grey Towers National Historic Site scheduled for April 25. Therefore, Old Owego Road cannot be closed on that day for garbage pickup for the “Pick Up the Poconos” event organized by Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau. The organization will be contacted so that the cleanup can instead take place on Schocopee Road, from Fire Tower Road up to Lily Pond.

Jeff Olsommer has sent his letter of support for the AARP grant application, which can be submitted soon.

The Secretary has email confirmation that the fourth-quarter ambulance tax payment was forwarded to Milford Fire Department Ambulance Corps. However, the County has not yet provided confirmation that it has forwarded the matching funds.

The hearing for the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add “Planned Unit Commercial Development” has been advertised to be held at the June 16 meeting. The amendment to Section 306, “Uses Not Provided For,” should also be included in the hearing so that both amendments can be adopted on the same day. The Secretary was asked to contact the Solicitor to update the advertisement text accordingly.

Condition No. 11 of the conditional use approval for AutoZone required that neighbors within 200 feet of the property be notified when the land development application is filed. Therefore, the land development application needs to be sent back to the Planning Commission, and the neighbors must be notified so they have the opportunity to provide input. The neighbors previously expressed concern about the tree and were informed that they would have a chance to participate when the land development process begins.

Mr. DiLorenzo contacted the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance (NEPA) regarding the inspection of the Constitution Avenue Bridge. The NEPA engineer is currently unavailable due to illness, so another



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engineer, likely from PSATS, will be sent to inspect the bridge. Funding is being reviewed for the bridge's repair. If a PSATS engineer conducts the inspection, it would be at no cost.

Call to Order:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Milford Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Gary M. Williams. Supervisors Rachel Hendricks and Robert Di Lorenzo were present, along with Secretary/Treasurer Shahana Shamim.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2026:

The minutes of the February 18, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved by the BOS.

Treasurer's Report:

Since the last meeting, the Township received \$62.00 from Code Inspections.

PennDOT notified the Township that the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment in the amount of \$55,368.33 will be paid on March 2, 2026. The Road Turnback Annual Maintenance payment in the amount of \$2,840.00 will also be deposited.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to transfer \$10,000.00 from the PLGIT General Account to the NBT checking account.

Roadmaster's Report:

Gary Williams, Roadmaster, reported that it had been a hard winter and that Cargill and American Rock Salt had cut off deliveries to many municipalities. With considerable effort, he was able to purchase an additional 50 tons of salt from New Jersey at a cost of \$155 per ton, which should be sufficient for the remainder of the winter. He also reported that no one in the Township had been injured in weather related auto accidents this season, although many accidents had occurred throughout the County.

Zoning:

Six complete sets of revised site documents for the proposed AutoZone store were received. Review comments from PennDOT regarding its scoping meeting application were also received.

Public Participation:

In response to a reporter from BRC 13, the Supervisors stated that the County had already closed the Constitution Avenue bridge. The County had previously indicated that the bridge was safe for 29 tons, but a crack later appeared. In response to a reporter from the Pike County Dispatch, the Supervisors stated that the moratorium ordinance for the data center will expire in two months. The Solicitor and

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the Engineer are collaborating to finalize the Data Center ordinance, and Planner Nanci Sarcinello will also review it.

Secretary's Report:

- Eric and Sue Anne Vogelsberg will be celebrating their 50th anniversary this summer, and a letter recognizing this milestone is requested.
- C.S. Davidson: The Permit Manager cloud migration can be scheduled as early as April or May; however, the bulk printing feature of the Permit Manager will be available after June 1.
- State Representative Jeffery Olsommer sent a letter of support for the AARP grant application.
- Dave Sanko from PSATS sent the 2025 Acts of the Legislature.
- The Pike County Legal Journal was received from Bailey Design and Advertising.
- The Department of Community & Economic Development sent an invitation to e-sign the grant agreement.
- A violation letter from UGI has been received.

Old Business:

a. Constitution Avenue Bridge Updates:

The County has officially closed the bridge.

b. Hydrant Fee Implementation – Milford Water Authority (MWA):

Attorney John Klemeyer, representing Milford Water Authority (MWA), requested a workshop to discuss the implementation of hydrant fees. The proposed meeting would take place at a neutral location, such as the Milford Library, and would include the attorneys from the four municipalities: Milford Borough, Milford Township, Dingman Township, and Westfall Township.

The Solicitor previously sent MWA questions regarding the hydrant bills received from MWA; however, responses are still outstanding.

It was noted that in the past the Authority received an \$800,000 grant through the Township for the extension of the fire hydrant line. Additionally, a 2015 letter from MWA stated that all fire hydrant fees were waived.

The Supervisors expressed concern that it is not appropriate to charge residents hydrant fees in order to recoup legal expenses incurred by MWA related to the warehouse application. The Township never agreed to pay hydrant maintenance fees. It was also noted that ratepayers in Milford Township will



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receive additional charges on their April bills intended to recover “delinquent” amounts. Only a small percentage of Township residents are served by MWA.

The Supervisors unanimously voted to authorize the Township Attorney to send a letter to MWA requesting a one-on-one meeting to discuss this matter.

New Business:

a. Penn State Extension Data Center Workshop – March 4:

It was reported that the workshop is currently full and no additional registrations are being accepted. A request will be made to determine whether participation via Zoom may be available.

b. Planning Commission Recommendations:

i. AutoZone Land Development Application – Tom DeAngelo:

The Supervisors unanimously voted to send the application back to the Planning Commission so that neighboring property owners can be notified and given the opportunity to attend the next Planning Commission meeting, scheduled for March 24. Mr. Carmen DiDiano will mail notification letters to the neighbors this week. He will also email the office the mailing list, a copy of the letter, and a PDF file of the plan so it can be posted on the website.

ii. Engagement of Fuller Engineering for Act 537 Plan:

Mr. Di Lorenzo will meet with Mr. John D. Fuller, the Township Engineer, to discuss preparation of the draft plan for submission to DEP. Mr. Fuller will provide a scope of work and cost estimate for his engagement in this project. The Supervisors unanimously voted to table this item until this information is received from Mr. Fuller.

Public Participation:

In response to a question from a reporter with BRC 13, two of the Planning Commission members stated that they were unable to register for the March 4 Data Center workshop because all available seats had already been filled.

In response to a question from a reporter with the Pike County Dispatch, the Supervisors stated that AARP offers a Community Challenge Grant Program that may assist with the municipality’s facility improvement project to add wheelchair accessibility to the building. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$17,000. A draft application has been prepared and will be submitted soon.

There being no further business to discuss, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously at 7:45 p.m. to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting.

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