

Moore Township Board of Supervisors
2491 Community Drive
Bath, PA 18014
October 7, 2025

The Regular Monthly Meeting for the Moore Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was called to order on Tuesday, October 7th, 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 one set of minutes from September 2nd, 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

GF-\$452,232.43, LF- \$131,715.96, OS-\$2,215.54, CD-\$9,613.83

Mr. Shaffer 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. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Roberts read the October 2025 report.

Diane Zweifel questioned what will continue to be done in her area of residence (Fairway Ln) in reference to the continued issue with speeding. She also requested the BOS to keep the idea of temporary speed humps a possibility. Ofc. Roberts stated he would relay the information back to Chief West.

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Mr. Jason Harhart read the October 2025 report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. David Tashner stated his paperwork has been approved by the state. Mr. Tashner has a meeting set with Corporate and the GM of Sullivan to set up a correct Emergency Management Plan. Moore Elementary's plan was excellent. Lifepath has multiple locations throughout the township, and those plans have been shared with emergency services only to keep it confidential. Mr. Tashner questioned the BOS whom to contact to declare State of Emergencies. The BOS took under advisement and will get him the contact information. Mr. Tashner also requested a pallet of sandbags and sand for future hazmat incidents. There were two in the township this month and he would like to be prepared. The BOS also took that request under advisement. The fire company has had incidents requiring gaining access to buildings without keyholders available, resulting in forced entry. Mr. Tashner has created a form for businesses in the township so there can be multiple contacts to try and reach. He also requested the BOS look into possibly creating an ordinance to have businesses provide a lock box (Knox box) for emergency service access. BOS took under advisement.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Craig Hoffman is requesting to change the waste drop off time to end at 2:25pm. PW is having issues with people bringing brush to dump too close to the time PW leaves(3pm) causing them to stay later.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to change the waste drop off time to end at 2:45pm.

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Hoffman also stated that leaf collection will be on October 20th and PW has completed the 2025 Road Project.

FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY (FRCA)

All materials are available.

NAZARETH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

No meeting this past month.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Ms. Jodi Hartzel spoke of the lights at the McCandless field and they are now completed. The season with MTAA is coming to an end with one more soccer tournament on the 25th.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Jesse Longley did not have any updates for Historical but mentioned there was an Eagle Scout present with a project to present. Robert Silfies presented his Eagle Scout project to the BOS. He would like to install a flagpole at Edelman Schoolhouse. Along with landscaping around the flagpole, he will restore an existing bench and add another next to it. He will do the fundraising and would like to hopefully start the project in November of this year. There will also be solar lights installed to illuminate the flag per regulations.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout project for a new flagpole/benches/solar lights at the Edelman Schoolhouse.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Robert's father also gave an update on his other son's Eagle Scout Project which is the owl and bat boxes at the township parks. Within the next few weeks, all the boxes will be complete and installed.

LAND & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD (LEPB)

Property Acquisition for Indian Valley was covered in executive session.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to accept the Indian Valley appraisal proposal.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

COMMUNITY DAYS COMMITTEE

Mr. Shaffer stated there are 4 resignation letters for the Community Days committee. Lois Kerbacher, Lisa Green, Rebecca Miklas, and Josh Cesanek. Which will be effective in the new year.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept the resignation letters effective in 2026, as well as thanked them for their dedication.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mrs. Kerbacher added that there will be a mystery bingo on October 19th and there will be a toy bingo in December.

ZONING AND BUILDING OFFICER

Mr. Harhart submitted his September report.

Mr. Zach Zeitner from the ZHB is requesting redefining the township livestock ordinance. There is confusion about what is included as pets verse livestock and what is not, the definitions are not clear. Mr. Shaffer added his concerns and things that should be added to the ordinance to cover hybrid animals and the acreage needed so be evaluated again. Attorney Backenstoe suggested the ordinance be passed to the Planning Commission to be reevaluated and researched to accommodate modern times.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to have PC look over the ordinance, especially provisions 222 A-9

Intensive Ag, and H-8 Keeping of animal and fowl, concentrating on the pet's definition. Along with any additional sections.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

MS4

Mr. Kevin Horvath gave an update on basins 1 & 5 that required vegetation overgrowth removal. They have been completed, and within 30 days the township should receive application for payment. Mr. Horvath also discussed the Anthony Dex subdivision that had a violation against it by the District of Conservation. A letter received in September stated he has corrected his violations, and he is in the process of implementing an Ag E&S plan. Mr. Horvath requested a copy of that plan, and once he receives it, he will check the property in order to move forward.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Attorney Backenstoe was requested to draft a resolution to rename certain parks in the township as preserves. Certain ones that were obtained through EIT money.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to add this topic to next BOS meeting

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Attorney Backenstoe also created an ordinance creating the Open Space Coordinator position, defining the position duties and what the person will oversee and aid with.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to advertise the Open Space Coordinator position ordinance.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Stephen Nowroski requested approval to consolidate 3 police donation accounts. This would reduce their management as well as save costs on the audit.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to consolidate 3 police donation accounts.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Nowroski stated the multifunction copier contract is nearing its end, he would like to put an RFP out for this equipment and services.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to place an RFP out for multifunction equipment and services for both the township and police.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

