

Moore Township Board of Supervisors
2491 Community Drive
Bath, PA 18014
May 05, 2026

The Regular Monthly Meeting for the Moore Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was called to order on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026, by Chairman David Shaffer at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at the municipal building. Members present were Chairman David Shaffer, Vice Chairman Daniel Piorkowski, Supervisor Michael Tirrell, Township Manager Stephen Nowroski, Township Solicitor David Backenstoe, Township Engineer Kevin Horvath.

PUBLIC HEARING – DATA CENTER ORDINANCE

Attorney Backenstoe stated the ordinance has been advertised per requirements, it was sent to the Law Library as well as the LVPC, and the Moore Twp. PC. LVPC sent a letter complimenting the ordinance and highlighted some of the details the township has included. This ordinance regulates Data Centers in the township. There were no questions or concerns from the BOS or residents that were present. Attorney Backenstoe had no other comments and closed the hearing.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-01 Data Centers

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

David Shaffer stated there was an executive meeting held on April 29th, 2026, for personnel reasons.

WAIVERS & DEFERALS

SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

#24-06F- Mast Subdivision Plan- extension July 31st, 2026

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to accept the Mast subdivision plan extension to July 31st, 2026.

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

#24-03F – Crest Vue Land Development Plan - withdrawn

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to accept the withdrawal of the Crest Vue Land Development Plan

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

REGULAR BUSINESS

MINUTES

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve one set of minutes from April 7th, 2026

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. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

General Fund – \$193,282.67, Liquid Fuels – \$10,345.65,

Open Space – \$6,730.00, Topfer Account – \$7,094.00

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to pay the bills

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. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Gary West read the April 2026 report.

Mr. Shaffer stated that interviews were conducted with internal candidates from the Police Department interested in being considered for the position of Chief of Police. After the interview process, where six candidates submitted their resumes and sat for interviews, Officer Thomas Roberts was selected to be promoted to Chief of Police when Chief West retires. In the interim, Officer Roberts was promoted to Deputy Chief, effective May 4th until Chief West's retirement in September.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to promote Officer Roberts to Deputy Chief effective May 4, 2026.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

Mr. Ricky Knecht questioned if Officer Roberts will be a working or administrative Chief. Mr. Shaffer stated he'll be handling both administrative and patrol duties, doing whatever needs to be done. Mr. Knecht also questioned if the position of Chief West would be replaced, Mr. Shaffer answered no. Mr. Knecht expressed some concerns about the moral of the department from not filling that position and downsizing. Mr. Shaffer stated that there are discussions to be had with the incoming Chief regarding staffing and appropriate services for the Township.

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Nowroski provided a speech about Mr. Roberts' background and his qualifications.

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Mr. Jason Harhart read the April 2026 report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. David Tashner stated that Sullivan Oil and Propane's preplan is complete, he is still working with Hickory Hills. He has also been working with the solar panel farm to meet with the fire company on a training of the panels. PPL will be coming to the fire company to provide their training trailer June 1st, 2026, at 6:30pm.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Craig Hoffman stated street sweeping is wrapped up. They're doing work at the rec center currently, redoing mulch, etc. Mr. Shaffer added that he had seen complaints made on social media regarding the Public Works Department, specifically the roads. Mr. Shaffer stated it has been a hard winter, with multiple plow events. The Public Works Department has been out fixing roads and other issues that arose during the winter maintenance. He expressed the importance of affected residents to reach out to Mr. Hoffman directly to address any issues.

FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY (FRCA)

Mr. Hoffman reiterated that ornamental grass is not accepted at the township. When it is dumped with the other yard waste, the ornamental grass creates issues for the processing equipment at the main facility.

