

Warwick Township Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting Minutes ~ June 4, 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, Solicitor Crotty and Mr. Boulanger were present. Mr. Brand was absent on vacation.

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from May 7, 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; two ayes.

CITIZENS COMMENT OR REQUEST

There were no Citizens' requests or comments.

ZONING OFFICER

Kraft Municipal Group issued ten building permits and one Certificate of Occupancy in May. A Notice of Violation was issued; still awaiting a response.

ROAD REPORT

LOW LIMB/TREE REMOVAL

- Rock Run Road had two trees come down on wires on different days. Road Closed signs were set up and removed once road became open.
- Warwick Road- tree on wires and Road Closed signs set up and later removed.
- Warwick Furnace Road- Sunday May 18th tree down and removed
- Bethesda Road- large tree was removed.

Low limbs were cut on Rock Run, Hill and North Hill Camp Roads.

CATCH BASINS / DRAINAGE PIPES

The month of May brought a lot of rain. Catch basins and under the road drainpipes were checked and cleared on a routine basis; multiple washouts that occurred were quickly cleared. Catch basin and drainage pipe on Rock Run Road was cleared using the backhoe to remove gravel and dirt from exit site.

ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGN/ ROAD SIGNS

Our speed sign was moved from Mine Hole Road to the North side of the Iron Bridge on Warwick Furnace Road.

Two Delineators were knocked down on Dirt Mt Pleasant Road and were reinstalled. Also, the Street Sign at Route 23 and Warwick Furnace Road was straightened.

ROAD MAINTENANCE / REPAIRS

Potholes on Dirt Mt Pleasant Road were repaired and on Piersol Road a galvanized under the road pipe partially collapsed. Our crew inserted an 8-inch plastic corrugated pipe into the original pipe; additional work and some hot asphalt at a later date will be applied.

MOWING

Mowing was done on the following roads: Warwick Furnace, Dirt Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant, Hill, County Park, James Mill and Grove Roads.

MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS ON OUR EQUIPMENT

- 2012 Dodge: New front brakes, rotors and water pump were installed and was later inspected and passed.
- 2016 TERRA STAR: An ongoing issue with the front wheels not engaging into four-wheel drive needed a professional diagnosis which rectified the issue.
- 2019 Ford Utility Truck: Received a new set of wiper blades.

Our very old Pole saw was repaired and is now operational.

Both Tractor / Mowers were greased after use.

STRING TRIMMING

Completed on the inside of the retention basin located on Mt. Pleasant Road, also Dirt Trythall Road received a good trimming.

TOWNSHIP

- Picked up 8 tons of 2B stone that was used to help grade our upper lot.
- After the electrical installation of parking lot lights was complete, grass seed was put down on our Township Building front lawn and covered with straw to promote faster growth.
- Our new 2024 Ford Truck was fitted with a stainless-steel bed along with all the hardware needed for plowing: salt spreader, spinner, and plow; she is ready to go.
- The "WALL" was string trimmed and ready to be mowed on Monday, June 2nd, weather permitting.
- May 5th our crew attended the PSAT'S convention in Hershey PA.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission met on May 21, 2025 and reviewed a revised plan for Land Development at 2649 Ridge Road. The plans propose a Building to store vehicles along with 19 parking spaces. An evergreen screen is proposed between the parking lot and the Route 23 right of way. Lighting at the property will remain as is and a sidewalk waiver request will be submitted. The resubmissions will be sent to the Township prior to the June Planning Commission meeting.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION / HARB

The **Historical Commission** met on May 19, 2025 and discussed the Iron Bridge proposed rehabilitation plans. A letter from the Board of Supervisors was reviewed requesting traffic study data and when that is received discussion will continue. The HC further discussed Quincentennial event possibilities for the 2026 celebration and will continue to develop plans.

Karl Snyder, HARB / HC Vice- Chair was in attendance and explained that the Township is seeking to place the Bridge on the Historic Register.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

No new applications were received.

CORRESPONDENCE

ELVERSON HONEYBROOK EMS

No report submitted for May.

PA STATE POLICE

46 calls to Warwick in May.

RIDGE FIRE COMPANY

Zero calls to Warwick for May.

RIDGE FIRE POLICE

One call to Warwick in the month of May.

TWIN VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report for the month of May.

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. NOV delivered on May 27, 2025.

WINTERS

Township awarded restitution- appeal filed.

2578 RIDGE ROAD

Land development plans submitted and under review, extension letter until August 30, 2025. Resubmissions to be delivered to the Township for the June 18 Planning Commission meeting.

2649 RIDGE ROAD

The third resubmission was brought to Township for review at the June 18 Planning Commission meeting. Mrs. Cameron made a motion to accept the Land Development plans; Mr. Sydlosky second; two ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

Pennsylvania Game Commission

At the request of the Township, The Pennsylvania Game Commission attended the Board meeting to discuss residents' concerns over controlled burns on State Game lands in the Township. Mr. Ray Niemeyer and Mr. Tom Pyle, both Warwick residents, are alarmed

by the smoke created by the most recent burns which resulted in Mr. Niemeyer leaving his home to avoid the smoke permeating his residence. Mr. Steve Ferreri, PAGC Land Management Supervisor, discussed the purpose for burning is to regenerate the population of oak trees by top killing less desirable trees. Mr. Alex Murray, Group 2 Land Management Group Supervisor, supports Mr. Ferreri, both biologists, to explain that the burns are conducted in the spring and fall to lessen impacts to wildlife. Mr. Sydlosky asked about alternative methods to achieve the same outcome and it was explained that burning is more sustainable and affordable than herbicides. Mr. Ferreri stated that new growth is already being seen on the tracts burned in April.

Further discussion ended with an agreement for sooner notifications to allow Township website postings to alert residents. Rep. Paul Friel attended the meeting and will support efforts to push notifications on his social media outlets.

St. Peters Road Update

PennDOT implemented a northbound detour on St. Peters Road in advance of a full closure in the fall to commence slope failure repairs. Detours are posted on alternate routes and updates can be found on the Township website.

While Representative Friel was in attendance, Mrs. Cameron explained the proposed rehabilitation on the Iron Bridge and asked for assistance with the Township's endeavors to keep it a one lane, historic bridge. Mr. Karl Snyder, Vice Chair of the HARB and Historical Commission further supported the intention of repairing the load capacity but keeping the bridge single span. Follow up correspondence will be sent to Rep. Friel's office and he will begin communication with appropriate parties.

Solicitor Crotty advised that the new law prohibiting all use of cell phones while driving goes into effect on June 5, 2025.

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

Mrs. Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.; Mr. Sydlosky second; two ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen M. Patton
Warwick Township Administrator