

BOS Meeting Minutes
Washington Township, Lehigh County
Emerald, PA
August 4th, 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 08/04/2026 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 7/7/2026 minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel - Yes.

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

Motion to approve the June 2026 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 FOR AGENDA ITEMS – None

SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT – None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT – None

CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you letter from Slatington Area Historical Society for \$2,000 Donation

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to authorize the advertising for a Road Opening Ordinance.

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 hiring of Brad Slack for laborer at \$25.53 per hour plus full benefits.

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 Per Capita Exoneration for Damion Rodriguez, Active Military.

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 Per Capita Exoneration for Ashton Bevans, Active Military.

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 Per Capita Exoneration for Everette Bevans, Active Military.

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 Veterans Exemption for Real Estate Taxes for Tyson L. Bellesfield, 3015 Mountain Road PIN 555229266182-1.

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

7. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to approve Resolution 2026-11 to apply for the Northampton/Lehigh County LSA grant application for Massey Ferguson Tractor with side flail mower.

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

8. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to grant authorization for the Township Solicitor to attend Zoning Hearing appeal 2026-11.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jeremy Frable wanted to know if the Slatedale Park currently has a name. He was told no. So he said since the park currently doesn't have a name, why can't it be named in memory of his son, especially the ball field. He said it would mean so much to his family and said he and his family do a lot for this township. Shawn and Bob said they received multiple calls regarding the naming. Jeremy said

he just can't understand why it can't be done since Boyer's could get part of the trail named after their son that passed. Shawn said he was sorry but they just can't approve it.

Jeff Hausman suggested putting a nice bench in with a memorial plaque. He said that is what Boyer's did for their son.

Patty Ingels suggested just naming the ball field after him.

Joel Merkle said the new Rescue Engine has been received and is running. He wanted to thank the Township for the opportunity to use the garage if they would have needed it.

Dan Kunkle wanted to express his concern regarding a camper that was blocking him having access to the back of his property. He said he cannot park his cars back there because the camper blocks it. He said they all received a letter and it has been 7-8 days and he still hasn't moved it. Shawn told him he needed to speak to Duane. He said he did and that is why the letters went out. Shawn told him to contact Duane again.

SUPERVISOR COMMENT – Executive Session was held on 07/29/2026 at 5:00 PM to discuss personnel and to discuss who they were going to hire.

Tommy said people are dropping pallets off at the yard waste area. If anyone sees anything to please come into the office to say something before it is wrecked for everyone.

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 - 7:45 PM

NEXT BOS MEETING DATE – Tuesday, September 1.