

**Moore Township Board of Supervisors
2491 Community Drive
Bath, PA 18014
February 4, 2025**

Regular Monthly Meeting for the Moore Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was called to order on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025, by Chairman Daniel Piorkowski at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at the municipal building. Members present were Chairman Daniel Piorkowski, Vice Chairman David Shaffer, Supervisor Michael Tirrell, Township Manager Stephen Nowroski, Township Solicitor David Backenstoe, and Township Engineer Kevin Horvath from Keystone Consulting Engineers (KCE).

WAIVERS & DEFERALS

SUB-DIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

REGULAR BUSINESS

MINUTES

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve two sets of minutes. From January 6th, 2025

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve the Financial Report

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to pay the bills

Bills for the month from General Checking are \$138,079.21, Liquid Fuels are \$74,436.81, Open Space \$1,758.75 Community Days \$ 3,011.51.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

APPROVE PAYROLL

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve the payroll

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

PRESENTATIONS

Boyle Construction and Alloy 5 were present at the meeting to go over the results of the municipal building feasibility study. Data was collected and the current building was evaluated to determine different options available. Three plans were constructed for review. The first being a complete demolition of the existing building, and a new one situated on the 9-acre lot. This would be an increase in space for each department. Added storage, rooms, bathrooms, holding cells, armory, interview and

meeting room, etc. Along with a secure lot for the PD. Total sq footage would be 15,000. The current building is 5,350. The total cost would be \$12.7 million.

The second plan shown would be an addition to part of the existing building. Give or take the sq footage would remain near 16,000. All the spaces in the first plan would be slightly smaller in this one. The price would be \$12.5 million. These plans include everything needed from start to finish, permits, security, furnishing, etc. Both options would take roughly 2 years to complete.

The third option available would be to renovate the existing building with a small addition. The spaces are shared in this option but there is still a significant increase in sq footage than what is currently had, this being 10,000 sq feet. The price for this option would be \$8.8 million. The BOS stated they will continue looking into grants and possible funding for the project.

It was requested that the agenda be amended to add Waiver 241-13.i(3)(b), it was posted and advertised but did not go to Planning Commission as it was previously approved.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to amend the agenda and to add Waiver 241-13.i(3)(b)

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Waiver 241-13.i(3)(b) is requesting to reduce the minimum separation distance of a property line for a dry well from 40ft to 15ft. Mr. Horvath of KCE stated this would not be an issue, the surrounding property is agricultural and also owned by the same property owners. This is for the Kocher minor subdivision that has already been approved by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve Waiver 241-13.i(3)(b) reducing the minimum separation distance for a dry well from 40ft to 15 ft.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Kevin Cupples spoke on behalf of his son Logan who could not attend the BOS meeting to present his Eagle Scout Project plan. Logan would like to make and install 10 bat boxes and 2 owl boxes, splitting them between Schiavone Park and the Appalachian Trail Park. He would also like to do some landscaping to the entrance of Schiavone Park (cleaning, adding stone. No plants that need upkeep.) The bats and owls he is trying to welcome to the parks will help with insect reduction as well as rodent control. Logan would also incorporate signs near the boxes to explain to visitors what they are and how they help. Mr. Piorkowski questioned how much maintenance the boxes will need, Mr. Cupples stated the bat boxes require none, everything drops out the bottoms. The owl boxes will need to be cleaned once a year and will require the help of PW since they will be roughly 10-15' high. Mr. Hoffman stated they will help with this. Logan is looking to start the project in Spring to have them ready for install in Summer, pending the approval of the BOS and Minsi Trail Council. Logan will do all the funding for the project through fundraisers.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve both boxes at both locations in the township parks.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Gary West read the report for January 2025.

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Mr. Jason Harhart read the report for January 2025

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Craig Hoffman stated they're working on Winter maintenance with some long hours due to the snow we've had. The medium dump truck has been ordered, it's a 6500 Chevy. It will take 3-4 months, it will then go to have the body completed.

FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY (FRCA)

Everything is up and running.

