

The Board of Supervisors met at the Township Office Building for their regular meeting on May 21, 2026, 7:00PM 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 May 7, 2026 Work Session and the May 7, 2026 Meeting were distributed. **Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 7, 2026 Work Session and the May 7, 2026 Meeting as presented; second by Mr. Fry. All voted in favor.**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Jason Riggle reported on the April statistics which included 320 incidents, 3 criminal arrests, 23 traffic accidents, 47 traffic citations, 32 traffic warnings and 2 non-traffic citations. There were 19 UCR Offences of which 11 were cleared for a clearance rate of 58%. Chief Riggle announced the hiring of Seth Adomnik for the open position of police officer. He will attend the Reading Police Academy July 6, 2026 in order to become a certified and sworn police officer for the Manheim Borough Police Department. Three applicants qualified for Oral Board Exams which will be held in June for an additional position. He reported there were no major issues observed or reported in Rapho Township during the Make-A-Wish Convoy. Chief Riggle concluded by informing the Board of several crashes that occurred in the township in recent weeks.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Manheim Fire Department

Andy Kirchner reported that for the quarter February through April 2026 they had a total of 129 calls with 30 of them in Rapho Township. The total number of calls to date in 2026 is 181. The average time per incident was 38 minutes. The average number of members responding on the daytime shift was 6, night shift 8 and weekend shift 9 with the busiest day of the week being Monday and the busiest time 5AM – 5PM. Mr. Kirchner reviewed the year end information for 2025 which was their busiest year since 2018 with 493 incidents.

Dan Reif reviewed the financial reports for the fire department with the Board. He reported that the purchase for a new ladder truck was approved at 2.2 million dollars with a delivery date in 4 years. The fire department has 1.4 million dollars saved for it and when they figure in the contributions from Rapho, they would need to save approximately \$135,000 each of those 4 years. The rescue truck had repairs totaling \$11,000.

CONDUCT HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAPHO, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING SECTION 324-9 OF THE RAPHO TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 286, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AND VOLUME AND RATE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS.

Mr. Fry called the hearing to order. Township Manager Randall Wenger said the proposed ordinance was properly advertised in the Lancaster Newspaper. Mr. Wenger explained that in the previous ordinance, minor plans were based on setbacks and lot size whereas in the proposed ordinance minor plans would be based on the amount of earth disturbance. Mr. Fry said that means a minor plan would be based on the size of the project rather than the size of the lot. Mr. Fry asked the Board and attendees if there were any questions or comments. **Steve Gergley** of Harbor Engineering expressed his appreciation for this change and recommended approval of the ordinance. **Mr. Fox made a motion to close the hearing; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor. Mr. Fox made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-2 amending the Rapho Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter**

286 Stormwater Management, to update and clarify provisions regarding impervious surfaces; second by Mr. Erb. All voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - None

PLANNING

ACTION ITEM:

Strickler Road Associates

1151 Four Star Drive

Lot Add-on Final Plan and Modifications RT#26-493

DM/A

Applicants are seeking a lot add-on and expansion of the existing facility which houses Keystone Lawn Company Inc. and Keystone Pest Solutions LLC. Both parcels total 1.8004 acres gross, 1.7041 acres net and are located in the Industrial Zone. Applicant is seeking the following Subdivision and Land Development modifications: Section 295-305 – Preliminary Plan Processing, Section 295-403.G.5, 408.D – Wetlands Study, Section 295-602.K – Curbing, Section 295-602.E.1, 602.F, 602.G – Roadway Reconstruction, Section 295-602.L – Construction of Sidewalks, Section 295-603.A.1 – Construction of Access Drives to Collector Street Standards, Section 295-609.5.A.4 – Location of Street Trees and the following modifications of the Stormwater Management Ordinance: Section 286-30.A.1 – Stormwater Runoff Volume Control.

Bill Swiernik of David Miller Associates and the applicant **Chris Neiles** reviewed the plan with the Board. They said they have talked with Public Works Director John Haldeman asking the township to accept road improvements on Garden Lane at the intersection with Four Star Drive as fee in lieu of. There was some discussion as to the proposed improvements and the timeline for those improvements. Rettew has recommended the improvements as fee in lie of. Mr. Fry recommended letting Mr. Neiles and Mr. Haldeman decide the timeline. Mr. Neiles thanked the Board for supporting small businesses and for working with him.

Mr. Fox made a motion to grant conditional approval for the Strickler Road Associates Final Plan and Modifications subject to the applicant addressing the comments in the RETTEW letter dated April 17, 2026 and revised May 21, 2026, 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.

Phil Hershey

870 Bridge Valley Road

Stormwater Management Plan RT#24-465

D.C. Gohn

Mr. Erb made a motion to approve the reduction of Financial Security leaving a balance of \$9,263.31 as recommended by the RETTEW letter revised May 8, 2026; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Erb made a motion approve the agreement with Revize Software Systems of Troy, Michigan to update Township website and achieved compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines ("WCAG") version 2.1 Level AA guidelines and online reservation module at a rate of \$5260 per year for 5 years and \$3500 per year for year 6 and beyond; second by Mr. Fox. All voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Quarterly SEO Report – Charity Hain, RLA, SEO David Miller/Associates
Milanof-Schock Library – May 2026 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 7:48PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melva J. Kready
Recording Secretary