

**BOS Meeting Minutes**  
Washington Township, Lehigh County  
Emerald, PA  
April 7<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

Motion to approve the 04/07/2026 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 3/3/2026 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 February 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**

Rocco Caracciolo, a representative of Jaindl Corporation, gave an overview of 4310 Best Station Road. He said there was a ranch house built in 1998 which was permitted; however, times have changed and now they have 2 houses on one lot so they did a subdivision for the two houses. They also farm 88 acres. They took care of everything but will be doing some easements. John Ashley said everything looks clean up to this point.

Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to approve the waiver request for preliminary/final submission for 4310 Best Station Road subdivision for SALDO Section 200.

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

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-05 for 4310 Best Station Road Subdivision for conditional final plan approval 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 request from the 4 H Equine trail ride/driving event on the Slate Heritage trail from Slatedale to the covered bridge.

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

2. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to appoint Wade Marlatt as a Delegate for Lehigh Tax Collection Committee.

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 a donation of \$2,000.00 to the NL 250<sup>th</sup> committee.

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

4. Phantom Youth Softball to use and maintain the Eagles Nest softball fields has been tabled until they respond with the information needed. No action will be taken.
5. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to approve the request from the Springside to use the pavilion at the covered bridge for the kids fishing contest April 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

6. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to release the budgeted \$1,000.00 donation to the Emerald Playground association.

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

7. Motion was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel to appoint Melissa Lilly for the Slatedale bathrooms.

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 \$32,000.00 donation to the Slatedale Fire Company.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Geoff Whitcomb, who is running for the House, said he has been going around the township speaking to young people in their 20s and 30s. He said they would like to volunteer to help with the township but didn't know where they could. Shawn said right now all the committees for the township were filled but Joel Merkel said the three fire companies always need help and you didn't need to be a fire fighter to volunteer. There are lots of other things that can be done to help. Shawn thanked him for stopping by and told him to keep coming.

Tim VanBlargan, the Slatedale Fire Chief, spoke regarding the tragedies that happened in Berks County, the Slatedale engine as well as 6 personnel were requested to do a standby coverage for the Virginville Fire Company from Thursday 6 pm until Friday 6 am. He wanted to make sure to receive approval due to Workman's Comp coverage to attend that. Also, Friday night into Saturday from the Mount Pleasant Fire Company so they could attend the funeral services on Saturday. John Ashley explained they want approval to go off Township property.

Motion to grant them permission was made by Tom Dengler and seconded by Robert Schramel.

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

Shawn thanked them for doing that for them.

Elizabeth Gershman said she has been here before for the same matter. She said she lives at the bottom of a hill and since Riverview Acres was built, the water comes from the top of the hill and goes straight into her driveway. She has lived there for 21 years. She said she was told by Tommy that this has been a problem for a long time. The problem is that the neighborhood was allowed to be built without proper drainage. She said this tore up half her driveway as well as railroad ties and fence posts that were 36 inches cemented in the ground and is destroying the frame underneath her barn. She says the Township is letting it be destroyed because of the storm water running down the hill. She says the Township needs to be responsible for the damage but was told it won't cover the damages. She says this is not reasonable to her, so she is asking the Board to do something about it. She said she was already told that the Township will not pay to fix this but she thinks this is unreasonable.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENT** – After the workshop meeting an Executive Session was held to deal with an employee personnel matter.

Bob thanked Tito for all his help and his service being Chief in the Township. He wished him the best in his new life in Virginia.

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 at 7:49 pm.**

**NEXT BOS MEETING DATE** – Tuesday, May 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Park  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Washington Township, Lehigh County