

The Board of Supervisors met at the Township office building for their regular meeting on August 21, 2025, 7:30PM with Lowell Fry, Mark Erb and Randy Fox present. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the August 7th Work Session and the August 7th Meeting were distributed. **Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the August 7th Work Session and August 7th Minutes as presented; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Riggle reported on the statistics for the month of July which included 241 incidents, 5 criminal arrests, 31 traffic accidents, 16 traffic citations, 19 traffic warnings and 4 non-traffic citations. He said National Night Out was a success. He asked if Rapho Township would be interested in possibly hosting a National Night Out in the park next year. He reported on a lengthy police chase of 4 out of state juveniles.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Manheim Fire Department

James Rohrer reported that for the quarter May through July they had a total of 249 calls (53 in Rapho) and 37 mutual aid calls to outside companies. The average time per incident was 28 minutes. The average number of members responding on the daytime shift was 6, night shift 11 and weekend shift 9 with the busiest day of the week being Tuesday and the busiest time 5AM – 5PM.

Dan Reif reviewed the financial reports with the Board. He said the fund drive has raised \$141,000 so far and the budget for the fund drive was \$150,000. Dash cameras have been added to all the apparatus. Mr. Reif expressed his appreciation for what the Board does for the fire company.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LaTrobe Barnitz Executive Director of the Manheim Library reported on the increase they have seen in library transactions, library cards, average book returns for the day, summer reading program participants and visitor count at the new location. Since their move they have added 267 items to their collection. Additional staff has been hired and more shelving for the young adult and juvenile book sections have been ordered. The library and the historical society will be combining efforts to celebrate the United States 250th anniversary. A grand opening is planned for September 20th from 6-8PM.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – None

PLANNING

Levi P. & Rebecca S. King
1331 Shelly Road
Accessory Family Dwelling RT#25-477
Diehm & Sons

Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the Accessory Family Dwelling Agreement with Levi P. & Rebecca S. King, 1331 Shelly Road, Manheim; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

Noah W. Kreider & Sons LLP
486 S. Colebrook Road
Stormwater Management Plan RT# 25-483
Team Ag

Consider approval of the proposed Stormwater Management Plan for a HDPE lined manure storage pond, access drives, stormwater management facilities and related appurtenances. The project also includes the demolition of some existing buildings, concrete and pavement areas.

Mr. Fox made a motion to grant conditional approval for the Noah W. Kreider and Sons 486 S. Colebrook Road, Stormwater Management Plan subject to the applicant addressing the comments in the RETTEW letter dated August 19, 2025 to the satisfaction of the Township and to authorize the appropriate Township officials to execute the related plans and documents following review by the Township Solicitor and/or Engineer; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

Kenton Reiff Duck Operation
1775 Pinkerton Road
Financial Security Release RT #22-419
Red Barn

Mr. Erb made a motion to release the Kenton Reiff Duck Operation Financial Security in the amount of \$74,566.54 as recommended by the RETTEW letter dated August 5, 2025 and revised August 18, 2025; second by Mr. Fox.

Colebrook Ridge School
790 Hossler Road
Final Plan and Modification RT#25-470
D.C. Gohn

Mr. Erb made a motion to acknowledge Colebrook Ridge School's Grant of Time Extension for plan processing until November 6, 2025; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Consider appointment of Charity Hain, Doug Cwienk, Nate Kurtz from David Miller/Associates as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officers for Rapho Township, and the adoption of their 2025 Fee Bill for SEO services for work they perform as alternate SEO in Rapho Township. **Mr. Fox made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-13 appointing new alternate SEOs for Rapho Township; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.**

Mr. Erb made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-14 supporting Growth Area Changes; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

Mr. Fox made a motion to award the contract for the South Garfield Road Bridge removal to Mason Dixon Contractors LLC in the amount of \$75,600 as shown in their bid for Alternate 1, and reject all bids for Alternate 2, subject to concurrence by West Hempfield Township; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

PA DEP – notification of receipt of our annual MS4 Status Report. DEP finds the report complete and acceptable.

Letter of thank you from a resident, as well as a request for cleanup of a property in the RT.

West Nile Virus update – 3 traps set in Rapho Township – 0 tested positive for West Nile

Milanof-Schock Library – August 2025 Newsletter

APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSEMENT LIST – Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the disbursement list and pay the bills; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

There being no further public business or public comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:59PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melva J. Kready
Recording Secretary