

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2026

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Oley Township Municipal Building by Jeffrey Spatz with Supervisor Zachary Wagner in attendance. Solicitor Richard Almquist; 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 February 9, 2026 minutes, a motion was made by Zachary Wagner and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting as presented. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The police department report for the month of February 2026 was read indicating 174 calls for the month.

The road department report for the month of February 2026 was read. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Zachary Wagner to approve materials and guiderail for Yoder Road Bridge Project in amount of \$51,038.00. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A motion was made by Zachary Wagner and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to approve the purchase of a gutter brush in amount of \$2,278.08. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The Fire Chief's report for the month of February 2026 was read indicating a total of 34 calls.

The Ambulance Chief's report for the month of February 2026 was read indicating a total of 92 calls.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Zachary Wagner to adopt Resolution #673-26 that the Emergency Operations Plan of Oley Township, adopted by Resolution No. 548-17, is repealed and the new Emergency Operations Plan of Oley Township dated February 22, 2026 is approved, adopted and placed into immediate effect. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The Stuart Synder property located at 118 Mill Road is in violation of sanitation, accumulation of rubbish or garbage, and disposal of rubbish, hearing held and property brought into compliance, judge found guilty on one charge, fine including court costs was \$1,161.55 and the other charge was dismissed, suggested to keep a check on this property. 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, citation issued, warrants issued and requested District Justice to serve them, property sold at Sheriff's Sale on February 6, 2026, Mr. Spatz spoke with the new owner and the

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property will be cleaned up in a few weeks. The Liquid Motion property located at 80 Mine Lane is in violation of motor vehicles, removing hay from barn to store tenant's belongings inside structure, Mr. Wagner said two cars were removed but nothing else, Ms. Adams said these vehicles are not owned by the property owner but someone else, Atty. Almquist said only one unlicensed and inoperable vehicle is permitted on the property, Mr. Wagner said the maintenance of the structures are okay. The Timothy R. & Sarah A. Kershner property located at 301 Main Street is in violation for a pergola constructed without a zoning permit, obtained zoning permit for the wood and tool shed but must obtain HARB approval, Mr. Spatz does not feel this would need HARB approval.

Received letter dated March 2, 2026 from HARB recommending that the Board of Supervisors of Oley Township issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Ashley Brewer for property located at 214 Main Street to remove wooden sign and replace with new PVC two-sided sign as per the submitted sketch to advertise business using brackets that are similar to existing brackets. This application was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Zachary Wagner to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to Ashley Brewer for property located at 214 Main Street to remove wooden sign and replace with PVC two-sided sign as per the submitted sketch to advertise business using brackets that are similar to existing brackets. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

The Spieker-Hartman Subdivision Sketch Plan of Record was originally approved on September 8, 2025 but Berks County will not record anything that was approved beyond ninety days, they are requesting that we re-approve this plan. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Zachary Wagner to re-approve the Spieker-Hartman Subdivision Sketch Plan of Record, plan number 6450, dated April 14, 2025. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Kim Seidel said the Municipal Authority received information from LTL Consultants that they did not perform any inspections on the Water Storage Tank #2 Project and are now requesting all reports on the project as well as exposing the foundation at two locations for a foundation inspection. Ms. Adams said there was an inspector on-site but only inspected the site improvements, the code inspections were not covered by the site inspection. Atty. Almquist said that since the Municipal Authority is considered a public service agency of the Commonwealth the Uniform Construction Code specifically exempts these agencies from permitting requirements, DEP controls the inspections on this type of a project and they issue the permit, LTL Consultants only needed to inspect for land development improvements, the Authority should provide the DEP permit to LTL Consultants to place in their file to close-out this permit. Mr. Spatz noticed that on the bills from LTL Consultants we were charged \$92 per hour for the inspector that was on-site and according to the 2025 rate schedule that is the amount for a commercial building inspector.

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Incoming communications:

1. Email received February 5, 2026 from Jennifer Pierdomenico requesting permission to hold the Oley Valley Country Classic ten mile and six kilometer foot race on November 1, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. which will begin and end at the Oley Valley High School. Ms. Pierdomenico was in attendance and indicated that a portion of the proceeds from this function will be donated to the Oley Valley Boosters Club. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Zachary Wagner to permit Pagoda Pacers Athletic Club to hold the Oley Valley Country Classic ten mile and six kilometer foot race on November 1, 2026 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. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

2. Letter dated March 3, 2026 from Oley American Legion requesting permission to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 24, 2026 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 made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Zachary Wagner to allow the use of the route as requested for the Memorial Day Parade on May 24, 2026 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; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Atty. Almquist provided a draft of the ground lease for the Route 73 property. Mr. Wagner feels there should be a three percent annual increase during the lease term. Mr. Spatz said he was approached about establishing a community garden made into plots and questioned how we would handle the insurance requirement on such a use. Atty. Almquist said this would be closer to an agri-business use, it is a very different use than a cultivated use, it would change the way we approach the insurance since this is currently a public park and this is something that would normally be park activities. A motion was made by Zachary Wagner and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to authorize advertising for sealed proposals to lease and farm 3.5 acres of township-owned land located along Route 73 for five years, deadline for submission of proposals is April 10, 2026. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Atty. Picardi drafted a cable franchise agreement and sent this to Kinetic for their review and comment. Mr. Spatz said he has some comments that he will provide to Atty. Picardi on this draft agreement.

The proposed office renovation project was discussed. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Zachary Wagner to authorize Duane Howard to obtain an estimate from a contractor for the proposed office renovation project. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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Atty. Almquist provided a draft of an amendment to the Master Traffic Ordinance to increase the penalty from \$15 to \$150 for violations during a snow and ice emergency. A motion was made by Zachary Wagner and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to authorize advertising a proposed amendment to the Master Traffic Ordinance to increase the penalty from \$15 to \$150 for violations during a snow and ice emergency. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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

Public comment:

1. Melissa Brewer – The Class of 2026 would like to have a car parade on Main Street and asked what was needed to obtain this permission. It was explained that we would need a formal written request with the date, time, map of the route, and request assistance from fire police for traffic control.

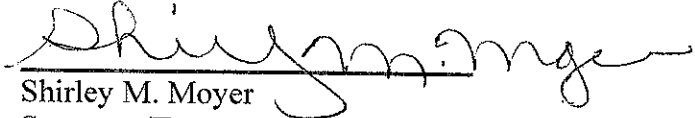
2. Stephen Levan – Asked when the Sacred Oak visitation will occur. The date for this is Saturday, June 6, 2026, weather permitting.

3. Melissa Newkirk – She has removed herself from the apartment at 662A Old State Road but would like to know if anything is being done about the violations she reported last month. She said that other units have been rented and one of the doors is ready to collapse. Atty. Almquist said we have adopted the International Property Maintenance Code and our code officials can make the determination if there is life safety issues, he will work with the code officer as to how to address these issues.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Zachary Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shirley M. Moyer  
Secretary/Treasurer

Cc: J. Spatz, L. Schaeffer, Z. Wagner, K. Picardi, J. Adams