

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 23, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER. The Lehigh Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Lehigh Township Municipal Building, 1069 Municipal Road, Walnutport, Pa. 18088. Chairman Mike Jones called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Present: Janet Sheats
Jerry Pritchard
David Hess
Cindy Miller
Mike Jones
Alice Rehrig
Attorney David Backenstoe

Mike Jones made a motion to amend the agenda to add Deed to LTMA and LTMA Land Development (Jaindl)—Waiver of Rec Fees under the Solicitor's report. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. September 9, 2025. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve the minutes. Cindy Miller noted a correction on Page 13, under New Business, Solicitors report, she is the one that commented that Turkey Hill withdrew their plan, not Janet Sheats. Cindy Miller, David Hess, Janet Sheats, and Jerry Pritchard voted aye to approve the minutes with the noted correction. Mike Jones abstained since he was not in attendance at that meeting. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- A. General Fund Checks 29022 to 29048. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve these bills. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. State Fund Checks 1630 and 1631. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve these bills. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- C. Pennoni Associates
1. Check 29010 & Additional Costs. This check was held at the last meeting. Alice Rehrig commented this is the only bill that was received from Pennoni Associates. Cindy Miller noted this was the only bill we received, yet they provided us with a letter that there would be extra costs. Alice Rehrig commented based on the information she received, the bill that was received and

the additional amount they are requesting is what it would take to complete the zoning. The remaining balance of the initial contract would be enough to complete the SALDO.

David Hess questioned why they are looking for additional money. Alice Rehrig commented it was because of additional meetings, having to redo completed items, and the introduction of new items as outlined in their letter. Janet Sheats questioned what was added that drove the price up. Cindy Miller commented she did not know. That was the same question the Ad hoc Committee was asking. Jerry Pritchard commented if they had to redo someone's work, that will drive the cost up. They were supposed to take the project forward, not go back and redo things.

Janet Sheats questioned the dates Pennoni outlined in their letter for additional meetings. Cindy Miller commented when they came before the Board, she specifically asked them if they take the project, are they taking it for the contracted price and will we be billed additional and they answered, no, they will eat the cost. Janet Sheats commented her question is coming from the letter where it states that there were additional topics introduction and that they had to revisit items that were previously resolved. Cindy Miller commented she wants them to list what these items were because that did not happen. She wants them to be more specific as to what they are billing the Township for.

Janet Sheats commented the next paragraph states the Township GIS map needed to be updated and this work was completed by URDC and the new topics that were brought up caused the revisions. Cindy Miller commented URDC made some errors on the map that needed to be corrected. They took over the contract, and the committee was not near done. They knew what they were getting into. They were questioned by our engineer if they could do all the work with the balance that remained and the answer was yes. She believes what happened was that there was more work remaining than what they thought after they took over for Urban Research. Urban Research would provide them with information, they would review it, make changes, come back to the next meeting, approve it, then move on to the next item. That is how you do a zoning ordinance. It is not the Township's fault if there was more work than they expected. On the bill, they even billed to present to the Board. When they came to the Board to discuss them taking over, they billed for that. This was her main concern with them taking over. She knows why we did it, but engineering firms are notorious for doing this.

Janet Sheats questioned what the additional districts were that were added on April 24th in the billing. Cindy Miller commented she is not sure what is meant by that which is why they need to provide additional information. Attorney Backenstoe commented the best thing would be to have them come in and talk through the billing issues. Mike Muffley should also be at the meeting. Alice Rehrig will contact them and have them attend the next meeting.

IV. OLD BUSINESS. There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2026 MMO's. In accordance with Act 205, the Board needs to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligations to both of the Pension Plans. The obligation to the non-uniformed pension fund is \$49,331. The obligation to the Police Pension Fund is \$200,944. Cindy Miller made a motion to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligations to the pension funds. David Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. Resolution 2025-6, Authorizing grant application to Monroe County LSA. Cindy Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-6 authorizing the Manager to submit a grant application for portable radios through the Monroe County LSA program in the amount of \$195,000 with a match of \$24,156. David Hess seconded the motion. Sam Lucas questioned who would pay the difference if the cost of the radios increased by the time the grant was awarded. Mike Jones commented the Township would be responsible. Ms. Lucas questioned if you could submit for a little more funding to give a buffer. Cindy Miller commented you need to submit quotes with the application. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- C. Resolution 2025-7, Authorizing grant application to Northampton-Lehigh County LSA. Cindy Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-7 authorizing the Manager to submit a grant application for mobile radios and a base station through the Northampton Lehigh County LSA program in the amount of \$89,500 with a match of \$24,116. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- D. Police Pension Plan Investment & Custodial Services. The current police pension plan is being administered by Truist Bank. The bank is no longer going to be providing this service and is transferring everything over to The Principal Group. Act 205 and 600 doesn't allow the transfer of funds to a new firm without obtaining proposals. With the help of the Actuary, Alice Rehrig advertised an RFP for these services. She received four proposals for the services. The two lowest proposals were from CBiZ and Conrad Siegel. Both firms have experience in handling police pension plans. There is approximately a \$3,300 difference in cost between these with the main difference being that CBiZ bases their fees on the value of the plan so as the

