

BOS Meeting Minutes
Washington Township,
Lehigh County
Emerald, PA
February 3rd, 2026

Chairman Shawn Wanamaker 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 Shawn Wanamaker, Vice Chairman Tom Dengler, Member Robert Schramel

Roll Call: Robert Schramel -Yes; Tom Dengler – Yes; Shawn Wanamaker - Yes

Also present were Manager Wade Marlatt, Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Park and Attorney John Ashley

Motion to approve the 02/03/2026 Workshop minutes was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel.

Roll call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler – Yes; Shawn Wanamaker - Yes

Motion to approve the 1/6/2026 minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel.

Roll Call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler – Yes; Shawn Wanamaker – Yes

Motion to approve the December 2025 Treasurer’s Report was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel.

Roll call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler – Yes; Shawn Wanamaker - Yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

SUBDIVISIONS:

1. A motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to accept the subdivision waiver request for SALDO Section 200 for 9100 N Loop Road. Preliminary/Final submission.

Roll Call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler - Yes; Shawn Wanamaker – Yes

2. A motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to accept the waiver request for SALDO Section 311. Scale of the plan.

Roll Call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler - Yes; Shawn Wanamaker – Yes

3. A motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to accept the subdivision waiver request for SALDO Section 314.14 for 9100 N Loop Road. Tract fronting on an existing improved street.

Roll Call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler - Yes; Shawn Wanamaker – Yes

4. A motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to accept the subdivision waiver request for SALDO Section 425.1 for 9100 N Loop Road. Each lot abuts an existing or proposed public or private street.

Roll Call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler - Yes; Shawn Wanamaker – Yes

5. A motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to accept the subdivision waiver request for SALDO Section 426.3 for 9100 N Loop Road. All access streets to the nearest improved street shall be adequate to bear fire apparatus and emergency equipment.

Roll Call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler - Yes; Shawn Wanamaker – Yes

6. A motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to accept the subdivision plan with conditional approval for 9100 N Loop Road.

Roll Call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler - Yes; Shawn Wanamaker – Yes

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT: Nothing

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to approve the required upgrade of Verizon services for the two meters that report sewer flow into Slatington's system with the wireless upgrade.

Roll call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler – Yes; Shawn Wanamaker-Yes

2. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to approve the Junk Yard License renewal 2026-01 for 6855 Old Grange Road – 3 acres – from Mark Yeanish to Lisa Yeanish.

Roll call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler – Yes; Shawn Wanamaker -Yes

3. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to approve the Grant of Right-Of-Way to PPL for public utility easement of PARID: 554220102477 1 at the intersection of Furnace and Mt. Roads.

Roll call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler – Yes; Shawn Wanamaker -Yes

4. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to approve the hiring of Richard Conklin as a part time plow driver/snow removal employee. No benefits and overtime only after 40 hours in a week.

Roll call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler – Yes; Shawn Wanamaker -Yes

5. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to approve the hiring of Kim Hoffman for cleaning the Eagles Nest bathroom at \$200.00 per month. No benefits or overtime.

Roll call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler – Yes; Shawn Wanamaker -Yes

6. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to approve the release of the budgeted \$32,000.00 donation to the Emerald Fire Company.

Roll call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler – Yes; Shawn Wanamaker -Yes

7. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to release the budgeted \$5,000.00 donation to the Slatington Library.

Roll call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler – Yes; Shawn Wanamaker -Yes

8. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to release the budgeted \$1,000.00 donation to the Slatedale Playground Association.

Roll call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler – Yes; Shawn Wanamaker-Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT: Geoff Whitcomb introduced himself. He is a candidate for the 187th house district. He asked what our concerns for the State Government are. Joel Merkel responded with he would like to see the state do more for the volunteer fire companies. Mr. Whitcomb said he has an EMT background and understands how important that is, he's tired of the bake sales, chicken dinner sales, etc. just to try to fund the EMS services. He wants to try to get funding for those. Joel said he appreciates that.

Tommy said he would like to see more funding for our roads. Shawn said yes, since our liquid fuels have gone down by about \$40,000 a year, Wade said and the costs of the product for the roads keeps going up.

Mr. Whitcomb said he would be back next month for our meeting.

SUPERVISOR COMMENT: Shawn wanted to thank our road crew and the Township for the great job and all their efforts they have done during the storms.

A motion was made by Tom Dengler for adjournment and seconded by Robert Schramel.

Roll Call: Robert Schramel – Yes; Tom Dengler – Yes; Shawn Wanamaker-Yes

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2/3/2026 at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Park
Secretary/Treasurer
Washington Township, Lehigh County

