**BOS Meeting Minutes**
Washington Township, Lehigh County
Emerald, PA
October 6th, 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 10/06/2026 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 09/01/2026 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 August 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 –** Brad Rock from Lehigh Engineering, the designer of the plan, spoke regarding consolidating the 2 lots into one. He said it is a simple, clean, consolidation.
Shawn stated these items were already approved by our engineers, zoning and planning commission already requested approval.

Motion to approve the waiver request from SALDO section 200 to allow the plan to be reviewed and approved as a combined Preliminary/Final plan 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 waiver request from SALDO section 311 to allow the plan to be drawn at a scale of 1" = 30' was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel.

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

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-13 conditional approval for reverse subdivision at 3957 Mountain Road was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel.

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

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT –** None

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to approve the hiring of a part-time plow drivers Jeremy Merkel and Richard Conklin at $25.00 per hour as well as seek to hire more.

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

2. Resolution 2026-14 Statewide LSA Grant for a multi-use hook truck has been tabled until we receive new quotes.

3. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to Resolution 2026-15 Statewide LSA Grant for a new tractor with flail mower for $119,243.25.

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 Resolution 2026-16 Statewide LSA grant for refurbishing Star Hose Company No. 1 pumper/tanker for $534,233.00.

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

5. Kristie Wentling from NOVA gave an overview of what this grant is for to ensure greater efficiency for the ambulance and the safety of the patients.

   Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to approve Resolution 2026-17 Statewide LSA grant for NOVA.

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 Resolution 2026-18 DCNR-VFA grant for Citizen Fire Company Num 1 for UTV Replacement for $106,628.00.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT –** Maureen Fleischmann spoke regarding the Boards decision on whether we were going to join in on the appeal at 8252 Rextown Road regarding the Zoning issue. John Ashley told her we were already a part of that.

Todd Andrews spoke regarding him putting in an application and not getting hired even though he worked here before part-time. He also wanted to know where a disabled vet would go to have his property taxes exonerated.

Marilyn Snyder wanted to know what is happening with the Recreation Center since the Mason's already had their first meeting there. Shawn told her the Rec Authority has nothing to do with that. She said we got $11,750. Shawn told her the Community Center and Rec Authority are two different things. Shawn told her the Rec Authority needs to coordinate with the Lodge but there is nothing we can say as to when they could go in but everything has to go through the Lodge.

Kristie Wentling spoke regarding all their calls. She said they handled 2,458 calls this year with their response rate of 94%. She went over what they spent the money from their grants last year that North Whitehall sponsored.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENT –** Shawn clarified the next 2 meetings.

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** - 7:50 pm

**NEXT BOS MEETING DATE** – Monday, October 12 at 5:15 pm Budget Meeting; Wednesday, November 4 BOS Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Park
Secretary/Treasurer
Washington Township, Lehigh County