

## MORRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING

November 5, 2025, 5:30 PM

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

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

**Guests:** William Clark, Willard Verbeck, Laurie Josephson, Wayne Josephson, Chad Baughman, Tyler Piotrowski, David Karcewski, James Yedlosky, Todd Walstrom

**Minutes:** The Vice Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned, and Fred Little seconded to approve the October 1, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

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

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

**Executive Session:** The Vice 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 5:42 PM with no action.

**Solicitors' Report:** The Vice Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to direct Rod to continue negotiations with the current litigation. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

**Township Manager:** Patti Moore provided the Managers Report.

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

**Planning Commission:** The Vice Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to approve the Pietroski/Shimmel Land Addition. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

The Kitko Project to be presented by John Koptchock was tabled due to Mr. Koptchock being absent.

**Public Comments:** Wayne Josephson spoke regarding the Mid State Airport Board and asked Morris Township to reconsider joining the authority board. Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to rejoin the Mid State Airport Authority. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

Fred Little motioned and Emerson Reams seconded to appoint Willard Verbeck to represent Morris Township to the Mid State Airport Authority. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

**Fire Police Update:** William Verbeck stated the fire police responded to various calls and provided services for the Halloween Holiday.

**Fire Protection Update:** Chad Baughman spoke of holding Fire Prevention program at the school district and spoke of the Knox boxes installations to be used for high occupancy buildings such as schools, apartment buildings.

**Municipal Authority:** Minutes submitted

**Ordinance for ATV/PennDOT Road Usage:** Motion for Rod to prepare the application submittal. This subject was tabled.

**ARLE Grant Sealed BIDS:** The Vice Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to award **DIXON ELECTRIC** of Claysburg the lowest bid of \$94,503.90. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes. The other sealed bid was from **M&B Services** of Clarion at \$99,599.84.

**2025-11-5: Tax Resolution:** The Vice Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to adopt a tax increase of 1.5 mills for a total of 3 mills for 2026. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

**2025-11-5(2): LSA Grant Resolution DSA/School House Road and Emigh Run Road.** The Vice Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to approve the grant resolution. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

**2025-11-5: LSA Grant John Deere 6105E Tractor:** The Vice Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to approve the resolution for the LSA Grant application for the JD Tractor. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

**2026 Proposed Budget:** The Vice Chairman entertained a motion, Emerson Reams motioned and Fred Little seconded to approve/adopt the Proposed Budget for 2026. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

**Adjournment:** The Chairman entertained a motion, Fred Little motioned, and Emerson Reams seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

Respectfully submitted Patti Moore, Secretary