

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

112 Municipal Lane
Prosperity, PA 15329

May 12, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

Walter Stout, Chairman, called the May 12, 2026 meeting of the Washington Township Supervisors to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance were Supervisors Walter Stout, Troy Smith, Charles Hickman, Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Beatty and township residents Tom Ayers, Ken Headley, Dan Headlee and Bob Green. The Roll Call was taken followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Requests to Address the Board/Public Comment

Bob Green who owns and operates several gas wells in the township asked that he be permitted to discuss regulatory problems he is having with DEP with the township's Solicitor to determine if the township should be involved, since many township residents may be affected by DEP's decisions concerning well plugging. It was agreed that Mr. Stout would contact Mr. Makel and that Mr. Green would make an appointment with Mr. Makel to discuss the situation.

II. Correspondence and Reports

1. Received Correspondence:

- a. Mr. Stout reported that the township received notification that Senator Dave McCormick's Fiscal Year 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending recommendations include funding for the Garner Road Pump Station in the amount of \$690,000. This is an important step in getting the funds placed in the final 2027 Congressional Appropriations bill.
- b. Mr. Stout reported that the township was recently advised of two upcoming PennDOT projects in the township: the first is a bridge improvement project on Rt. 221 which involves the replacement of existing corrugated metal culvert under the highway, located approximately 1,300 feet southeast of the intersection of Rt. 221 and Boyd Road; and second, is a Roadway Embankment Repair project along SR 4033 (Garner Run Rd) 0.3 miles north of the Rt. 18 and Garner Run intersection.

2. The Planning Board did not meet on May 7th as there were no items on the agenda for consideration.

3. Zoning Board: No meeting.

4. Park Board: No meeting.

5. Roadmaster's Report: Mr. Hickman reported that the crews have finished reclaiming the water line ditch on West Dividing Ridge Road as required. They drug, rolled and put stone on gravel roads in the township. They continue to clean trees and limbs off roads almost daily and have been busy mowing grass at the park and office. They continue to perform equipment maintenance as needed.

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6. Solicitor's Remarks: No remarks
7. BCO/Zoning Report: McMillen Engineering report was presented (see Minute Book file).

III. Discussion & Action Items

A. Routine

1. The Chairman asked the Board for approval of the Agenda, without an Addendum. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. All aye – motion carried.
2. The Chairman asked the Board for approval of the Minutes of the April 14, 2026 regular meeting. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walt Stout to approve the Minutes as presented, with no additions or corrections. All aye – motion carried.

B. Specific

1. Business Operations

a. Approval of Treasurer's Report for period ending April 30, 2026

	<u>General</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Machinery</u>	<u>Fire Fund</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 221,428.18	\$ 166,311.12	\$ 59,352.49	\$ 1,358.50
Revenues	57,425.05	34.13	5,308.99	2,754.30
Expenditures	<u>-36,107.95</u>	<u>-0.00</u>	<u>-100.00</u>	<u>-50.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 242,745.28	\$ 166,345.25	\$ 64,561.48	\$ 4,062.80

Impact Fee

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 267,654.06
Cert. of Deposit Interest	20,361.90
Expenditures	<u>-2,032.45</u>
Available Cash Balance	285,983.51
Investments Held	<u>2,250,000.00</u>
Total Account Balance	\$ 2,535,983.51

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the period ending April 30, 2026 and direct that it be filed for audit.

The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. All aye – motion carried.

b. Bills & Transfers for Approval for All Funds – April, 2026

The Chairman asked the Board to consider a motion to approve the payment of the monthly bills, payroll and intra-fund transfers, as listed (see Minute Book file), from the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 44,816.50
Liquid Fuels Fund	0.00
Machinery Fund	100.00
Fire Fund	50.00
Impact Fund	<u>3,400.45</u>
Total Bills & Transfers for Approval	\$ 48,366.95

The motion to approve the payment of the bills was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walt Stout. All aye – motion carried.

2. Township Supervisors

a. Ordinances, Resolutions

1. R & M Lumber - Escrow Fund Status

Prior to the start of timbering operations on several properties along Cemetery Road, R & M Lumber, pursuant to Resolution #4 of 2021, placed \$3,000 in an escrow account to be used to pay for any expenses for damages caused by a logging company performing timbering operations in the township. The logging operation has been completed and upon inspection, no damages were noted to any township roadways. As required by the Resolution, the Board of Supervisors will vote, at a public meeting, on the amount to be returned to the operator from the special account.

The Chairman asked the Board for approval, pursuant to Resolution #4 of 2021, to consider a motion to return to R & M Lumber, the full \$3,000 previously placed in escrow by them, as there was no damage done to township property during recent timbering operations. The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Walt Stout. All aye – motion carried.

2. Conditional Approval of Lot Split – David T. & Nancy Moore

Following the review of the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance which requires a shared driveway to have a minimum sixty feet (60') of frontage on a public street or easement thereto, the Township Zoning Officer (McMillen Engineering) and the Township Engineer (Mackin Engineering) have both withheld a recommendation for the approval of a requested Lot Split of 1.0085 acres as submitted by David T. and Nancy Moore for their property identified as Tax ID# 24-05-114A, due to the lack of said required frontage or easement.

The Chairman asked that the Board of Supervisors consider a motion to grant a Conditional Approval for a Lot Split of 1.0085 acres, conveyed by Deed between David T. and Nancy Moore and themselves, on the condition that they obtain and include in the proposed Deed, the 60-foot easement to the public street (US Route 19) as required by the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) and further specifying the metes and bounds, the intent, surface and maintenance of said easement.

Final approval of the requested Lot Split will be considered upon submission and receipt of all documentation, including the above-mentioned Deed required by Section 303 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO).

The motion was made by Charles Hickman and seconded by Troy Smith. All aye – motion carried.

IV. Information & Announcements

- A total of 17.86 tons of waste was collected during the two Spring Clean-Up days held on April 17th and 18th.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Supervisor's Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 6:30 pm
 - Planning Board, Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Zoning Hearing Board and Park Board meets as needed.

V. Adjournment: With nothing further for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. on a motion by Charles Hickman, seconded by Troy Smith, with all voting 'aye'.

s/Walter S. Stout _____ Chairman

s/Amy L. Beatty _____ Secretary/Treasurer