NAZARETH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Data Center Ordinance reviews for surrounding townships.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Ms. Jodi Hartzel stated MTAA is going to help move the batting cages so they're out of the way and open more parking spaces. MTAA also plans to replace the scoreboard at the football field, no new construction, only replacement of the sign.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Tirrell couldn't attend the meeting, but the commission did meet at the Lehigh Township schoolhouse to see how they dealt with HVAC, etc. Once he hears how that went, he'll report back to the rest of the supervisors. Mr. Nowroski stated a quote from BEI was obtained to install the electrical service at the Edelman Schoolhouse in the amount of \$9,330.00.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to move forward with installing the electrical service at the Edelman Schoolhouse

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Nowroski also stated he received a quote from Meisner for the HVAC, that comes at \$18,794.00 with an additional charge for what may be needed for fresh air intake. Nothing is being decided yet concerning this, it was just brought to the supervisors' attention. Current prices are still within the budgeted plan. Mr. Piorkowski questioned how much money has been spent so far on the schoolhouse. Mr. Nowrowski stated that although he doesn't have specific numbers, he believes it to be in excess of \$100,000.00.

LAND & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD (LEPB)

Mackenzie Geisner stated that the township submitted an application for the GROW NorCo Grant program to enhance ADA access to Schiavone Park, including an ADA accessible pathway and a fishing dock so all residents may enjoy the parks and its amenities. The township will also be applying for Sustainable PA Certification; it helps long term planning and applying for grants. Separately, Mr. Shaffer added that the newsletter will be mailed out on June 5th.

COMMUNITY DAYS COMMITTEE

Jodi stated that planning is still underway. The vendor/ food truck forms are available on the website. Donation letters will be going out next week. Meeting is next Thursday at 6:30pm.

ZONING AND BUILDING OFFICER

Mr. Harhart submitted his April report.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Mr. Horvath stated the Dannersville Road Stream Restoration project would be counted towards the requirements for the MS4 PRP. The cost remains under \$50k with the help of the Public Works Department. The design is still in the process of being created, this project won't be quick to complete. Mr. Horvath stated this would be a great replacement for the one basin project that the homeowner wouldn't agree to. Mr. Horvath recommends not removing any possible projects from the plan but maybe keeping it on the back burner as another possibility along with the restoration.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to move forward with the Dannersville Road Stream Restoration Project

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Attorney Backenstoe spoke of the Animal Ordinance he drafted again, making sure it is known this is for non-commercial purposes. The biggest recommendation by the Planning Commission was placing a base amount of required acreage, which is 3 acres for the township. This covers all possible animals, including mini and micro breeds. Mr. Shaffer asked Attorney Backenstoe if they could add the definition of mini and micro. Attorney Backenstoe stated that is already covered in the definitions, but a separate section can be added specifically for that. Mr. Tirrell would like to see the minimum for minis be dropped to 2 acres instead of 3. Attorney Backenstoe will work on those changes for the next meeting.

Attorney Backenstoe also spoke of the plan approval from Sacred Heart from years ago, the plan hasn't changed since 2010. Mr. Horvath and Mr. Hoffman checked the area and the issues that were present years ago are no longer present. Attorney Backenstoe agrees that the money in escrow, that has been held for those improvements, can be returned to Sacred Heart Church if they sign the termination agreement that he prepared.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve the Sacred Heart termination and release agreement

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Nowroski stated the township participated in Lafayette College's student intern program; six applications were received by the township. The role is to review old municipal records with the records retention laws, separate ones that need to be retained for scanning and records that do not need to be retained and can be destroyed. At the end the intern will present their findings and a resolution to discard those old records. The candidate that was chosen is Adelaide Rafieyan who is a junior, majoring in government and law with a history double major. The period would be 6/15/26- 8/14/26, roughly 30 hours a week at \$20/hr.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to extend the internship

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

A street light agreement was sent from First Energy, they are in the process to replace all of the company-owned streetlights with LED technology, and they would like to replace the township-owned streetlights to LED. There is no cost to the township, they have sent an agreement to be signed.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve the first energy street light agreement

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-10 GROW NorCo Grant

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-10

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Resolution 2026-11 Sustainable PA Certification Program

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-11

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CD *3547 Renewal

This CD is \$6,090.70 and is one of the rec CDs, Mr. Nowrowski suggests keeping it in for a few months before cashing it out to use towards the projects happening at the rec this year.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to renew the CD for 6 months at 3.75%

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMOS

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM

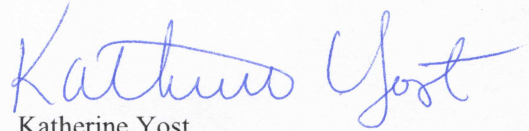
Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

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.