value increases, the cost of administering the plan increases. Conrad Siegel has a fixed price that is adjusted for inflation.

Cindy Miller commented in reviewing all the proposals, Conrad Siegel seems to have more experience with police pensions. Alice Rehrig commented they are one of the more predominant administrators of police pension plans. She also thinks there may be a benefit to having the actuarial services and the administration of the plans within the same firm.

Jerry Pritchard made a motion to move forward with having Conrad Siegel being the administrators of our police pension plan. Cindy Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- E. Business Hours for Retail/Convenience Stores. Janet Sheats wanted to start some conversation regarding the hours of operation for vape shops and smoke shops and potentially limiting them as other communities have, especially after the recent events in the Township. Cindy Miller commented the new zoning ordinances will be addressing this and will be coming before the Board for review in the near future and the Board will have opportunity to make changes at that time.

Mike Jones questioned what will make them strictly just a vape shop. Cindy Miller commented that is one of the questions regarding this. Janet Sheats commented it would be if more than 20 percent of their sales must come from the sale of vape or tobacco products. It depends upon what they are selling from the store. Cindy Miller commented they are selling drinks and snacks.

Mike Jones commented he doesn't understand why the Township would want to make a business shut down certain times. Cindy Miller commented their website says they are open 24 hours, but right next door is Turkey Hill who is also open 24 hours. How do you let one stay open and not the other? She does not want to get in the format of restricting hours on a convenience store. Jerry Pritchard commented these are not convenience stores. Cindy Miller commented Tony's is going to be a convenience store and vape shop. What if they want to be open for people who work late? Jerry Pritchard commented the reality is that there are ATMs being broken into and armed robberies. Cindy Miller commented this happens everywhere; it's just the first time it has happened here. Mike Jones commented if someone is going to break in somewhere, they will do it regardless of the hours. He doesn't want to be the one to tell a business they have to shut down at a certain time. Janet Sheats commented she was looking at the health, safety, and welfare of the Township as a whole, similar to what other municipalities have done.

Cindy Miller commented Ad hoc did put some restrictions on vape and tobacco shops. They had a very thorough discussion. It was determined that the best way to handle this was to require that they must be a certain distance away from schools and to keep them away from children. The Township cannot restrict the number of shops that come into the Township, but there are some restrictions that can be placed on them such as proximity to schools.

Jerry Pritchard commented he understands the principle of not regulating the business hours, but there are regulations out there, just like a bar has to close at 2:00 a.m. Cindy Miller commented that is a state regulation. The bigger problem is the skill games that they have inside the store. They spoke with Senator Miller about this briefly when he was here on Saturday, but no one really pushed him as to what the State is going to do to regulate these games and tax them. The State is the one that regulates the laws.

Janet Sheats commented the ordinances she looked at from other municipalities dive into tobacco retailers and allowing the skill games. It seems like the problems come in when the two are together. Cindy Miller commented that is because the skill games are a cash business. There will be an even bigger problem when they legalize marijuana because that too will be a cash business. Some businesses are doing things to better protect themselves, but the State is allowing this. Sam Lucas raised a concern about restricting organizations such as the Legion or a VFW from having skill games because that is a source of income for them as a non-profit.

Jerry Pritchard questioned if regulations can be placed on a business through zoning. Attorney Backenstoe commented you can place regulations as long as it is uniform, but you also need to remember if a business is already in existence it would become a legal nonconformity. You can regulate the distance from schools or public parks. Cindy Miller commented the Ad hoc committee worked with a consultant who was very well versed on this and added this to the new zoning because it wasn't addressed in our current ordinances. Janet Sheats commented she just wanted to bring it up for a discussion and to learn more about this.

Cindy Miller commented on one hand we want to bring businesses into the township but on the other hand we are wanting to regulate the hours a business is open. Janet Sheats commented in our noise ordinance we regulate what time someone can cut their grass and in some cases, that is someone's business. Mike Jones commented there is a provision that allows for that, just like a snow blower.

