

The Board of Supervisors met at the Township Office Building for their regular meeting on October 16, 2025, 7:30PM with Lowell Fry, Mark Erb & Randy Fox present. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the October 2, 2025 Work Session and the October 2, 2025 Meeting were distributed. **Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 2, 2025 Work Session and the October 2, 2025 Meeting as presented; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.**

POLICE REPORT

Sargeant Starr of the Manheim Borough Police reported on the statistics for September which included 187 Incident Reports, 11 Criminal Arrests, 24 Traffic Accidents, 15 Traffic Citations, 35 Traffic Warnings and 3 Non-Traffic Citations. Sargeant Starr explained the Civilian Ride-Along Program and how it would be implemented. This program would be for those persons who are interested in becoming police officers. Since there have been problems finding candidates for open police officers positions, this would be a way to hire persons who are interested in becoming police officers and then put them through the police academy. This would change the probationary period which had previously started on the date of hire to begin once the candidate completes the academy and is beginning to work on the street. The department feels this new policy would give them more qualified candidates. Sargeant Starr also reported on their need to purchase new in-car camaras and reported on the significant increase in cost. The Board thanked Sargeant Starr for the report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Manheim Fire Department

Kyle Peters reported on the quarter of July through September. He said there were 64 calls with 33 of them in Rapho Township. He also reported that the average manpower per incident was 12. They continue to wait for their tanker that was ordered 2 years ago. Mr. Peters said the department has applied for 2 grants for wild land gear. The gear they currently use is too heavy when they fight wildfires and last year they had multiple brush fires. The annual pig roast will be held November 8th with take-out beginning at 3PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LeTrobe Barnitz Executive Director and **Beth Sauder** Secretary of the Manheim Community Library thanked the Board for their contribution of \$18,000 in 2025. They requested a 3% increase, if possible. which would bring the total contribution for 2026 to \$18,500 but are appreciative of whatever the Board can give. The September statistics show an increase in the use of the library. There have been 85 new cards issued to residents of Rapho Township since April. Mr. Barnitz reviewed the upcoming community events to be held at the library. Ms. Sauder said feedback on the new library has been very positive and they are busier than ever. Mr. Fry said that currently the Board does not have the libraries in the budget for 2026. Mr. Barnitz asked when that decision will be finalized. He appreciates the support that has been given in the past and expressed his appreciation for whatever contribution the Board could give the library in 2026.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - None

PLANNING - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the 2026 Rapho Township Meeting Schedule, deleting the November 30 Joint Work Session and changing the starting time of the Board of Supervisors Meetings and the Joint Work Sessions with the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board to 7:00PM and authorizing the township manager to advertise the 2026 meeting dates; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

Mr. Fox made a motion to approve the 2026 Rapho Township Fee Schedule, Resolution 2025-18; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

Mr. Fox made a motion to authorize the township engineer to conduct a speed study on Mastersonville Road, between Colebrook Road and Shumaker Road, and make a recommendation of the appropriate speed limit; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

Consider approval of the sale of township property via www.municibid.com of the following township equipment, starting bids and end dates and times:

- 2003 Mack tandem dump truck VIN 1M2P267C33M065087 with a starting bid of \$10,000 and the auction ending on November 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
- 2000 Mack tandem dump truck VIN 1M2P267C1YM053138 with a starting bid of \$5,000 and the auction ending on November 14, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.
- 9' Western Plow with a starting bid of \$500 ending November 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.
- 11' Gledhill Plow with a starting bid of \$500 ending November 14, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.
- 11' Valk Plow with starting bid of \$500 ending November 14, 2025, at 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the sale of the above listed township equipment via auction at www.municibid.com; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Note of thanks for generous donation – Manheim Community Library

Notification of SEO fees for 2026 – Brian McFeaters

Notification of Opportunity to Review the Draft Cornwall-Lebanon Regional Comprehensive Plan

Manheim Borough Fall 2025 Newsletter

Notification of quarterly rebate from LCSWMA in the amount of \$6,497.09.

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