

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD MARCH 10, 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 Norman Ulrich 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 February 10, 2025 minutes, a motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025 meeting as presented. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The police department report for the month of February 2025 was read indicating 176 calls for the month.

The road department report for the month of February 2025 was read. Received quote of \$15,150 for Option A with no alternatives for the Oley Furnace Road guiderail installation, we need to obtain two more quotes. Mr. Spatz feels we should follow PennDOT specifications for this guiderail installation. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to obtain two more quotes for the Oley Furnace Road guiderail installation project. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. The diesel particulate filter needs to be repaired on the 2008 International truck, the cost would be \$4,862 if the filter is damaged or \$3,600 if the filter can be cleaned. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to repair the diesel particulate filter on the 2008 International truck at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to approve purchase order number 174 in amount of \$847.95 to Ag-Industrial, Inc. for mower knives and bolt kits. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Received an estimate from Abel Recon in amount of \$49,856 which is a COSTAR contract price for the Old State Road stormwater pipe rehabilitation/repair, Duane Howard said he would forgo replacing one plow to make up the difference in the budget to complete this repair, Dennis Hoshall will be notified that this repair will not go off the existing right-of-way at his property. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approve the Old State Road stormwater pipe lining proposal from Abel Recon in amount not to exceed \$49,856. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Mr. Spatz spoke with State Representative David Maloney regarding the lack of attention to State roadways in our township during the past several snow/ice events and there has been some improvement since that contact. The following bid was received for ultra thin bonded wearing course, rubberized crack seal, and mill for curb reveal:

Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC - \$182,395.14

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to award the ultra thin

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bonded wearing course, rubberized crack seal, and mill for curb reveal project to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$182,395.14. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The Fire Chief's report for the month of February 2025 was read indicating a total of 36 calls.

The Ambulance Chief's report for the month of February 2025 was read indicating a total of 100 calls.

The Allen & Susan Standhardt property located at 15 Rose Virginia Road is in violation of weeds, currently clearing and trimming vegetation on lot, this property seems sufficiently cleaned up for now. The Stuart Synder property located at 118 Mill Road is in violation of sanitation, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, disposal of rubbish, zoning permit required to operate rubbish removal and disposal business, Zoning Hearing Board denied variance to operate disposal business, should continue to press to have property cleaned up. The Allentown Cement Company, Inc. property located at 1448 Memorial Highway is in violation of sanitation, rubbish or garbage, disposal of rubbish, cleanup of property underway and eviction process of squatter is in the court system with a hearing scheduled for March 17, 2025.

Kim Seidel of Oley Township Municipal Authority was in attendance and provided an update on the new water storage tank project and also requesting a reduction or waiver of the building permit fee for the water storage tank which is currently \$9,000, it is standard policy for Oley Township to charge three percent of the project cost for the permit fee, the contractor had a line item in the contract of \$1,000 for a local building permit, the tank is of a concrete construction and there is no occupancy as it is not a dwelling. Mr. Spatz suggested to only bill the Municipal Authority actual costs for administering this building permit. It was indicated that the contractor has already paid \$500 as the permit application fee and this could be used to drawdown expenses for the permit and then bill the Municipal Authority for any overage of costs associated with this building permit. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to waive the \$9,000 building permit fee for the Oley Township Municipal Authority water storage tank project and authorize LTL Consultants to issue the building permit and invoice the Oley Township Municipal Authority monthly for actual costs associated with the permit. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Incoming communications:

1. Letter dated February 12, 2025 from Oley American Legion requesting permission to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. beginning at the Oley High School and proceeding west on Main Street to Friedens Cemetery and also requesting assistance of police and fire police to block the road and direct traffic. A motion was

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made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to allow the use of the route as requested for the Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2025 and authorize the police and fire police to block the roads and direct traffic as required and authorize "No Parking" signs to be posted along Main Street between Lynx Drive and Water Street. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