John Knoblach commented with regard to the armed robbery that took place, everyone needs to keep in mind the safety of the person behind the counter, the safety.

of the customers in the store, and the safety of the officers responding to that call and if there were two officers on the street at that time. Cindy Miller commented that there were multiple departments and K9s that came to assist. John Knoblach questioned if it was entered into NCIC to see if there were similar situations in other neighborhoods. Cindy Miller commented she doesn't know about that, but she did speak with Sergeant Henry and the K9 officer from Bushkill Township and told them what she knew about what was going on in Northampton County and a certain business being watched for illegal activity.

- F. Manager's Report. Alice Rehrig reported she had the final close out audit on the maintenance building and there were no issues. We should be receiving the \$62,500 that the state is holding sometime between October 15th and November 30th.

Cindy Miller questioned where things were with the HVAC system on the maintenance building. Alice Rehrig commented she hasn't spoken in great detail with Frank Zamadics other than the company was supposed to get back to him after reviewing the information. He was going to reach back out to them. She is still holding the check. Janet Sheats questioned if the air was working. Alice Rehrig confirmed it was.

Paul Nikisher questioned where things were with hiring a zoning officer. Mike Jones commented it is in progress. Several interviews have been conducted. Paul Nikisher questioned if that person does enforcement as well because he sees a lot of properties that need attention. Mr. Nikisher also questioned if someone receives a citation from the zoning officer and they choose not to do anything, how often can they be fined. Attorney Backenstoe commented they can be fined continuously. It all depends upon whether it is a zoning violation or a nuisance violation. If there is a zoning violation, the Zoning Officer issues a cease and desist notice, you have 30 days to correct it or appeal the Zoning Officer's decision to the Zoning Hearing Board. If you do nothing, after 30 days the Zoning Officer files a citation at the Magistrate. They are able to cite you every day and there can be a fine of up to \$500 per day. Paul Nikisher commented the new Zoning Officer needs to be someone who is not afraid to cite people to get things cleaned up. Mike Jones commented it is not that people were not cited. People just choose not to comply. Some people just go and pay their fines, but don't do anything.

Paul Nikisher commented he thought the Sewer Authority was going to be here because they are something like \$600,000 in the red. Alice Rehrig commented it was discussed about having a Board member named as a liaison to the Authority, but she missed putting that on the agenda. She knows that Lori Lambert spoke with Dave Getz regarding no one being here. The Chairman for the Authority does travel for

work and may not have been able to be here. Alice Rehrig commented she does not believe that the Authority is operating in the red. There are certain customers who have not paid for a long period of time and owe the Authority a lot of money. Cindy Miller commented the Authority cannot shut the sewer off. All they can do is place liens on the property. Attorney Backenstoe commented the filing of liens is something that must be done by the Authority solicitor. It is not something that the Supervisors would be involved in. The Authority is a separate entity. Jerry Pritchard commented they should at least provide the Board with a financial update since the Board did cosign a loan for them. Janet Sheats commented the information is on the website for anyone to look at. Paul Nikisher commented it carries more weight if the Board is asking for the information. Cindy Miller commented that is why they were told to come to the meetings every quarter to provide an update.

G. Solicitor's Report

1. Walnutport Solar Partners LLC, Substitute Security. Attorney Backenstoe commented the Walnutport Solar Partners received conditional approval in 2023 for a solar facility site and subsequently came before the Planning Commission for land development and received approval. They also completed decommissioning agreement which is secured by a \$88,000 letter of credit. Walnutport Solar Partners was a subsidiary of Radial Power and their assets have been acquired by Scale Microgrid Solutions. This new entity wanted to change the letter of credit and Attorney Backenstoe told them they could replace it with either cash or a new letter of credit. They have decided to replace it with a cash escrow which has now been received. In light of receiving the cash escrow, the Board can now release the letter of credit.

Cindy Miller made a motion to release the letter of credit for Walnutport Solar Partners. David Hess seconded the motion. Janet Sheats questioned if everything else stays the same with them being bought out. Attorney Backenstoe commented everything would remain the same. Everything is secured. John Knoblach questioned what type of account the money is placed in. Attorney Backenstoe commented that the money is placed in a separate account that can be interest bearing. Every five years the amount is reviewed and if the engineer determines that more money is needed, then they need to post additional funds. Cindy Miller commented the State is trying to pass a law where they would develop the decommissioning agreements and the townships would have to follow them which take all local controls away. All voted aye. Motion carried.

