

# Lower Milford Township

Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Board of Supervisors

April 17, 2025 Regular Meeting

## MINUTES

Present: Ellen Koplin, Chair; Lowell Linde, Vice-Chair; Timothy Cogle, Supervisor; Mark Cappuccio, Township Solicitor; Emily Fucci, Township Administrator/Secretary; and 25 members of the Public.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34PM by Koplin.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Koplin adjourned regular meeting at 6:34PM and opened the hearing for conditional use application CU-2-24.

Koplin adjourned the conditional use hearing at and called the regular meeting back to order at 6:43PM.

Koplin announced an executive session was held on April 17, 2025 for litigation.

Motion by Linde to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2025 workshop meeting as presented. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Motion by Cogle to approve the minutes of March 20, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Cogle read the Treasurer's report as of March 31, 2025 aloud:

• General Fund	\$ 2,006,185.00
• Historical Registry Fund	5,735.00
• Fee-In-Lieu of Fund	24,000.00
• Sewer Fund	109,586.00
• Capital Reserve Fund	379,703.00
• Fire Fund	305,627.00
• Highway Capital Improvement	344,289.00
• ARPA of 2021 Fund	0.00
• State Liquid Fuels Tax Account	336,305.00
• Developer Escrow (Non-Township Funds)	40,430.00

Motion by Linde to approve the Treasurer's report of March 31, 2025 as read. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Motion by Linde to authorize paying the April 2025 bills. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Motion by Linde to accept the Administrator Report for April 17, 2025, the Zoning report for March 2025, the Public Works report for March 2025 and the Administrative Assistant report for March 2025. Seconded by Cougle and unanimously approved.

Koplin announced the Macungie Ambulance report for March 2025.

Koplin announced the Fire Company report for the first quarter of 2025.

Southern Lehigh Public Library representative Ellen Deebel provided an update on events and fundraisers at the library, including shirt sales, dine to donate, a seed library and instrument check out. Deebel commented on the new library director's progress in creating new events and working to cut down costs.

**Under Old Business:**

Fucci provided an update from the property owners along Janes Lanes that they anticipate the highway occupancy permit is submitted to PennDOT by the end of May 2025.

Cappuccio provided an update on the litigation regarding the Maplewood Subdivision.

Motion by Linde to approve the Lehigh County "Promissory Note and Security Agreement" for the purchase of new radios with a repayment term of five (5) years. Seconded by Cougle and unanimously approved. Fucci will review a draft of the agreement with Lehigh County prior to its execution.

Koplin opened the received road bids from New Enterprise Stone and Lime and Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC. Motion by Cougle to award the bids as follows:

New Enterprise:

Aggregates Per Ton	Price FOB	Price Delivered
3000 Ton PA-2A Subbase	\$11.85	\$20.30
500 Ton Type AS2 Anti-skid	\$17.00	\$25.15
500 Ton R-4 Rock Liner	\$18.50	\$28.10
500 Ton R-6 Rock Liner	\$26.90	\$38.50
500 Ton R-8 Rock Liner	\$38.00	\$51.15
1000 Ton (DSA)	\$18.50	\$32.70
Driving Surface Aggregate- Delivered		

Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC: for an approximate total of \$120,279.46

Double Seal Coat: \$4.19 per square yard

Single Seal Coat: \$2.09 per square yard

Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Cappuccio provided an update on the Tarzian property condemnation. Judy Mumbauer and Dan Mumbauer commented on their displeasure that they were not notified of the discussions

previously held by the Board and expressed concerns on the future use of the property. The Board advise the Mumbauers to attend future meetings for updates and advised them that their concerns would be addressed when the Board is ready to move to the next stage of planning for the use of the property.

Motion by Cogle to reauthorize the payment of just compensation in the amount of \$36,000 and include the payment of statutory fees not to exceed \$4,000 to the property owner for the access easement to the Township's property on County Line Road. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Koplin read the response from the Pennsylvania Turnpike aloud regarding the evaluation of 3050 Church View Road for historic importance in relation to their proposed condemnation of the property for the Turnpike extension. The property owners commented on what more can be done. The Board requested the Turnpike be asked if the Township can appeal their determination and what additional action can be taken.

**Under New Business:**

Motion by Linde to approve the Village of Limeport questionnaire and distribute to residents in the Limeport Area. Seconded by Cogle with the comment that he would like to see the survey available electronically. Discussion was held and it was agreed that paper copies of the survey would be issued first. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion by Linde to accept the letter of resignation for Emergency Management Coordinator from Brian McKee. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Motion by Linde to recommend Daniel Wisser for the position of Emergency Management Coordinator and forward an application to the County. Seconded by Koplin. Cogle stated he would like to see the position advertised. 2 ayes and 1 nay.

Motion by Cogle to request additional signage along Kings Highway from PennDOT to notify of the truck restriction on Wasser Road, with any associated costs being paid for by Upper Hanover Township. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Koplin announced receipt of docket 25-08, the appeal of Ian Burley and Allison Burley requesting a special exception for roof mounted solar. No action taken.

Koplin announced the PSATS 2025 proposed resolutions and nominations report. No action taken.

**Under Correspondence:**

Koplin announced the LVPC 2024 Annual Report.

Koplin announced the April 2025 social security newsletter.

Koplin announced the PSATS March 2025 news bulletin.

Koplin announced the Coopersburg 5K Run for Pulmonary Fibrosis 2025 sponsorship and health and wellness expo request form.

Koplin announced Brandywine Conservancy's 2025 municipal subscriber program request.

Koplin announced the PennDOT notification of bridge replacement on State Route 2027 (Vera Cruz Road).

**Under Public Comment:**

Russell Reitnauer commented on the increased presence of kids riding dirt bikes and 4-wheelers on roadways throughout his neighborhood and stated it usually took place immediately after school hours. Koplin requested the State Police be asked to patrol the area at the mentioned times. Reitnauer questioned why a resident on Judy Lane had an inground pool without a fence around it. Cougle responded that the pool has an automatic cover, and the lack of fence is not illegal.

Ed Bendekovitz announced that the Fire Company has paused their sale of soup and has started selling wraps in addition to hoagies.

Motion by Linde to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Cougle and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Emily Fucci  
Township Secretary