2. Email received February 17, 2025 from Oley Valley High School BASH Committee requesting to hold a Senior Car Cruise on May 30, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oley Fire Company fairgrounds and requesting the use of fire police for traffic control, route will be right on Jefferson Street, left on High School parking lot, right on Main Street, right on Oley Furnace Road, right on Stitzer Road, right on Water Street, left on Main Street, left on Jefferson Street, left on fairgrounds. Kevin Bieber said he has a concern with this route since it will require additional fire police personnel which he does not have, he spoke to Rachel Winterstine about eliminating crossing over the High School parking lot and have the route turn out of the fairgrounds onto Jefferson Street to Main Street, this is acceptable to the Committee. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to permit the Oley Valley High School BASH Committee to hold an Oley Valley High School Senior Car Cruise on May 30, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. beginning and ending at the Oley Fire Company fairgrounds as per the designated route and authorize the use of Fire Police for traffic control. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

3. Email received February 18, 2025 from Leonard Burton of Pagoda Pacers requesting permission to hold the Oley Valley Country Classic ten mile and five kilometer foot race on November 2, 2025 beginning at 9:00 a.m. which will begin and end at the Oley Valley High School. Mr. Burton was in attendance and indicated that the race may be held November 1, 2025, a portion of the proceeds from this function will be donated to the Oley Valley Boosters Club. There was discussion as to authorizing "No Parking" along Main Street for this event and it was agreed to table this authorization until our August 11, 2025 meeting. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to permit Pagoda Pacers Athletic Club to hold the Oley Valley Country Classic ten mile and five kilometer foot race on November 1, 2025 or November 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. beginning and ending at the Oley Valley High School subject to receiving a certificate of insurance naming Oley Township as an additional insured on the insurance policy and accompanied by an appropriate endorsement, clearing with Oley Valley High School that no events will be held on the day of the race, and the "No Parking" restrictions on Main Street being revisited at the August 11, 2025 meeting. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

4. Email received March 3, 2025 from Casey O'Neill of 469 Main Street requesting to discuss the Oley Fire Company fire alarm. Mr. O'Neill said the constant ringing of the fire siren is distracting to him working from home. Mrs. Schaeffer said this siren serves the purpose of notifying residents that fire personnel will be responding to the fire station, some of the volunteers may not have their pagers on them or working outside so they can respond when

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they hear the siren. Mr. Spatz said he appreciates the comments and will digest all the information that Mr. O'Neill provided this evening. Mr. O'Neill asked if the siren usage could be put to a vote as a referendum on the ballot, he also feels this a noise violation. Atty. Picardi feels that a referendum would be premature at this point and it would not be considered a noise violation since the siren is being used for a public purpose. Kimberly VonDohren said the siren is loud and disruptive.

Mrs. Schaeffer said she is almost complete with the draft personnel policy amendment.

Atty. Picardi said we briefly discussed a draft Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Oley and Alsace Townships last month, he spoke with Alsace Township's Solicitor and she indicated that the Supervisors want to proactively enter into agreements with neighboring municipalities for sharing of personnel and equipment in the event there would be a reason for this type of intermunicipal cooperation. Mr. Spatz would have a concern with subsidizing another township. Mrs. Schaeffer feels we should have a full agreement to review first before making a decision. Duane Howard would like to know what benefits our township would get, he will discuss this with Alsace Township's Roadmaster.

Received proposal from Bartlett Tree Experts for a health care program for 2025 for the Sacred Oak Tree as follows: soil treatment \$539.00 and pest management \$453.00. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to authorize Bartlett Tree Experts to perform the soil treatment and pest management for the Sacred Oak Tree at a total cost of \$992.00. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Received letter dated March 4, 2025 from LTL Consultants informing us they received an email from McCarthy Engineering requesting a \$213,162.78 reduction from the Improvements/Performance Bond escrow for the Rota-Mill Land Development (Revised). LTL Consultants recommends a reduction of funds from the escrow for work completed in the total amount of \$229,752.50 pending receipt of the revised documentation as requested. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approve Escrow Release #1 for Rota-Mill Land Development (Revised) in the amount of \$229,752.50 for improvements completed subject to receipt of the revised documentation as recommended by LTL Consultants, Ltd. 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.

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Public comment:

1. Richard Schlegel – He attended the Zoning Hearing for the Stuart Snyder property at 118 Mill Road which was denied, he asked what happens now with the property. Mr. Spatz said the zoning officer is addressing the maintenance issues with this property.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Spatz announced that an executive session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. for informational purposes, no deliberation or action was taken.

A motion was made by Edwin Pollock and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shirley M. Moyer  
Secretary/Treasurer

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