2. Deed to LTMA. Two years ago, the Board voted to transfer property to the Municipal Authority so that Jaindl could build the extra facilities to provide water

and sewer to his project. The transfer of the property was not completed because there were several outstanding items that needed to be addressed and the Board wanted to see where the project was going. They have now received land development approval, but they cannot record the plan until the property is transferred and he would ask that Mike Jones sign the deed to complete this transfer so the plan can be recorded.

3. LTMA Land Development (Jaindl)—Waiver of Rec Fees. The Board previously granted approval to a land development plan so that the Authority could acquire the property and build the plant for the development. Whenever there is a new land development plan approved, there is a requirement for the payment of rec fees. At the time the plan was submitted, no one raised any issues with this and it became part of the conditions of approval. After they reviewed the conditions and Jaindl who is underwriting this project reviewed the conditions, they felt additional recreation fees were not really appropriate based on the fees that are being paid based on the other agreements that were signed. They are questioning if the fees associated with this particular plan could be waived in light of the fact that they are underwriting so many other projects.

Jerry Pritchard commented when they were in here the last time, they indicated they had no objections with any of the fees. They told us to start getting our committee together. Janet Sheats commented they were here when we were talking about plans for what is needed at the parks and they said they were ready to get started. Attorney Backenstoe commented they are not asking to change any of the prior agreements that were made. This request is specifically to the land development plan for the water and sewer. Janet Sheats questioned how much the rec fees would be. Alice Rehrig commented she didn't have an exact amount, but it is based on \$2,000 per acre or fraction thereof, so it can't be more than \$2,000 to \$6,000. Cindy Miller commented she knows they received a \$3 million grant and they are nickel and diming the Township on the rec fees. They need to come in and present to the Board what the exact amount is and why they feel this is necessary.

Wayne Kleintop questioned if they were still going to be taking the ballfield away and what did they give us for the land. Mike Jones commented the ballfield will become a junior sized field and they paid \$50,000. Cindy Miller commented the new plant will be built next to the old plant. She asked LTMA what they were going to do with the old plant, they stated it would be decommissioned and used for storage. When this all started, it was going to be phased. It was only last year when LTMA changed direction as to how they were going to handle this. They will be moving everything from the old plant into the new plant, then decommission the old plant. Wayne Kleintop questioned if Jaindl will be

involved in the operation of the plant. Attorney Backenstoe commented he will be building it for the Authority then turning it over to them when it is done. Wayne Kleintop questioned if there was a way to use the fees from Jaindl to pay off the debt of the Authority. Cindy Miller commented she doesn't know if that can be done because the Board hasn't seen any of the agreements that the Authority has made with Jaindl. Mike Jones commented he thought part of the agreement with Jaindl paying for the plant was that the connection fees would be waived.

- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT. Zach Szoke questioned if there would be another Ad hoc meeting regarding the zoning ordinance. Cindy Miller commented the Ad hoc committee is finished.

Cindy Miller commented she read in the paper that on Monday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. PennDOT will be working on Route 145 at the Best Avenue ramp and Route 248 and Riverview Drive, and the Gap Bridge is now open.

Mike Jones questioned the letter that was received from the Rails to Trails. Alice Rehrig commented the Rails to Trails has been doing work along the trail they improved along the creek at Indiantrail Park and irrigating invasive species are located in the area. They are asking for approval of the work, but it has already been done. Alice Rehrig will send a letter to them indicating that the Board has no objection to the work they have been doing at the park.

- VII. 2026 BUDGET. Alice Rehrig noted that her assumption on the assessed values for 2026 was slightly off. They are lower than anticipated which resulted in a reduction of approximately \$1,500 in real estate taxes. This change had minimal impact on the fire tax. There is a possibility that the rate of tax collection may be able to be increased. She will need to see how things look after the September tax report is submitted.

Cindy Miller commented when she looks at the revenues, there appears to be a drop in revenues between 2026 and 2027 and beyond. Alice Rehrig commented the greatest difference is when you look at the current 2025 and 2026 total revenues, they include excess funds from the prior year. There is really no way of predicting what will be available in future years. Another area that is being reduced over time is the Cable TV franchise revenues. They have been dropping \$25,000 to \$30,000 each year. Jerry Pritchard questioned if fees will ever be attached to the streaming like there is on the cable. Alice Rehrig commented right now, we can only collect fees on the cable tv portion of the service. Internet services are not included in what can be taxed. Cindy Miller commented that the State would need to make a change in the legislation.

