

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD JULY 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.

There being no changes to the June 9, 2025 minutes, a motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to approve the minutes of the June 9, 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 June 2025 was read indicating 178 calls for the month.

The road department report for the month of June 2025 was read. The road work project in Charmingdale was completed by Asphalt Maintenance Solutions in amount of \$177,055.17 which is being paid out of Liquid Fuels Fund. Email received June 19, 2025 from George Christian, President of Charmingdale HOA, thanking the road crew for keeping the street in their subdivision maintained. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to authorize up to \$12,900 to hire a vacuum truck to open clogged stormwater pipes and/or rent a mini excavator to clean out small pipes and ditches that are comprised with silt. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Suggest improvements such as adding bigger pipes and storm water control around Water Street and Reider Road. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to authorize LTL Consultants to begin the design for new pipe in the area of Water Street and Reider Road. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Email received July 10, 2025 from Tom & Corinne Shewell of 130 Main Street regarding a hole in their yard directly above a storm sewer pipe that runs from Main Street to the Little Manatawny Creek and requesting that the township excavate the hole to determine if the storm sewer pipe has collapsed or is leaking then perform repairs if needed and backfill the hole. Duane Howard said a former Road Superintendent had replaced this section of pipe approximately twenty years ago. Atty. Picardi said this is on private property and would be the owners responsibility, if the township would own the pipe there should be an easement, we could televise the pipe to determine the problem. Mr. Howard said we could excavate to determine the problem and restore. A motion was made by Edwin Pollock and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to authorize excavation around the sinkhole on the property located at 130 Main Street to determine what the problem is contingent on a legal access easement agreement being executed with the Shewell's and televise the area prior to mobilization. Jeffrey Spatz - yes; Lisa Schaeffer - yes; Edwin Pollock - yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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The Fire Chief's report for the month of June 2025 was read indicating a total of 36 calls. There were a lot of water rescues, may look into equipment and training for water rescue, possibly look to purchase a high water vehicle.

The Ambulance Chief's report for the month of June 2025 was read indicating a total of 92 calls.

Todd Kegerise, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided us with a storm assessment from the July 1, 2025 rain and wind storm. This was a very dangerous storm but our municipal infrastructure came away unscathed with minimal reported residential damage

The Stuart Synder property located at 118 Mill Road is in violation of sanitation, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, and disposal of rubbish, recent visit revealed a lot of junk and debris on property and several inoperable RV's and vehicles, a citation was issued on June 30, 2025. Mrs. Schaeffer feels the property at 104 Main Street should be condemned, it was noted that the water has been turned off to this property since 2016, Atty. Picardi will obtain information for us on a blighted property program. Kyle and Melissa Schaeffer were in attendance regarding overgrown vegetation at 10 Hoch Road, our code enforcement officer, Robin Royer, said in an email to them that she could not send letters and we have no money to file citations and take to court.

Incoming communications:

1. Application received June 18, 2025 from Berks County Bicycle Club requesting permission to hold the Shoo-Fly Invitational Bike Ride on September 27, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning and ending at the Oley Fire Company grounds at 26 Jefferson Street. Alan Fineman was in attendance and explained the route. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to allow the Berks County Bicycle Club to hold the Shoo-Fly Invitational Bike Road on September 27, 2025 as per the designated route in our township. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Edwin Pollock – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Mrs. Schaeffer said the draft personnel policy amendment updates is pending.

The Sacred Oak Tree public viewing which was to be held Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. was postponed due to inclement weather. Mr. Spatz is working with the owners of the property to schedule another viewing time later this year.

Mr. Spatz said he understands there is a malfunctioning sewer system on Water Street and questions as to when the public sewer will be extended onto Water Street, he said it has been reported that there was dumping of human waste in a catch basin along Water Street. Kim Seidel, Chairman of Municipal Authority, said Water Street is included in the Act 537 Plan but this could be five to seven years out.

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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. Sharon Moll – Said that water lays on the roadway on Covered Bridge Road from Bethany Church to Route 73. Also indicated there continues to be speeding on this roadway and big trucks are using this roadway and cannot get through the covered bridge. There are also deep ditches along this roadway that have not been fixed. Duane Howard said the road is crowned and there are no drainage ditches due to driveways entering the roadway. Mr. Spatz said the trucking firms are to use a system for truck routes which would take into account height restrictions. Mrs. Moll feels the bridge signage is not good.

2. Melissa Schaeffer – The township road crew works hard and she commends them for everything they do. After Hoch Road was repaved the white speed lines were covered over and asked if these lines could be put back on the roadway since the speeding is bad on this roadway. Chief Ray Serafin said he will have his officers put these white lines back onto Hoch Road.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 11, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Edwin Pollock to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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