Moore Township Board of Supervisors
2491 Community Drive
Bath, PA 18014
October 06, 2026

The Regular Monthly Meeting for the Moore Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was called to order on Tuesday, October 6th, 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.

Mr. Shaffer stated there were two executive meetings held, one on September 16th and the other prior to regular meeting to discuss personnel.

ZONING AMENDMENT HEARING

Attorney Backenstoe stated this was a brief zoning ordinance amendment. Definition amendments include "Addition"—that states the addition must be fully attached to the principle building by a common wall or walls; "Domestic Animals"—which are small animals, typically kept indoors as pets, including but not limited to cats, dogs, pet rabbits, lizards, snakes, etc.; and "Livestock"—those classes of animals that are customarily kept and housed outside the home or in enclosures such as pens, barns, corrals, or paddock areas. Livestock includes, but is not limited to, cattle (beef and dairy), cows, horses, pigs, llamas, alpacas, mules, goats, elk, deer, and other farmed or managed game animals, including any miniature, micro, dwarf or reduced-sized varieties of such animals. Livestock also includes future hybrid animals of this nature. Additionally, this zoning amendment modified provisions of the Agricultural uses, specifically with regard to the number and types of principal uses on a single lot. This was submitted to the Law Library as well as filed with Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and the Moore Township Planning Commission. It was also advertised properly.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to accept Ordinance 2026-03
Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion
Public comment
None
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

WAIVERS & DEFERALS

SUB-DIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

#26-13P/F Randy Shaffer Lot Line Adjustment

The Planning Commission made a motion to grant Conditional Final Approval for #26-13P/F Randy Shafer Lot Line Adjustment based on the conditions set forth in KCE's review letter dated September 23, 2026. Mr. Horvath stated he is in agreeance with this decision.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to grant Conditional Final Approval based on the conditions set forth in KCE's review letter dated September 23, 2026
Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion
Public comment
None
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye
David Shaffer recused himself due to this property being family.

REGULAR BUSINESS

MINUTES

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve one set of minutes from September 1st, 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
GF- $827,605.30, LF- $64,916.55, OS-$290,612.52
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 Roberts read the September 2026 report.
Chief Roberts also stated the Moore Township Police, in conjunction with the Community Days Committee, will be holding a Trunk or Treat on October 23rd 6:30-8pm. There is a sign up posted on Facebook, entry fee will be bringing a no perishable item. There will be prizes for decorated cars.

Chief Roberts presented a request for a preorder of a 2027 Ford Explorer. This is just a reservation from Koch 33 to hold a vehicle for 2027. It includes a $2,000 discount by doing this, helping to keep the vehicle and upfitting covered by the awarded grant funds.
Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to grant the preorder of a 2027 Ford Explorer from Koch 33 in the amount of $43,171.00.
Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion
Public comment
None
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Chief Roberts requested Part Time Officer Richard Compton be promoted to Full Time. He has been with the department since 2018. Chief Roberts read about his background and why he would be a good choice to promote. He is requesting the BOS to waive his probational period which is stated in the contract that when promoted they need to complete this, he feels he has already accomplished this since he has been working 32 hours a week. Chief would also request this be dated effective October 4th, 2026.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to promote Officer Compton from part-time to full-time effective October 4th, waiving the probation period.
Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion
Public comment
None
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

FIRE & AMBULANCE
Mr. Matth Depuy read the September 2026 report. He also stated some of the training they've accomplished. Their Chicken dinner went well, even with facing some competition in the area.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Mr. David Tashner stated they had their training with Sullivan Fuel and the training at the Solar Panel Farm. Met Ed still has not hooked it up yet, so it is still not functioning. Sullivan and SRE will both be getting Knox boxes and windsocks to place for the fire company to determine wind. He has met with Chapman Borough to start working with them for their Emergency Plan.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Mr. Craig Hoffman stated leaf collection with start October 19th. They're almost finished paving for the year.

FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY (FRCA)
No meeting last month, as of now everything is still operating.

NAZARETH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)
No Meeting for September.

