

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD JANUARY 13, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Oley Township Municipal Building by Jeffrey Spatz with Supervisors Lisa Schaeffer and Edwin Pollock in attendance. Solicitor Kenneth Picardi and Engineer Jessica Adams were also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was observed.

The meeting agenda was posted in the meeting room and the township website twenty-four hours prior to the start of the meeting. No public comment was heard on any of the listed agenda items.

There being no changes to the December 9, 2024 and January 6, 2025 minutes, a motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024 and January 6, 2025 meetings as presented. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried. There being no changes to the December 30, 2024 minutes, a motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2024 meeting as presented. Jeffrey Spatz – abstained; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. Two in favor, one abstained....motion carried.

The police department report for the month of December 2024 was read indicating 160 calls for the month. Mr. Spatz said there have been some reported vandalism recently in the area, if anyone sees this occurring or have information on the vandalism's please contact the police to report.

The road department report for the month of December 2024 was read. Received quote from Collinson, Inc. in amount of \$6,450 for installation of new guiderail to be placed on Oley Furnace Road. Duane Howard said he would need LTL Consultants to prepare the drawing for the design and installation. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to authorize LTL Consultants to prepare the drawing for the design and installation of the guiderail to be placed on Oley Furnace Road. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Mr. Howard said he may need to obtain another quote if the design is different from what was quoted. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to authorize Collinson, Inc. to install new guiderail on Oley Furnace Road for an amount not to exceed \$7,000 after LTL Consultants prepares the design. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to authorize advertising for bids to be opened March 10, 2025 for PennDOT approved ultra thin bonded wearing course on Wagon Way, Carriage Circle, Surrey Court, and Shay Lane to be paid out of Liquid Fuels Fund. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The Fire Chief's report for the month of December 2024 was read indicating a total of 32 calls and the year end report was read indicating a total of 416 calls.

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The Ambulance Chief's report for the month of December 2024 was read indicating a total of 83 calls and the year end report was read indicating a total of 1,115 calls. Todd Kegerise indicated that the new ambulance will be delivered on January 15, 2025.

The Allen & Susan Standhardt property located at 15 Rose Virginia Road is in violation of weeds, currently clearing and trimming vegetation on lot. The Matthew J. & Marisa M. Horne property located at 711 Main Street is in violation of sanitation, weeds, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, and disposal of rubbish, property brought into compliance and citation has been withdrawn. Notice of violation issued to Stuart Synder for property located at 118 Mill Road for sanitation, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, disposal of rubbish, zoning permit required to operate rubbish removal and disposal business, owner filed for variance to operate business, Mr. Spatz suggested that the township should oppose this application when notified of the hearing date. Notice of violation issued to Allentown Cement Company, Inc. for property located at 1448 Memorial Highway for sanitation, rubbish or garbage, disposal of rubbish, cleanup of property is underway and eviction process of squatter is in the court system.

Kevin Bieber of Oley Township Municipal Authority was in attendance and provided an update on the new water storage tank project. He indicated that the project is moving along and there is only limited road closures at this time, the contractors are communicating with the neighbors on this project.

Incoming communications:

1. Letter dated December 30, 2024 from Oley Valley Community Education Foundation requesting to conduct a 5K Run/Walk on April 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. beginning on Jefferson Street onto Main Street, Oley Furnace Road, Lake Road, Water Street, Main Street, and back to Jefferson Street. We have received a certificate of insurance naming Oley Township as additional insured on the policy, Atty. Picardi reviewed this certificate and it is satisfactory. Mrs. Schaeffer said she is a board member of this organization but she derives no financial benefits. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to permit the Oley Valley Community Education Foundation to hold a 5K Run/Walk on April 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. beginning and ending at the Oley Valley High School. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

2. Complaint received January 8, 2025 regarding property at 41 School Lane having multiple dead trees on their property threatening neighboring homes and property. Atty. Picardi feels this would be a private issue between neighbors and they would need to hire their own attorney to deal with this matter, but we could check to see if the Property Maintenance Code would address such a matter. Ms. Adams is not sure that the Property Maintenance Code would address trees. This complaint will be referred to our zoning officer to determine if there would be anything in our codes or ordinances that would address this matter.

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Mrs. Schaeffer said she is approximately two-thirds through typing the personnel policy amendment.

The part-time road employee pay rates for 2025 were listed incorrectly on the reorganization agenda, they should be as follows: Part-Time Road Employee (CDL) - \$26.00 per hour and Part-Time Road Employee (Non-CDL) - \$22.90 per hour. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approve the following pay rates for 2025: Part-Time Road Employee (CDL) - \$26.00 per hour and Part-Time Road Employee (Non-CDL) - \$22.90 per hour. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The financial report was called for and read. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to accept the financial report and pay all the bills and salaries. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Public comment:

1. Joe Ninni – He referenced the code violation at 1448 Memorial Highway and that we should make Noah Hish of Heidelberg Materials US Cement, LLC aware that there is a pending citation for these violations.

2. Stephen Levan – He indicated that members of New Life Bible Fellowship Church is assisting Gary Gift of 3282 Freidensburg Road to cleanup his property.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Moyer
Secretary/Treasurer

Cc: J. Spatz
L. Schaeffer
E. Pollock
K. Picardi
D. Allebach
N. Ulrich