

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 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.

A change was indicated to the March 10, 2025 minutes on page four, paragraph three, line five....replace "subsiding" with "subsidizing". A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025 meeting as corrected. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The police department report for the month of March 2025 was read indicating 186 calls for the month.

The road department report for the month of March 2025 was read. Did not yet receive the two other quotes for the Oley Furnace Road guiderail project. The scheduled road work project in Charmingdale is tentatively scheduled to begin May 12, 2025.

The Fire Chief's report for the month of March 2025 was read indicating a total of 40 calls.

The Ambulance Chief's report for the month of March 2025 was read indicating a total of 91 calls.

The Stuart Synder property located at 118 Mill Road is in violation of sanitation, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, and disposal of rubbish.

Received letter dated March 17, 2025 from HARB recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Andrew Mindzak for property located at 113 Misty Lane for the installation of a three hundred seventy linear foot powder coated aluminum fence in the back yard as per the photographs submitted. This application was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Andrew Mindzak for property located at 113 Misty Lane for the installation of a three hundred seventy linear foot powder coated aluminum fence in the back yard as per the photographs submitted. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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Received letter dated March 25, 2025 from HARB recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Ivan & Karis Miranda for property located at 6 Cricket Slope Drive for the installation of a PVC two sided digital printed sign, total dimensions are approximately sixty inches by forty-three inches including posts, sign to be three-quarters of an inch PVC with printed graphics as shown on submitted sketch, two four inch by four inch or larger wooden painted posts, sign not to be illuminated and installed in front yard, refer to the submitted sketch for all graphics and colors. This application was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Spatz explained to the applicant to be mindful of the sight line with pulling out from Cricket Slope Drive onto Main Street when installing this sign. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Ivan & Karis Miranda for property located at 6 Cricket Slope Drive for the installation of a PVC two sided digital printed sign, total dimensions are approximately sixty inches by forty-three inches including posts, sign to be three-quarters of an inch PVC with printed graphics as shown on submitted sketch, two four inch by four inch or larger wooden painted posts, sign not to be illuminated and installed in front yard, refer to the submitted sketch for all graphics and colors. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Kim Seidel of Oley Township Municipal Authority was in attendance and said that Miller Environmental will be running the water system temporarily until a permanent operator can be secured. The stone roadway has been installed off of Old State Road to the new storage tank site, the tank construction will occur in mid to late summer.

Received decision from the Oley Township Zoning Hearing Board for Stuart M. Snyder for property located at 118 Mill Road denying a variance of Section 27-402 to permit the installation and use of a rubbish removal and disposal business use at the property as an additional principal use.

Incoming communications:

1. Letter dated April 7, 2025 from Kyle & Nicole Wegman of 112 Kauffman Road requesting a waiver of the submission and implementation of a stormwater management plan for a proposed addition of an in-ground swimming pool. Ms. Adams said there will be additional stormwater runoff with this pool addition, she would recommend an infiltration trench around the pool or impervious paver blocks, she would recommend not to grant a waiver. Mr. Spatz said this a very rural setting and the neighbors are uphill from this property. Atty. Picardi said a waiver could be granted subject to a condition that minor stormwater controls be installed consistent with the recommendation of the township engineer. Mr. Wegman said the estimate for the infiltration trench is \$13,000, he indicated that their property is surrounded by fields in the rear. Ms. Adams said the impact is going to be minimal due to the surroundings. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer that specific to the location topography to waive the submission of a stormwater management plan for the Kyle & Nicole Wegman property located at 112 Kauffman Road for a proposed addition of an in-ground swimming pool. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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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. Duane Howard did not have an opportunity to speak with the Alsace Township Roadmaster, but he indicated that Ruscombmanor Township did enter into this agreement with Alsace Township. It was indicated that if there is a catastrophic emergency we would be able to work together without this agreement in place. Mr. Spatz suggested that we do not enter into this agreement with Alsace Township at this time.

There was discussion of an application submitted by Will Gotwals for property located at 12 Gotwals Lane to construct a two hundred foot by eighty foot building to be used as small business services/vehicle repair. Mr. Spatz said Mr. Gotwals informed him that it was fifty days from the time he submitted the application for a permit until he heard back from LTL Consultants. Atty. Picardi said with the current zoning of that property this structure could be permitted by special exception with conditions such as requiring as-built plans pertaining to the stormwater facilities, payment of any outstanding fees to the township, and execution of an operations and maintenance agreement for the stormwater facility. Mr. Spatz said he will have Brad Pflum of LTL Consultants contact Mr. Gotwals to inform him to file a special exception application to the Zoning Hearing Board.

The financial report was called for and read. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Edwin Pollock 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. Stephen Levan – Asked if we have official legal distances from other municipalities. It was suggested to look at the tax maps.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to retire to executive session at 7:39 p.m. relative to personnel. 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 reconvene the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 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