RECREATION COMMISSION
Ms. Jodi Hartzel stated activities are winding down. They are working on some projects that will most likely be presented to the BOS next month. This month's meeting will be moved from the 15th to the 22nd.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Mr. Tirrell stated he was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Nowroski stated that the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) denied our permit, because there are no restrooms. Portables sanitation may be used, provided a variance is granted by the appeals board. He requested authorization to appeal.
Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve moving forward with the appeal on the schoolhouse with L&I.
Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion
Public comment
None
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

LAND & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD (LEPB)
Ms. Geisner stated the electrical service and branch circuits are being installed at Schiavone Preserve. Once that is complete, the pond aerators will be scheduled for installation. Additionally, clearance of brush was made near the preserve off of Bushkill Dr. on the Creekside, allowing the creek to be visible from the road and more accessible. Public Works have helped plant trees around the township, and the girl scouts planted pollinated bushes around Schiavone Preserve. She also stated a map has been created

to follow the scenic fall foliage routes through the township. It can be found on the township website and will be published in the local newspapers.

COMMUNITY DAYS COMMITTEE
Jodi stated there will be no more fundraising this year for Community Days, they will be meeting this month to choose a date for next year's event, and fundraisers for 2027.

ZONING AND BUILDING OFFICER
Mr. Harhart submitted his September report.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER
Mr. Horvath gave an update on the restoration on Dannersville Rd. they agree with what is offered. He feels next month agreements should be in place, but he will update next month. Two letters were drafted for PennDOT concerning the two intersections in the township to be evaluated, those will be sent out in a couple days.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR
Attorney Backenstoe spoke of a situation with 656 Creek Rd. The owner of the property inherited a shed from his late father and had moved the shed onto his property without knowing a permit was needed. After requesting from the Zoning Hearing Board a dimensional variance due to the properties dimensions and nowhere to place the shed and be compliant, he was denied the variance. The property owner along with his attorney appealed the decision and was present to request assistance from the Board of Supervisors in reaching a settlement. The property owner expressed his apology in not obtaining the permit prior and his use of the shed would be for his personal use to store tools, a tractor, and maintenance equipment. Attorney Morgan mentioned review is warranted under the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Hertzberg decision. Supervisors discussed placement of the shed and if it affects the right of way or interferes with any floodplain, the answer was no it does not. The property owner also mentioned his neighbors are not against the placement of the shed and are supportive of the work he has completed to enhance the properties look. Attorney Backenstoe stated the Supervisors may intervene in the pending appeal, send a letter encouraging the Zoning Hearing Board to consider a settlement, or they could take no action. Unanimously the Supervisors decided on directing Attorney Backenstoe to prepare a letter expressing their support in reconsidering and noting the Hertzberg case to explain the Board's position in the matter.
Mr. Shaffer made a motion to allow Attorney Backenstoe to create a letter for the Zoning Hearing Board on the supervisors' thoughts concerning 656 Creek Rd., allotting Backenstoe to create the stipulations on the use of the shed for personal storage.
Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion if the Hirschberg case is stated in the letter, so they understand their reasoning.
Public comment
None
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

TOWNSHIP MANAGER
Mr. Nowroski stated the township is moving forward with possible renovations and addition to the building. A Request for Bids was sent out to replace the roof, the lowest bid received was $120,000.00 which is higher than expected, he is going to speak with contractors to get other opinions on options to meet our needs with the roof and bring the project within anticipated costs. Additionally, the RFP went out for the design and construction management services for the addition and renovation project. On

Monday there will be a pre-proposal meeting that will include a walk through. Bids are due at the end of the month.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Resolution 2026-20 Statewide LSA Grant – Building Renovations, will authorize David Shaffer and Stephen Nowroski as signers for an LSA Grant of $1 Million, for renovations.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-20 Statewide LSA Grant
Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion
Public comment
None
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Resolution 2026-21 Kanapathy Ag Security Area Amendment-50.35 acres

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-21 Kanapathy Ag Security
Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion
Public comment
None
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Resolution 2026-22 Disposition of Personal Property less than $2,000, this allows the township manager to responsibly determine if the property's value is less than the $2,000 and be able to sell it or recycle, repurpose, or donate.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-22 Disposition of Personal Property less than $2,000
Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion
Public comment
None
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Resolution 2026-23 PCCD Grant – RMS System, authorizing grant application for a new police department report management system.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-23 PCCD Grant – RMS System
Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion
Public comment
None
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CD * 9219 Renewal, Open Space - $1,651,134.47

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to renew it for 12 months
Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion
Public comment
None
Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMOS

Auditor General – Municipal Pension Reporting Program – The township pension has a total distress score of 0 meaning we were funded 90% or greater. The Township's actual funding percent is at 104%.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT
Mr. Tirrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 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.