

**THE TOWNSHIP OF MAXATAWNY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JUNE 9, 2025**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman John Deplanque called the meeting to order at 6:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Marcus Simonetti. Professionals present: Township Engineer, Chris Falencki; Township Solicitor, Chris Muvdi; Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Paff; Secretary/Treasurer, Jerilyn Wehr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Wehr announced that the Board held an executive session this evening from 6:00pm until 6:30pm to discuss litigation and personnel

PUBLIC COMMENT: (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) – Public Comment on agenda items will take place at the agenda item after discussion is completed by the Board

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting
 - a. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Deplanque to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2025 Board of Supervisors. Motion passed (2-0)

REPORTS:

1. State Police Report
 - a. The Police report was presented. There were 120 calls in May
2. Kutztown Library – nothing at this time
3. Volunteer Fire Department/Ambulance – nothing at this time
4. Historic Commission – nothing at this time
5. Municipal Authority – nothing at this time
6. Roadcrew – monthly report provided
 - a. Discussion on Lang lane and 222 Traffic light equipment
 - Roy Wessner informed the Board that the traffic signals at 222 and Long Lane have been removed. He is looking to sell the equipment. He has an offer of \$5,000.00 from C.M. High Inc. to purchase the controller, controller cabinet, and the cameras. He is looking to place the other equipment on Municibid
 - Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Deplanque to approve the offer made by C.M. High Inc. and to place the rest of the equipment on Municibid. Motion passed (2-0)
7. Code Enforcement – Chris Paff
 - a. Paff presented his report
 - b. Cycle 1 is active for septic pumping. There are still approx. 270 properties that need to be pumped or inspected
8. Secretary/Treasurer – Jerilyn Wehr
 - a. Meeting room updates
 - Simonetti is waiting on additional quotes. Discussion tabled
9. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Deplanque to approve the reports as presented. Motion passed (2-0).

PLANS TO REVIEW:

1. Hoke/Tercha Subdivision – waivers and Prelim/Final plan review
 - a. Tom Dredge presented the plan. There are currently two parcels that they are subdividing into four parcels. The Planning Commission made the recommendation to approve the requested waivers and the plan at their May meeting
 - b. Dredge stated that he is waiting on approvals from DEP and PennDot and is not asking for plan approval tonight due to that
 - c. Dredge did present the requested waivers per the letter dated April 23, 2025
 - d. There was discussion on the waivers with questions related to if the waivers would transfer over to Land Development. Solicitor Muvdi stated that they would not
 - e. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Deplanque to approve the requested waivers. Motion passed (2-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Leck Waste Services – update on modification application with DEP
 - a. Paff stated that he met with Tony Wright last week
 - b. Due to plan modifications, there was discussion on whether to require Land Development. Falencki recommended requiring Land Development. The Supervisors agreed. Paff will reach out to Tony to inform him of such

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Escrow release request – Arrowhead Lot 20
 - a. A final inspection has not yet been scheduled. Discussion tabled
2. Motion to ratify approval of front facing solar panels – 11 Ivy League
 - a. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Deplanque to ratify the approval. Motion passed (2-0)
3. Zoning Hearing application review – Maxatawny CSG2 & CSG3 Solar (tucker tract)
 - a. Chris Watts, project engineer, and Lawrence James from Dimension Energy presented the variance requests to the Supervisors
 - b. There was discussion on their application, as they are appealing the decision of Paff, but also asking for the variances if the Zoning Hearing Board agrees with Paff's determination
 - a. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Deplanque to not make any recommendation on the application and to have Solicitor Muvdi attend the Hearing. Motion passed (2-0)
4. Special Event – Friend Inc.
 - a. Paff stated that this is the 'Break the Cycle of poverty' event that Friend has been holding for 16 years. It will be held August 9, 2025. There are multiple routes and they are expecting approximately 150 participants
 - b. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Deplanque to approve the event. Motion passed (2-0)
5. Motion to ratify Resolution 2025-08 – Zoning Hearing Board appointments
 - a. Wehr stated that the Resolution included moving current Alternate, John Zima, to fill the remainder of Hillegass's term and appoint Deon Marecheau to fill the remainder of the alternate term
 - b. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Deplanque to ratify approval of Resolution 2025-09. Motion passed (2-0)

6. Motion to approve Resolution 2025-09 – number of members on Municipal Authority Board
 - a. There was discussion on the request by the Municipal Authority
 - b. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Deplanque to approve Resolution 2025-09. Motion passed (2-0)
7. Motion to ratify grant support letter for Lyons Borough
 - a. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Deplanque to ratify the support letter. Motion passed (2-0)
8. Discussion of Green Light Go grant – KU traffic signal
 - a. Paff and Falencki informed the Board that Carol Sztaba from Kutztown University requested information on updating the traffic signal on Kutztown Road. Falencki found a grant that could help with the cost.
 - b. The Board asked Paff to confirm with Sztaba that the University is willing to pay for any costs associated with the grant application
9. Discussion on new fee schedule Resolution
 - a. Paff stated that he would like to start working on updating costs related to permits, Zoning Hearing applications and Conditional Use Hearings
 - b. There was lengthy discussion on what we can and cannot charge for and what other municipalities charge
 - c. Deplanque requested Wehr get some numbers together for current costs associated with each

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

1. Solicitor – Chris Muvdi – nothing at this time
2. Engineer – Chris Falencki
 - a. Falencki's report was presented to the Board
 - b. Falencki introduced new McCarthy Engineering employee, Joe Woodnorth
 - c. Falencki informed the Board that he has been putting a lot of time into a proposed residential project in the Township. The project is proposed on a difficult property and has been abandoned by multiple other owners over the years. The current property owner is complaining about the process
 - d. Falencki provided an update on the Florez Trucking property, stating that there was an inspection completed and there are multiple issues on site

PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items)

2. Resident Guy Foscone questioned why the small portion of Church Road is not getting any attention
3. Resident Ethan Boyer recommended making student seats on some of the Township Boards or doing an internship in the Township for college students

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

1. Motion was made by Simonetti and seconded by Deplanque to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed (2-0).
2. Motion was made by Simonetti and seconded by Deplanque to approve the Treasurer's Report and transfers as presented. Motion passed (2-0)

ADJOURN: Chairman Deplanque adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn R. Wehr
Secretary/Treasurer