

**BOS Meeting Minutes**  
Washington Township,  
Lehigh County  
Emerald, PA  
January 6<sup>th</sup>, 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

Shawn introduced Bob Schramel as our new Supervisor as well as offering his condolences on behalf of the township, to Barry Friebolin’s family on his passing. Barry was a Zoning Officer.

Motion to approve the 01/05/2026 Reorganization 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 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 12/2/2025 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 November 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:** Maureen Fleishmann of Rextown Road addressed her concerns regarding Item 7 on the agenda. She wanted to make her opposition

known regarding the 12,000 sq. ft. commercial style building in a Rural Zone for fear of it setting a precedent in the township.

**SUBDIVISIONS:** Attorney John Ashley gave a review of 3349 Old Post Road subdivision voting on denying it due to zoning issues and there was no extension. He wanted it on record that they are not in compliance with zoning or engineers.

1. A motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to reject the land development plan for 3349 Old Post Road.

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

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT:** Matt Stevens said welcome to 2026. He said there was nothing new based on their 2 year plan so it is just review and doesn't expect any changes needed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to approve resolution 2026-01 to provide certain tax credits that was set forth in Ordinance 2018-01

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 2026-02 for 2861 Cemetery Street – 3 acres – Siberini and Son Container Service.

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 Junk Yard License renewal 2026-03 for 6932 Jay Street – ½ acre – Jack and Kyle Follweiler.

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 Junk Yard License renewal 2026-04 for 3148 Spring Valley Road – 18 acres – Clay Sauerwine.

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 Junk Yard License renewal 2026-05 for 4162 Best Station Road – 35 acres – Alan Celmer.

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 Junk Yard License renewal 2026-06 for 4163 Best Station Road – 26.6 acres – Alan Celmer.

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

7. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to appeal the Zoning Hearing Decision 2025-11.

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

8. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to advertise for an additional part time plow employee.

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

9. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to approve resolution 2026-02, the resolution page for the Slatedale Fire Company's grant application for the Slatedale UTV project.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**SUPERVISOR COMMENT:** Tommy stated if anyone has any issues in the Township, to please call the township.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 1/6/2026 at 7:45 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Park  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Washington Township, Lehigh County

