

MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

May 7, 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, and Patti Moore. Mark Crompton, Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Guests: Willard Verbeck, Chris Williams, Chad Baughman, George Kotzias, Justin O'Connor, Steve Loss, Ed Andrasko, Jr., Carrie Pryde.

Minutes: The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to approve the April 2, 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.

Solicitors' Report: Solicitor Beard discussed 35 Mouse Lane. The occupants did not pick up the certified letter sent, but there was a letter sent first class mail as well. The occupants are still residing at the property in campers. Rod was instructed to file with the court, moving forward with the attempt to have them evicted from the property.

Township Manager: Patti Moore provided the Managers Report.

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

Planning Commission: Planning Commission Minutes submitted.

Public Comments:

- **O'Connor Solar Project:**

George Kotzias: George Kotzias presented information regarding the O'Connor solar project stating they would need 3 waivers to continue with the project. The 100-acre Lot waiver, the setback waiver, and 1 facility at a time waiver. Steve Loss then discussed the waivers as well. Josiah Jones stated the supervisors agree they will follow the SALDO and not allow any more solar farms in Morris Township. Emerson Reams stated most residents are not in favor of them and he was voted in by the residents. Fred Little agreed as well, saying he was confronted by residents thanking him for not allowing solar farms. Justin O'Connor mentioned neighboring properties, stating there is a junkyard and a sawmill in operation. The supervisors discussed that the junkyard has been there for many years, and the sawmill is being dealt with. The Supervisors stated they will not approve the solar project, following SALDO with all 3 Supervisors in agreement and continued with the meeting.

Fire Police Update: Bill Verbeck spoke on behalf of the Fire Police.

Fire Protection Update: Chad Baughman provided the Fire Company report.

Morris Township Recreation:

Municipal Authority: Municipal Authority submitted their meeting packet from the prior meeting.

Stone Bids:

- GOH 500 Ton 2RC \$21.57 400 Ton 2A \$21.57 400 Ton 1B \$30.57
- New Enterprise 500 Ton 2RC \$15.75 400 Ton 2A \$18.05 400 Ton 1B \$26.00
- Heidelberg 500 Ton 2RC \$19.00 400 Ton 2A \$24.75 400 Ton 1B \$36.50
- Woodland Equ. 500 Ton 2RC \$15.20 400 Ton 2A \$18.78 400 Ton 1B \$25.97
- Grannas Bros. 500 Ton 2RC 423.85 400 Ton 2A \$24.60 400Ton 1B \$29.60

The Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to accept the bids of Woodland Equipment for all types of stone, on the condition it is limestone. Motion carried with all supervisors voting yes.

Executive Session: Not needed

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and Fred Little seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 PM. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

Respectfully submitted Patti Moore, Secretary