NAZARETH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Reorganization was held and all remains the same.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Jodi Hartzell there will be 2 car shows held at the rec center this year. One is for the Shriner's being held by Tony's Tool Crib. The other one is being held by Rihanna's Voice to make aware of teen violence. The fee will be waived for Rihanna's voice as it is a non-profit organization, but the fee remains for Tony's Tool Crib. There is also an event being held by Moore Elementary on May 13th at the pavilion. Both events have rain dates and the Rec Commission is still waiting for insurance by both parties.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to waive the rental fees for both Rihanna's Voice and Moore Elementary and keep the rental fee for Tony's Tool Crib

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Jodi also requested that the BOS allow an extension to an Eagle Scout who is away at college and would like to continue his Eagle Scout project. His project is to install trail signs at the rec center, and he would like to complete this sometime in May. The BOS signed his paperwork to allow him an extension.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Tirrell stated that the Eagle Scout working on the Edelman School house gave an update. Mr. Nowroski has also spoken with the engineer, and he is now waiting to hear from the architect. He has had conversations with the state (L&I), and they are considering with the scope of the work they may waive any permit fees that are required.

LAND & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD (LEPB)

Reorganization meeting was held, and Peter Lock is now the Vice Chairman. Peter stated that John Nierer will be retiring after dedicating over 20 years of service.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept John Nierer's resignation and thanked him for his dedication.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Bealer Easement Stewardship Endowment- estimated \$24,614.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve the Bealer Easement at \$24,614.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

D Miller Easement Stewardship Endowment- estimated \$27,268.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve the D Miller Easement at \$27,268.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Carpency Conservation Easement Agreement of Sale- 13.26 acres estimated at \$109,008.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the Carpency Conservation off of North Oaks Rd, agreement of sale at \$109,008.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

COMMUNITY DAYS COMMITTEE

Lois Kerbacher stated that the vendor who supplied the rides will no longer be doing them, his insurance cost is too high. The fireworks have also gone up in price. The next bingo is March 9th at KRVFC, and it is tool bingo.

ZONING AND BUILDING OFFICER

Nothing further to add to the January Report provided. Zach Zeitner is the new Chairman for the ZHB. Mr. Zeitner stated the board is all in agreement to changing the start time for their meetings to 7pm. The ZHB would also like to reinstate Tama Rigler as a regular member instead of an alternate. There is also an interest as an alternate from a Victoria B. Valentine De Dominic. Everyone on the ZHB is in favor of adding her, she is qualified and would be a great asset.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve Tama Rigler being reinstated as a regular member. And Victoria B. Valentine De Dominic being added as an alternate member.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Kevin Horvath stated the BOS should have a letter dated 1/17/2025, recommending the release of security to Aqua PA. They bonded the road adjacent to their facility, they were doing an addition to their building. Since everything has been taken care of, they have \$5,500 to be returned to them.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the release of security back to Aqua PA.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Attorney Backenstoe stated the property owners of 1170 Line Road would like the BOS to recognize the sale of the property as two separate parcels since it is bifurcated by Line Road making it a natural subdivision.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to recognize 1170 Line Rd, lot 3 on the depicted subdivision plan is bifurcated by a township road, there by creating a natural subdivision.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Stephen Nowroski has been in contact with different entities regarding funding for the Municipal building project. He's scheduling a meeting with Pa state reps Flood and Makos to discuss our standing with RACP- a grant program. Mr. Nowroski has also met with a firm from Harrisburg to help obtain grants. Having done the feasibility study, it now gives us a project to apply for grants.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Resolution 2025-07 – Agricultural Security Amendment – Mack Farms, LLC

Prepared by Attorney Backenstoe and would add about 168 acres to our ag security area.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-07 – Agricultural Security Amendment – Mack Farms, LLC.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion.

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Resolution 2025-08 – Towing Providers Policy

This would replace 2002-9, relating to the approval of towing providers within the township. This would be used by the municipality, specifically the police. It expands the radius where businesses need to be established from within the township to a 5-mile radius. Also provides a process for providers to apply and be approved, including standards they need to uphold.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-08 Towing Providers Policy

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Ordinance 2025-01 – Tax Duplicate and Tax Certification Fees

This would set fees for tax certifications to \$40 and for duplicate tax bills \$20.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to accept Ordinance 2025-01 Tax Duplicate and Tax Certification Fees

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion.

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Ordinance 2025-02 – Driveway Ordinance Amendment

This will apply to Ch. 116 in the ordinance. The application will go through the Zoning Officer with an inspection by the Public Works Director.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept Ordinance 2025-02 – Driveway Ordinance Amendment

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Boy Scouts Donation Request

Minsi Trails Council is requesting a donation of \$500. This was not donated by the Township in the past. BOS declined.

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMOS

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Yost
Township Secretary

Not intended to be word for word, but a synopsis of the meeting.