

MINUTES OF THE OLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD AUGUST 10, 2026

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 Zachary Wagner in attendance. Solicitor Kenneth Picardi; Engineer Jessica Adams; and Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Wanner 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.

Changes were indicated to the July 13, 2026 minutes on page one, paragraph five, line eight...add "informational" between "an" and "on-site" and on page two, paragraph one, line two...add "PennDOT" between "a" and "bridge". A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Zachary Wagner to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026 meeting as corrected. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – abstained; Zachary Wagner – yes. Two in favor, one abstained....motion carried.

The police department report for the month of July 2026 was read indicating 185 calls for the month. Individuals soliciting in Oley Township need a permit, if one cannot be produced when asked to see a permit contact the police.

The road department report for the month of July 2026 was read. Waiting on the guiderail to be installed at the Yoder Road bridge project, the road may possibly be opened by next week. The decision on speed tables for a portion of Main Street will be tabled until next month. The quote from GFW Consulting, LLC in amount of \$3,000 for collecting, mapping, and organizing all infrastructure and transferring the Sign Inventory Management Program to GIS Software will be put in the 2027 budget for discussion. Received complaint of not being able to see the traffic light at the intersection of Route 73 and Friedensburg Road due to tree branches. It was agreed to obtain a quote from Lee Tree Care for tree trimming near this intersection for our next meeting. Mr. Spatz said there is a spring under Rhoads Road which is causing the roadway to collapse, a temporary repair has been made, may have LTL Consultants look at to provide us with their recommendation for repairs. Mr. Spatz said there are only two households that use Rhoads Road and the suggestion was made to look into vacating that roadway from the township road system.

The Fire Chief's report for the month of July 2026 was read indicating a total of 41 calls.

The Ambulance Chief's report for the month of July 2026 was read indicating a total of 105 calls.

The Liquid Motion property located at 80 Mine Lane is in violation of motor vehicles, citation filed for all non-agricultural inoperable/unlicensed motor vehicles, hearing held and citation withdrawn since property now compliant and judgement for township entered on civil complaint for \$1,000. The Douglas R. Wegman property located at 662A Old State Road is in

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violation of exterior property, interior structure, water system, heating facilities, mechanical equipment, clearances, electrical facilities, electrical equipment, means of egress, fire protection systems, building permit application received. Douglas Wegman was in attendance and explained that this was a summer kitchen which was rented to Melissa Newkirk until November 30, 2025, the tenant blew up the electric panel because she was using space heaters instead of paying for oil to heat the property and the water pipes burst due to no heat, this was all due to the tenants negligence. Mr. Wegman said he plans to renovate this property on his time schedule and until then it will be an unlivable unit and he will not rent the unit until it is up to code, he wants the harassment by LTL Consultants to stop. The Kelly Wells, Zachary & Nathaniel Weidner property located at 11 Streamside Lane is in violation of not obtaining zoning permit for a business on property, they are working with a lawyer to prepare a zoning variance application. The Michael Oswald property located at 3032 Friedensburg Road is in violation of sanitation, weeds, grass and weed removal, motor vehicles, accumulation of rubbish, junk has been removed and no junk vehicles could be seen from the roadway. Notice of violation issued to Paula Delarose & Olga Rodriquez for property located at 65 Clay Slate Road for multiple vehicles for sale displayed in front yard, the property owners are contacting the owners of these vehicles to be removed. Complaint received for garbage strewn throughout the Kenneth Zimmerman property at 12 Water Street, a violation notice will be issued.

Incoming communications:

1. Letter dated July 15, 2026 from Breakthrough Bike Challenge requesting permission to hold a fundraising bike ride on September 27, 2026 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. beginning and ending at Daniel Boone Homestead. It was indicated that we have not received a certificate of insurance naming Oley Township as an additional insured on the insurance policy. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to allow the Breakthrough Challenge to hold the Breakthrough Challenge Bike Ride on September 27, 2026 as per the designated route in our township subject to receiving a certificate of insurance naming Oley Township as an additional insured on the insurance policy and accompanied by an appropriate endorsement by no later than September 10, 2026. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

2. Application received July 25, 2026 from Berks County Bicycle Club requesting permission to hold the Shoo-Fly Invitational Bike Ride on September 26, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning and ending at the Oley Fire Company grounds at 26 Jefferson Street. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Zachary Wagner to allow the Berks County Bicycle Club to hold the Shoo-Fly Invitational Bike Ride on September 26, 2026 as per the designated route in our township. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

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Atty. Picardi said Windstream Conestoga, Inc. has signed the Right-Of-Way Use Agreement and it is now ready for the township to advertise an ordinance to approve and execute this Agreement. Mr. Wagner has a concern that we are locked into this Agreement for twenty years at an annual payment of \$1,500, there should be a provision for an annual increase. Atty. Picardi said he can check with them on the length of the term of the Agreement and an annual fee amount increase. A motion was made by Zachary Wagner and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to authorize advertising an ordinance to approve and execute the Right-Of-Way Agreement with Windstream Conestoga, Inc. and authorize our Solicitor to discuss with them the term and annual fee increase. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

It was agreed to check on the cost to only redo the floors and install portable office partition walls in the former police office.

Atty. Picardi said Christopher Hartman & Elizabeth Magovern have not yet signed the draft Sacred Oak Limited Public Access Agreement. Mr. Spatz will meet with Mr. Hartman and Ms. Magovern to attempt to reach a mutual agreement on the public access agreement for the Sacred Oak.

Received the resolution from Exeter Township approving the inclusion of the Witthout property into the Oley Township Agricultural Security Area. Atty. Picardi said we are awaiting the resolution from Lower Alsace Township. The public hearing will be held September 10, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Since our concerns are currently being addressed by LTL Consultants, the draft Request For Proposal for engineering, zoning and sewage enforcement services can be removed from the agenda at this time.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to adopt the Generative Artificial Intelligence Use Policy as presented effective immediately and to authorize the Township to implement administrative procedures consistent with the Policy. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried. Mr. Spatz said the pricing is high for Perplexity for government, has heard good things about Claude, will research government pricing for next month.

Have not received additional information from Deb Wanner of Oley Valley Community Library on the grant for a Story Walk project, it was agreed to remove this from the agenda until more information is received.

The parking restrictions and traffic patterns during the Oley Fair were discussed. A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Zachary Wagner to authorize no parking on either side of Main Street between Friedensburg Road and Lynx Drive from 8:00 a.m. Thursday,

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September 17, 2026 to 11:00 p.m. Saturday, September 19, 2026, no left turn from the Oley Fire Company as needed, Main Street and Jefferson Street up to the fairgrounds entrance to be made one way when necessary, and all traffic to exit north on Jefferson Street as necessary. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

Shirley Moyer's retirement plan will be discussed in executive session.

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

No public comment was heard.

The next regular meeting will be held THURSDAY, September 10, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Jeffrey Spatz and seconded by Zachary Wagner to retire to executive session at 8:16 p.m. relative to personnel. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried. A motion was made by Lisa Schaeffer and seconded by Zachary Wagner to reconvene the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried.

A motion was made by Zachary Wagner and seconded by Lisa Schaeffer to authorize our Solicitor to finalize the Secretary/Treasurer job description and authorize advertising this position on Indeed, township website, and Oley Community facebook page with cost not to exceed \$300. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – yes; Zachary Wagner – yes. All in favor....motion carried. There was a discussion of amending our personnel policy to eliminate all vacation days, personal days, and sick days and provide paid time off days.

A motion was made by Zachary Wagner and seconded by Jeffrey Spatz to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Jeffrey Spatz – yes; Lisa Schaeffer – 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