

BOS Meeting Minutes
Washington Township,
Lehigh County
Emerald, PA
September 2nd, 2025

Chairman Josh Friebolin called the monthly meeting for Washington Township, Lehigh County Board of Supervisors to order at 7:30 PM at the Washington Township Building, 7951 Center St. Emerald, PA.

This meeting has been recorded for the accuracy of taking minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members Present – Chairman Josh Friebolin, Member Tom Dengler

Roll Call: Tom Dengler-Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

Also present were Manager Wade Marlatt, Secretary/Treasurer Brooke Lichtenwalter, and Attorney John Ashley

Motion to approve the 9/2/2025 workshop minutes was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll call: Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

Motion to approve the 8/5/2025 minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll call: Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

Motion to approve the July 2025 Treasurer’s Report was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll call: Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

SUBDIVISIONS: None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT: Joe Mead asked to make an amendment to the 2024 Lehigh County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update-Municipal Adoption Resolution 2025-10.

The radio project is coming along. Work on the translator tower is almost complete. The hand held units have been ordered and the majority have already been delivered to their intended destination. The County expects to be testing the Eastern side of the system which already might be in progress.

On August 17th, 2025 Joe was asked to provide road closure signs for an incident in Slatedale located on Mountain Road. At that time, only three road signs were available. Manager Wade Marlatt said that more signs have been ordered and the problem has been taken care of.

The notification and resource manual is almost complete.

The review of the Lehigh County Hazard Mitigation Plan is complete and ready for turn in. The resolution that was passed last year would need to be updated to the current year.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion was made by Tom Dengler to make an amendment to the agenda for an update to the 2024 Lehigh County Hazard Mitigation Plan update Municipal Adoption Resolution 2025-10 and seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll call: Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

2. Motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve the update for the 2024 Lehigh County Hazard Mitigation Plan update Municipal Adoption Resolution 2025-10 and seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll call: Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

3. Motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve the Indemnification Agreement for the Washington Township, Lehigh County equipment usage by the Friedens Fire Company and seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll call: Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

4. Motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve the Exoneration of Per Capita Tax 2025 for Damion Rodriguez, 2632 Grove Street, Slatington 18080, active duty military and seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll call: Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

5. Motion was made by Tom Dengler to appoint Duane Dellecker for Washington Township Building Code Official and seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll call: Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

6. Motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve the date/time and advertisement on Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 at 3:30 PM for the Budget Meeting and seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll call: Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

7. Motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve the date on the last Wednesday of the month-October 29th, 2025 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM for trick-or-treat night and seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll call: Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

8. Motion was made by Tom Dengler to approve the advertisement for a part time plow truck driver and seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll call: Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tito Burgos Fire Chief of Emerald Fire Company wanted to thank Washington Township for the help received with a call over this past weekend. Washington Township has followed recommendations so this incident did not become a bigger issue.

Last month there was a fire in Slatington, and Washington Township sent out workers to help with getting the hoses back to the station.

Chairman Josh Friebolin thanked Tito for the fire company's service.

Tom Scully of Oakwood Lane had some comments and recommendations about Oakwood Lane. He was concerned about the stop sign that may be put in by Vista Drive and Oakwood Lane. There is grading in the area and with a stop sign in place it could become very dangerous especially in the wintertime.

Josh and Wade explained that the township has entered into a traffic study of the area but it has not started yet. Wade said that LTAP has been in communication, but they have not come back with dates and times. Josh thanked Tom for his comment.

Jeffrey Hewitt of Walnutport purchased a banner for the Hometown Heroes project with the Slatington Borough. His question was why the flag couldn't be placed in Slatedale. Josh said over a year and a half ago the plan that was approved was to have the flags placed in a row and not placed by individual houses. The flags were supposed to be placed by Route 873.

Jeffrey feels that the flags should be allowed to be placed in Slatedale. Josh thanked Jeffrey for his comment. Patty Ingles of the Times News gave an update that the banners have been ordered. No time frame has been mentioned of when the flags would be hung up.

SUPERVISOR COMMENT:

Member Tom Dengler told residents if they see signs missing to please report it to the township. He also thanked all of the fireman for their service.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9/2//2025 at 7:50 PM.

A motion was made by Tom Dengler for adjournment and seconded by Josh Friebolin.

Roll Call: Tom Dengler- Yes; Josh Friebolin-Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Lichtenwalter

Secretary/Treasurer
Washington Township, Lehigh County