The township has updated the AIPP (Accident and Illness Prevention Program) manual to current standards. This allows the township to apply to become a certified safety committee and saves 5% on the annual Workman's Comp premium.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the update AIPP Manual.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Nowroski created a draft Capital Reserve Fund ordinance, that was reviewed by Attorney Backenstoe. This fund would allow the township to put money into it for large future expenses. He is seeking permission to advertise.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to advertise for a Capital Reserve Fund ordinance.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

A draft burn ban ordinance amendment was created; this would authorize the Twp Manager or EMC to place a temporary burn ban to not exceed 30 days. Question arose about who would be the first to call the burn ban. The decision was made that the Twp Manager, in coordination with the Fire chief will be the ones placing the burn ban. In the absence of the Twp Manager, it will be the EMC along with the Fire Chief.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve advertisement of the Burn Ban Ordinance amendment.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Nowroski met a representative from Colonial Life at a conference he attended. They are the largest benefits provider in the country. He is seeking approval to allow them to provide alternative benefits for the employees.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to allow Colonial Life as an option for employees' alternative benefits.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

2025-19 Disposition of Personal Property

Seeking to dispose of old computers selling them at \$10/each and selling old cabinets at \$25/each.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-19 Disposition of Personal Property

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

OLD BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Project- Edelman Schoolhouse floor

Joshua Holub was present, along with his father, to show a presentation of photos and the work that has been completed this far on replacing the floor in the Edelman Schoolhouse. They discussed artifacts they found, materials they used and why, as well as who is helping accomplish the job. Josh discussed an area of the schoolhouse that is the vestibule. This part was not in his original project plan, but they feel it would be better to renovate that section as well and keep the floor uniform throughout. The floor is old and weak in that area, and it has patches. Josh passed around a piece of wood that they will lay the floor with. The wood is determined to be 100-150 years old; they will apply a product on the top once finished to help protect it from high traffic. The BOS questioned the cost of adding the vestibule to the project. An additional \$10K will be needed to complete. It was determined they will also pour concrete below the floor as a moisture barrier like the rest of the project. Josh will continue fundraising opportunities and collecting donations for the project.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion for Josh Holub to continue his project with the additional vestibule, with funding not to exceed \$10,700.00

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

NEW BUSINESS

CD RENEWAL

CD- *9219- EIT account with \$1,580,070.90

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to renew CD-9219 for 12 months at 4%

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMOS

RESIDENT LETTER- Speed Bumps on Fairway Lane

Mr. Eric Watson sent a letter to the BOS concerning the issues with speeding and the consideration of speed bumps, he is not in favor of them. Diane Zweifel stated that Mr. Watson's concern is his children's cars and the wear and tear the speed humps would cause them. Mrs. Zweifel then stated her concern is for human safety; Mr. Watson's youngest daughter is what started the concern with speeding since Mrs. Zweifel would see her riding her scooter on the road. Mr. Shaffer understands the concern for the speed humps but feels it would cause issues with other areas wanting them placed as well. Mrs. Zweifel feels this area is worse, being a "cut through" for Keeler Rd, especially since it is now paved. Mr. Shaffer stated that the PD has increased enforcement in that area already and he is not in favor for speed humps. Ofc. Roberts stated that the Chief has informed all the dept. on enforcing that area more often. Mr. Piorkowski questioned the alleged petition as stated in the letter from Mr. Watson, Mr. Nowroski responded that the township did not receive any petition. Mr. Piorkowski mentioned there are more votes against the speed humps than there are for them, he is not in favor for them. Mrs. Zweifel continued to voice her opinions why they should be placed, growing communities means potentially more children in the area, they're inexpensive. She also stated Mr. Tavianni is one of the biggest offenders of speeding on that road. She will continue to come to the meetings, which the BOS stated they never told her she couldn't, she feels the board is being reactive instead of proactive with the situation. Mr. Shaffer stated the BOS hears what she is asking for and there is no data to justify placing speed humps. Mrs. Zweifel stated Chief West had an accident in that area, which Mr. Piorkowski corrected her on where his accident/near accident was, she disagreed and stated she will ask the Chief the exact location. The BOS decided no speed humps for Fairway Lane.

Mr. Brian Jones wrote to the BOS requesting that North Cigar Road be paved. Mr. Hoffman stated that N. Cigar Rd is a stone road, he doesn't feel the township is ready to start paving stone/dirt roads. Mr. Nowroski explained that the township is currently working on the road infrastructure and while making significant progress, the township does not have stone roads set as a priority currently.

Mr. Brian Silfies questioned the speed limit on Dannersville Road and W. Beersville since there is not one posted. Mr. Horvath stated a speed study would need to be conducted, but depending on the zone it is in, residential is 25MPH and non-residential is 55MPH, if not posted. Mr. Horvath will look into which zone it is, Ofc. Roberts will relay putting the speed trailer in the vicinity. Mr. Hoffman stated the whole road from Dannersville to Valley View is not posted at all, if that whole area could be checked. Mr. Silfies also requested the BOS to get rid of the Per Capita Tax, from his standpoint it is not worth it, the only other township close by that does it is Lehigh. The BOS stated this is under consideration.

Mr. Tashner added that there is a federal highway standards book, and Fairway Lane does not meet any qualifications for speed humps. He also mentioned the Township, PW, and PD also need to do their Emergency Management Plan.

Mr. Robert Kemmerer, who is running for Magisterial District Judge, was present and thanked everyone for the kindness that has been shown to him and his family. He grew up in the area and is ready to jump right on into the position on day one.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 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.