

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

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Oley Township Municipal Building by Jeffrey Spatz with Supervisor Lisa Schaeffer 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 September 8, 2025 minutes, a motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 meeting as presented. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The police department report for the month of September 2025 was read indicating 209 calls for the month.

The road department report for the month of September 2025 was read. LTAP performed an evaluation of the Spook Lane and Oley Furnace Road intersection and indicated that the requested “Stop Except Right Turn” sign is not warranted for this intersection, ten to fifteen large trees would need to be removed, LTAP suggests a three way stop at this intersection, the estimate for all the necessary hardware would be \$671.90. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to authorize a three way stop at the intersection of Spook Lane and Oley Furnace Road at a total cost of \$671.90 and authorize the Solicitor to prepare an amendment to the Master Traffic Ordinance to include this signage. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. The 2008 International needs to have a fuel injector repaired, if all the injectors are repaired it would be \$536 per injector for a total cost of \$3,577. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to repair all the fuel injectors on the 2008 International at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to approve an employment offer for Trey S. Miller for Assistant Road Superintendent at a rate of \$33.90 per hour effective October 20, 2025. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to move Christopher S. Miller from the position of Assistant Road Superintendent to Road Employee effective October 20, 2025. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Received email from Thomas & Corinne Shewell thanking the Supervisors and Duane Howard for fixing their sink hole at 130 Main Street in a timely manner and coordinated the efforts of the contractor which did an excellent job replacing two sections of underground drainpipes, backfilling, and seeding the entire area.

The Fire Chief’s report for the month of September 2025 was read indicating a total of 30 calls. Requesting a payment of \$100,000 to Glick Fire Equipment as a second downpayment on the Pierce Enforcer from the Fire Fund. It has been determined that Glick Fire Equipment is a COSTARS vendor and therefore this does not need to be put out for bids but the township should

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be provided with the sales contract signed by the Oley Fire Company for auditing purposes. Mr. Spatz said any future purchases to be made from the Fire Fund should be brought to the township prior to the purchase to approve and we could then advise if the item would need to be bid or receive the three quotes as per the Second Class Township Code. Atty. Picardi said since the vendor is under the COSTARS program it would be permissible to make this \$100,000 payment but it is always good practice to obtain other quotes to make a comparison. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to authorize a \$100,000 payment to Glick Fire Equipment from the Fire Fund for an additional downpayment for a Pierce Enforcer. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Michael Kline is requesting the township to sponsor a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development LSA grant application for Oley Fire Company Department of Fire and Rescue Services with a closing date of November 30, 2025 to purchase a utility truck for approximately \$165,000, the township would need to adopt a resolution to go along with this application and create a portal to submit the application. Mrs. Schaeffer said she will complete the grant application on the portal. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to support the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development LSA grant application for Oley Fire Company Department of Fire and Rescue Services for the purchase of a utility truck with Lisa Schaeffer handling the logistics to set up the portal and the truck crew members will handle the grant application and writing. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The Ambulance Chief's report for the month of September 2025 was read indicating a total of 96 calls.

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, Atty. Almquist had checked on this citation online and discovered that it was withdrawn on July 17, 2025. Mrs. Schaeffer suggested to have a meeting with LTL Consultants to discuss code enforcement, she will check on dates to meet with them. The Anne K. Gehret property located at 615 Main Street is in violation of weeds and grass and weed removal, the vegetation is now being maintained. The Oley PA, LLC property located at 307 Main Street is in violation of weeds and grass and weed removal, no response to violation letter, Mr. Spatz will provide owner information to our code officer. The Robert & Melissa McIlwain property located at 2624 West Philadelphia Avenue is in violation of use of recreational vehicle as a dwelling unit, this has been resolved. The Kyle J. Rhoads property located at 14 Carriage Circle is in violation of inoperable vehicles, rubbish which includes stacks of tires, branches, household items and children's toys scattered about the yard, and vegetation, no response from owner. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to authorize issuing a citation to Kyle J. Rhoads for property located at 14 Carriage Circle for property maintenance violations and contact the appropriate governmental entities to address all the issues on this property immediately. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Duane

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Howard said there is a trailer loaded with tires parked along the public roadway at 14 Carriage Circle. Atty. Picardi will check if we could address this issue under the Master Traffic Ordinance for parking in a development. Atty. Picardi said there is state legislation on blighted properties, he provided us information from Main Street Revitalization Group which is a private group and would partner with the township to address abandoned or nuisance properties and resolve outstanding municipal claims and liens, they will attend our next meeting to give a presentation to us.

