

Warwick Township Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting Minutes ~ February 5, 2025 ~ 6 p.m.

Chairman Cameron called to order the Regular Meeting of the Warwick Township Board of Supervisors at 6 pm at the Township Building. Supervisor Sydlosky and Solicitor Crotty were present; Mr. Brand was absent. Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from January 6, 2025 as submitted; Mr. Sydlosky second; two ayes.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report of the General, Open Space and State funds as submitted; Mr. Sydlosky second; all ayes.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to authorize an ACH payroll transfer to Victory Bank; Mr. Sydlosky second; two ayes.

Two General Fund Certificates of Deposit with Ephrata National Bank and First Resource Bank matured in January and were rolled into new terms with balances of \$250,593.72 and \$276,155.17 respectively. The Open Space Fund Certificate of Deposit also matured in January and was rolled into a new term with a balance of \$226,832.18. The Board of Supervisors received a letter from the Board of Auditors requesting financial documents to perform the annual audit to which Treasurer, Colleen M. Patton, will comply.

CITIZENS COMMENT OR REQUEST

There was no citizen comment or request.

ZONING OFFICER

Kraft Municipal Group issued three building permits and one Certificate of Occupancy. Two Notices of Violation have been issued and communication with two additional landowners has been initiated for remediation.

ROAD REPORT

LIMB / TREE REMOVAL

Low limbs were removed on Meredith and Hawthorne Drives, Grays and Earls Lanes, and Warwick Chase.

- January 1: Crew was called in to remove several down trees on Hill, Warwick Furnace and Dirt Mount Pleasant Roads.
- January 2: Crew removed down tree on Mine Hole Road
- January 13: Crew removed down trees from Grove and Laurel Roads.
- January 30: Crew removed down trees on Warwick Furnace Road.

CATCH BASINS / DRAINAGE PIPES

Catch Basins and under the road drainage pipes are inspected and cleared on a routine basis; cleared of leaves, ice, snow and debris.

ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGN/ ROAD SIGNS

Our electronic speed signs have been put in storage for the winter.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE / REPAIR

The Dodge truck received new lamps and a rear turn signal bulb, and the F550 also received new lamps for better plowing visibility. "Big Blue" was transported to AGI New Holland for rear axle seal repairs covered under the warranty.

ROAD REPAIR/MAINTENANCE

Township roads are inspected on a regular basis with shoulders constantly being cleared of down limbs and debris. Potholes are repaired when needed and washouts are cleared shortly thereafter an event.

WINTER SERVICES

On January 6, 16, and 19, weather systems required the plow team to convene and plow and treat the roads. Many thanks to our plow team!

TOWNSHIP

- January 9: Received 24 tons of salt.
- January 16: Received 24 tons of salt.
- January 21: Received 24 tons of salt.

New American and POW flags were hung at the Township Building.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission commenced the 2025 Organization Meeting on January 15, 2025 due to inclement weather on January 6. Appointed to Chair: Fred Reisser, Vice-Chair: Jim Tevis; Secretary: Olga Karkalas; New Member: Craig Gundrum. The Regular meeting commenced after and the Planning Commission reviewed the application to the Zoning Hearing Board for 622 Rock Run Road requesting a variance to reduce a front yard depth setback.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION / HARB

The Historical Commission held the Organization meeting on January 20, 2025 due to inclement weather on January 6. Appointed to Chair: David Lignore; Vice-Chair: Karl Snyder; Secretary: Janet Gebhardt; Vacant Seat: UNFULFILLED.

The HARB convened on January 20 to hear the applications of:

- **Moose Meadows Properties, 31 Dampman Road** to construct a post and beam storage barn for agricultural use. The structure will have a dark bronze metal roof with wood siding and plans include a simplified stormwater approach.
- **Natural Lands Trust, 501 Piersol Road** to construct an agricultural hay barn. The siding will be Colonial Red and the roof in Sierra Tan color. Landscaping with large greenery will be added to soften the building lines.

Both applications were approved and Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve Resolutions 2025- 4& 5: Certificates of Appropriateness; Mr. Sydlosky second; two ayes.

The Historical Commission convened their Regular meeting immediately following and with no appearance by the applicant, the meeting was adjourned.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

The Zoning Hearing Board reviewed the application for 622 Rock Run Road, a request for a variance from the terms of §603.A.2 to add a deck and wrap around porch that encroaches the front yard setback. The ZHB approved the variance.

CORRESPONDENCE

ELVERSON HONEYBROOK EMS

Received 12 calls to Warwick for December and 13 calls in January. An end of year review provided complete staffing and security of funds to upgrade equipment and professional training.

PA STATE POLICE

23 calls to Warwick in January.

RIDGE FIRE COMPANY

1 call to Warwick for January.

RIDGE FIRE POLICE

No calls in the month of January.

TWIN VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Reported three calls to Warwick for the month of December.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve the Emergency Services Contract with TVFD in the amount of \$69,678.00; Mr. Sydlosky second; two ayes.

PLAN REVIEWS

ST. PETERS / BLACK GRANITE VILLAGE

Phase I approved; final approved with conditions.

ST. PETERS TRAIN STATION / LAND DEVELOPMENT

Approved with conditions.

IRON RIDGE

Waiting for DEP approval.

545 ROCK RUN ROAD

Extended through December 31, 2026. No revised plans were submitted.

WINTERS

Township awarded restitution- appeal filed.

2578 RIDGE ROAD

Land development plans submitted and under review.

458 ROCK RUN ROAD

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to accept a Conditional Use application; Mr. Sydlosky second; two ayes. The hearing to be held on March 5, 2025 immediately following the BOS meeting.

2117 SCHOOL ROAD

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to accept a Lot line adjustment application; Mr. Sydlosky second; two ayes. The application to be reviewed by the Planning Commission at the February 19 regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

French Creek Iron Tour: The annual bike tour will be held on June 8, 2025 utilizing some Township Roads. Road Crew will evaluate prior to the race and a letter will be sent to PennDot.

Hazardous Water Commitment: The Board reviewed a letter from the Chester County Solid Waste Authority to approve a three year contract for the HHW program. This program provides opportunities for residents to safely dispose of hazardous waste materials.

St. Peters Road: A site meeting between the Township and Penn Dot reviewed traffic detour options as the state begins to address the slope failure along St. Peters Road in the Village. Detours should be implemented within the next several weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

Twin Valley Fire Company Service Discussion: Mr. Todd Verrecchia maintained his position that territory lines within the Township for fire company response need to be adjusted. His information indicated that his homeowner's insurance rates increased by 30% due to PCC ratings assigned based on the response matrix. To continue this discussion of fire department coverage within the Township, an insurance representative was scheduled to appear. Unexpected work obligations deterred his presence and he will return to the March 5 Board meeting. Mrs. Cameron explained that her due diligence revealed that, in the case of a structure fire, all three local companies are called and the health, safety, and welfare of the Township residents are supported. It was noted that the TVFD ISO rating was scored a 5 based on the report submitted by

Chief Pete Hornberger on December 9, 2024. Further discussion will be held at the next Board of Supervisors meeting in March.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to pay the bills; Mr. Sydlosky second; two ayes.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.; Mr. Sydlosky second; two ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen M. Patton
Warwick Township Administrator