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MORRIS TOWNSHIP, CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MORRIS TOWNSHIP, CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO VACATE MORRISDALE DAM ROAD (T-678) LOCATED IN MORRIS TOWNSHIP, AS A PUBLIC ROAD; SAID VACATION BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECOND-CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE, 53 P.S. § 67304, 67305(a) AND (b) AND 67311.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Morris Township have examined that certain Morrisdale Dam Road (T-678) existing in Morris Township and, after due investigation, have determined that as a result it is no longer in the best interest of the Township to maintain Morrisdale Dam Road as a Township road and public roadway and therefore desires to vacate all of Morrisdale Dam Road as described herein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Second-Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 67305(a), a ten (10) day written notice was given to all property owners of land adjacent to the portion of said roadway involved in the proposed vacation, said notice advising the property owners of the time and place of a scheduled hearing regarding the proposed vacation of said roadway; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of said hearing, held the 3rd day of September, 2025, the Board of Supervisors of Morris Township decided in favor of the vacation of all of Morrisdale Dam Road and authorized the necessary ordinance for the vacation of Morrisdale Dam Road to be placed on the October 1, 2025 Board of Supervisors agenda for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the vacation of said roadway is permitted and authorized pursuant to the provisions of the Second-Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 67304; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Second-Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 67311, the Supervisors may vacate a public roadway without the formality of a view when the Supervisors and the property owner(s) affected by the vacation agree that the Township may vacate the public road, and that the property owner(s) is/are in agreement with the vacation of the roadway.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Morris Township as follows: to wit:

1. The above recitals shall form a part of this ordinance as though the same were set forth herein at length.
2. That Morrisdale Dam Road (T-678) located within Morris Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, extending between Emigh Run Road and Troy Hill Road, being more fully shown on Exhibit " A," attached hereto and made a part hereof,

has been vacated in accordance with the provisions of the Second-Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 67304 and 67305.

3. A copy of this ordinance, together with the description showing the location of the vacated portion of the roadway shall be filed with the Office of the Clerk of Courts where road dockets are lodged in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.
4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately after enactment, as provided by law.
5. It is declared that the enactment of this ordinance is necessary for the protection, benefit and preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Morris Township.
6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith shall be in the same are expressly repealed.
7. In the event that any portion, section, clause or part of a section or any clause or part of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provisions, sections, clauses or part of a section or any clause, it being the intent of the Township that such remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

Duly acted and ordained this 1ST day of October, 2025, by the Board of Supervisors of Morris Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MORRIS TOWNSHIP

Josiah Jones, Chairman

Emerson Reams

Fred Little

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ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that I am the Secretary of Board of Supervisors of Morris Township and that the foregoing is attested to be a true and correct copy of the proposed Ordinance in accordance with the Pennsylvania Second-Class Township Code, as reenacted and amended.

Patti Moore

Patti Moore, Secretary/Treasurer

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

I hereby certify that I am the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors of Morris Township, and that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on the 1ST day of October, 2025.

Patti Moore

Patti Moore, Secretary/Treasurer

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

September 3, 2025, 5:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Morris Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Josiah Jones with a salute to the flag.

A roll call of officers showed Josiah Jones, Fred Little, Emerson Reams, Patrick White, Rod Beard, Mark Crompton, Patti Moore.

Guests: William Clark, Willard Verbeck, Trey Siegfred, Wayne Siegfred, Katie Kopchik, Bob Smith, Kirk Whitaker, Ed Andrasko Jr., Rose Knepp (Kneppys Fireworks).

PUBLIC HEARING: The public hearing began at 5:30 PM The reason for the public hearing is because the township is considering vacating the Morrisdale Dam Road as a public road. The procedure is to provide written notice to any residents who own property along the road to be vacated, with the daytime place and time of the public meeting. The Supervisors then take testimony at the public hearing, then after the close of the hearing the supervisors can determine whether to proceed with the vacation procedure. If the Supervisors elect to proceed with vacation procedure, there would be an ordinance drafted and advertised prior to the next public meeting, so the Supervisors can act on it.

The public hearing was then open to the public for testimony. Katie Kopchik asked if the road could be closed if the road is vacated due to the amount of drug activity using the property, which she does not want to be responsible for.

The hearing was closed at 5:35. Once the vacation is complete, the residents will be provided with public record explaining the vacation of the road, showing the road reverts to property owners.

The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to draft and Ordinance and advertise the vacation of Morrisdale Dam Road. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to approve the August 6, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Financial Reports: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to approve the financial report. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Bills: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Executive Session: Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to go into executive session at 5:39 PM for legal discussion. Fred Little motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to come out of executive session at 6:05 PM with no action. Motion Carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Solicitors' Report: Rod stated there has been a letter drafted and will be going out shortly to Rob Holland for the damage to Colorado Road while holding the road bond.

Township Manager: Patti Moore provided the Managers Report.

Code Enforcement Update: Patrick White presented the code enforcement report to the board.

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MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

October 1, 2025, 5:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Morris Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Josiah Jones with a salute to the flag.

A roll call of officers showed Josiah Jones, Fred Little, Emerson Reams, Patrick White, Mark Crompton, Patti Moore.

Guests: William Clark, Willard Verbeck, Justin O'Connor, Ed Andrasko Jr., Jesse Thompson, David Karcewski, Chad Baughman, James Yedlosky, Todd Walstrom

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to approve the September 3, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Financial Reports: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to approve the financial report. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Bills: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Executive Session: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to go into executive session at 5:32 PM for legal reasons. Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to close and return from executive session at 5:59 PM with no action.

Solicitors' Report: Solicitor Absent

Township Manager: Patti Moore provided the Managers Report.

Code Enforcement Update: Patrick White presented the code enforcement report to the board.

Planning Commission: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to approve the Jesse Thompson Land Consolidation. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Public Comments: None

Fire Police Update: William Verbeck stated the fire police will be covering upcoming events for Halloween.

Fire Protection Update: Chad Baughman presented a sample ordinance for Knox Boxes for consideration.

Municipal Authority: Minutes submitted

Ordinance 2025-10-1: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to adopt the **Ordinance 2025-10-1 to vacate Morrisdale Dam Road (T-678).** There was a hearing held on September 3, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carries with all supervisors voting yes.

2026 Pension MMO: The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to approve the MMO calculation and payment of the 2026 MMO for 2026. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

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