Incoming communications:

1. Letter dated September 11, 2025 from Berks County Agricultural Land Preservation Board notifying us they will be recommending that the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board approve the easement sale for the Richard M. & Janet M. Schlegel farm located on Covered Bridge Road consisting of 32.4 acres.
2. Letter dated September 24, 2025 from Daniel H. Laudenslayer requesting a waiver from the stormwater management plan requirements for a detention basin to be located seventy-five feet from a structure or a property line for the Zachary Weidner property located at 11 Streamside Lane to construct a pole barn as an accessory use to the single family dwelling. Ms. Adams said the basin is required to be seventy-five feet from the property line as per our ordinance, this is not feasible, the area naturally drains to that area but it is close to the adjacent property owner, the discharge pipes are directed back onto the applicants property, she has no objection to this, the design is fine but it is close to the property line. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to waive Sections 22A-312.1.A and 22A-312.1.B of the Stormwater Management Ordinance for Zachary Weidner for property located at 11 Streamside Lane for the construction of a proposed pole barn as an accessory use to the single family dwelling. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.
3. Letter dated September 30, 2025 from Doxa Holdings, LLC expressing concerns regarding the spreading of municipal waste, sewage sludge, or residual waste on township-owned land. Mr. Spatz said he spoke with Thomas Sweeney of DEP and he indicated that the farmer is receiving Exceptional Quality Biosolids from Liberty Soils Processing Facility in Schuylkill County and this facility has a permit to generate and distribute these biosolids to be used as a fertilizer, no farm permits are required and there are no notification requirements and there are no access restrictions when these biosolids are applied, they do not require farmers to get consent from landowners to spread these biosolids, they are not required to test for PFAS compounds. Stephen Levan would like to see the analysis of these biosolids. Mr. Spatz asked our Solicitor to determine what we can do or require. Kerwin Mast indicated that this parcel of land is located within the floodplain and would need to comply with state guidelines, he also questioned whether the biosolids spreading was permitted for the township land parcel. Mr. Spatz said we will ask our Solicitor to determine if we are able to view the test results of the biosolids that are being spread on the township property.

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A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to conduct a public hearing on November 10, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. for the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The discussion on the amount of deductible the employees are to be responsible for on the health insurance program was tabled from our last meeting. There was discussion as to whether the deductible reimbursement should also apply to dependents. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz that the employer (township) will be responsible and reimburse to the employee a maximum of up to \$5,000 deductible per employee for the employee healthcare program with the employees being responsible for all the co-pays and revisit this by June 2026 for the next renewal period. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The routes for the Breakthrough Bike Challenge held September 14, 2025 and the Shoo-Fly Classic Bike Ride held September 27, 2025 were inspected and were satisfactorily cleaned up. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to refund the \$1,000 security deposits to Breakthrough Bike Challenge and Berks County Bicycle Club for the Shoo-Fly Classic Bike Ride. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Ms. Adams said the Liquid Motion proposed installation of an additional Slurrystore storage tank on the property at 80 Mine Lane is in process of being reviewed and this may require the submission of a land development plan since it is a commercial use.

It was agreed to schedule a budget workshop meeting for Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

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. All in favor....motion carried.

Public comment:

1. Zachary Wagner – The property located at 6048 Oley Turnpike Road has signage issues and grown up vegetation.
2. Terry Lash – Suggested to change the speed limit on Friedensburg Road from Memorial Highway to Wiest School Road. Mr. Spatz will contact Representative David Maloney on this. Mr. Lash also suggested that the Berks Career and Technology Center should have lights flashing with a lower speed limit from 8AM to 3PM.

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

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A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to retire to executive session at 9:20 p.m. relative to personnel and real estate. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to reconvene the meeting at 10:01 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley M. Moyer
Secretary/Treasurer

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