

Lower Milford Township

Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Board of Supervisors

October 17, 2024 Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Ellen Koplin, Chair; Lowell Linde, Vice-Chair; Timothy Cogle, Supervisor; Mark Cappuccio, Township Solicitor; Emily Fucci, Township Administrator/Secretary; and 6 members of the Public.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32M by Koplin.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Koplin announced that an executive session was held on October 7, 2024 and October 17, 2024 for litigation.

Pennsylvania State Trooper Nathan Branosky gave a presentation on the most frequent type of traffic violations and how to look up Lower Milford Township statistics. Trooper Branosky also provided information on how to stay up to date with Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) news. Jake Meluskey asked Trooper Branosky on citations given for speeding. Koplin asked how the PSP can assist with enforcing truck traffic on restricted roadways.

Motion by Linde to approve the September 19, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Motion by Cogle to approve the October 3, 2024 workshop meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Koplin read the Treasurer's report as of September 30, 2024 aloud:

• General Fund	\$ 1,978,047.00
• Historical Registry Fund	5,735.00
• Fee-In-Lieu of Fund	24,000.00
• Sewer Fund	116,338.00
• Capital Reserve Fund	378,610.00
• Fire Fund	322,506.00
• Highway Capital Improvement	337,920.00
• ARPA of 2021 Fund	30,183.00
• State Liquid Fuels Tax Account	268,001.00
• Developer Escrow (Non-Township Funds)	37,812.00

Motion by Linde to approve the Treasurer's report as of September 30, 2024 as read. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Motion by Cogle to authorize paying the October 2024 bills. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Motion by Cogle to accept the Administrator Report for October 17, 2024, the Zoning report for September 2024, the Public Works report for September 2024 and the Administrative Assistant report for September 2024. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Koplin announced the September 2024 Macungie Ambulance report and noted they provided us with a report for the incorrect municipality. Fucci will request the correct report for the next meeting.

Koplin announced the Fire Company Report for January 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024. Fucci read an email aloud from Fire Company representative Ed Miller that provided an update on Fire Company business and requested the Township's assistance with two grant applications. A consensus was received that the Township will work on the grant applications.

Southern Lehigh Public Library (SLPL) Director Mark Sullivan presented the Board with the proposed 2025 budget. Sullivan informed the Board that the SLPL is utilizing its "rainy day funds" to complete improvements to the building and is not asking for an increase in funding.

Under Old Business:

Cappuccio and Fucci confirmed there has not been an update on vacating Janes Lane. Cogle requested a 30-day deadline be put into place for an update from the adjacent property owners and the Board proceed with vacating the roadway. Fucci will provide an update at the November regular meeting.

Motion by Cogle to approve the settlement agreement for the Schmeltzle litigation. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Fucci provided information on the changes that had been made to draft 2 of the 2025 budget, which included updated expected numbers for the remainder of 2024.

Motion by Linde to authorize proceeding with replacement of the HVAC units in the meeting room. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Discussion was held on the potential purchase of a skid steer. The item was tabled until the November 7, 2024 workshop to allow for additional information to be received.

Discussion was held on the purchase of equipment to mix brine. Motion by Cogle to proceed with the purchase of the Varitech Model SB600 Salt Brine System with Cast Iron Pump from US Municipal for \$20,228.00. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Discussion was held on the purchase of a zero-turn mower. The item was tabled until the November 7, 2024 workshop so additional quotes can be received.

Discussion was held on the information provided from Lehigh County on the upcoming radio system upgrade and the cost burden of replacing the radios.

Cappuccio provided an overview of the status of the access easement to the Township's property on County Line Road. Motion by Cogle to approve the payment of \$36,000 just compensation to the property owner, conditioned on the thirty (30) day preliminary objection period. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Motion by Linde to approve the well isolation waiver agreement for 6739 Glen Road. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Under New Business:

A consensus was received from the Board to make requests to PennDOT, Verizon and PPL to attend a meeting with the Township Emergency Management Coordinator. Cogle volunteered to represent the Board at the meeting.

Motion by Cogle to authorize the Historic Commission to proceed with an updated Historic Resource Study. Seconded by Koplin and unanimously approved.

Discussion was held on the accuracy of the amount of money that was listed as being spent paying Hoffman Lane. Motion by Linde to table Limeport Commons escrow release #5 until additional information can be received. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Motion by Linde to approve resolution 2024-11, authorizing the 2023-2024 stipend recipients for Lower Milford Township Fire Company No. 1 eligible members. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Under Correspondence:

Koplin announced the October 2024 social security newsletter.

Koplin announced the Department of Environmental Protection notice of preparation of the Class A stream redesignations proposed rulemaking.

Koplin announced the Temple University College of Public Health Well Water Study.

Fucci read the letter of interest from a property owner to purchase a Township owned lot near Church View Road. The item was tabled until additional information can be received.

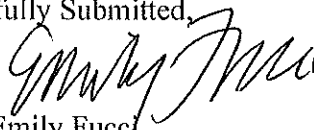
Ed Shuhler commented on the poor condition of Kraussdale Road and the impact it has on his farming activities. Shuhler stated he cannot ride his farm equipment down the roadway and that he has had to make repairs to his equipment. Koplin requested quotes are received to put a leveling course on the roadway. Cogle reiterated his opinion that the Township needs equipment to properly mill our roadways when paving.

Under Public Comment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Emily Fucci
Township Secretary