

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.

Planning Commission: Mark Crompton discussed the updated checklist to provide to residents who will be attending the planning commission meetings.

Public Comments:

- **Rose Knepp:** Rose Knepp requested permission to hold a fireworks class and shoot on September 22 from noon until 9:30 PM. Permission was granted providing proof of insurance is provided.
- **Bob Smith** questioned if Firemans Drive will be repaired with the current paving project. Patti will contact Mark Rice at PA American Water.

Fire Police Update: William Verbeck provided the update stating they will be covering football games.

Fire Protection Update: None

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Municipal Authority: Minutes submitted

Mid-State Airport Board Appointment: Tabled to determine if the board seat for Morris Township still exists.

Adjournment: The Chairman entertained a motion, Josiah Jones motioned, and Fred Little seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. Motion carried with both supervisors voting yes.

Respectfully submitted Patti Moore, Secretary