Alice Rehrig commented she would like to start focusing on what will or won't be included in the 2026 budget since we need to have the budget adopted by the end of the year. The draft before the Board includes additional funding for roads and two additional officers. Jerry Pritchard questioned if the additional officers are contingent on a grant. the two additional officers. The grant is not included. Cindy Miller noted if we base officers on a grant, we will have to fund it fully in three years. Alice Rehrig commented the grant does not cover the officer in full over that period of time. It's roughly one year of expenses split over three years. The budget right now is not close to being balanced. She needs to know what the Board wants to keep or remove in the budget so she can work towards getting it balanced.

Cindy Miller commented with regard to the expenses, it was previously stated that the cost of the lawsuit was going to be expensed out over a number of years in the department. She saw it was expensed for this year, but does not see it expensed for future years. Janet Sheats questioned why we would be taking away from the department as a whole. Cindy Miller commented the whole department was involved. Janet Sheats commented we cannot punish the residents and the department for that action. Jerry Pritchard commented we need to move on from that event. Cindy Miller commented there is an amount that needs to be expensed out. Someone needs to figure out how we balance the budget. Jerry Pritchard commented he thinks we should hold off on the officers until we see if we get the grant. David Hess commented regardless of where you pull money from, it will impact the Township.

Cindy Miller commented the Police Department is potentially looking at new body worn cameras which means we may need new software. What does that mean? The cameras are not included in this budget. Alice Rehrig commented based on the information that is available at this point, it is difficult to try to incorporate them into the budget. One company is quite expensive, but has a lot of capabilities. They are not certain what the other company can offer in terms of capabilities. A third company has not been looked into. There needs to be more investigation into which company would be used before any changes can be made. Right now, she is not looking to include a change in the cameras for this budget. One company provides a five year program, but what happens at the end of the year program if the cameras are still good? We would still need to pay for the software and programming. Would it be better to look at something where we can purchase it outright and continue to use it as long as it functions? It is also possible that grant funding would be available for this type of equipment through PCCD.

Cindy Miller noted the Public Works Department is 29.8% of the total budget and the Police Department is 47.8% of the total budget. We are looking at adding one or two officers and expand the department to 14 officers. Jerry Pritchard commented he would say it comes out of the budget until we know if we have the grant if we don't have the

money. Janet Sheats commented the taxes haven't been raised in 12 years. David Hess commented we need to get the department back to the twelve that we are supposed to have. Mike Jones questioned why there were 14 officers included in the 2026 budget. Alice Rehrig commented she included them based on a discussion that took place when the Department was authorized to apply for the COPS grant. Janet Sheats commented at that meeting Chief Fogel was asked what was needed to keep two officers on the road and reduce the overtime and he responded that we would need two additional officers which would bring us to 14. Alice Rehrig commented another thing that needs to be kept in mind is that there is the grant pending. If the grant is awarded, we will need to be able to fund the officers if the grant is accepted. She can back the numbers for the officers out of the budget, but it should be kept available if we get the grant. Jerry Pritchard commented there have been changes within the department. Why don't we see how we operate with a new chief and see how it works rather than just hiring people? David Hess commented we need to get back to full staff. Jerry Pritchard commented he thinks we need to get to full staff and see how things go before we hire additional people. Janet Sheats disagreed. Cindy Miller commented if we hire two more officers, it will require a one mill increase. Janet Sheats commented there will need to be additional conversations regarding this. We still need to replace the chief and it was stated before that he wouldn't be a working road chief. Jerry Pritchard questioned why he wouldn't be a working chief. Cindy Miller commented she believes Janet Sheats means that he wouldn't be out on the road as a primary officer on the schedule. Mike Jones questioned if it wasn't always that way. Janet Sheats commented the chief has always been counted as a regular part of the day shift staffing. Jerry Pritchard commented the chief should be available if something happens in the township.

Cindy Miller commented with the two additional officers included in the budget, the Police Department is making up 48 percent of our budget and public works is 29 or 30 percent. Alice Rehrig commented there are 8 public works employees included in the budget. There currently is seven because one individual who left a year or so ago was not replaced. Mike Jones commented he thought there were nine employees. Alice Rehrig commented the idea of going to nine has been mentioned but not decided upon. She only has eight in the budget. Mike Jones commented he thought we were going to consider the additional if we found two good applicants knowing we are going to be having retirements in next year or so. Janet Sheats commented that idea should also be applied to the Police Department as well. Jerry Pritchard commented we are looking at getting them back to regular staffing. Mike Jones commented there are two people in the maintenance department that need to be replaced. One retired a while ago and was not replaced. Jerry Pritchard commented there should be additional tax money coming in over the next three years to help offset the costs of officers after the grant runs out.

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Alice Rehrig noted that the Township will have received all of their reimbursements from the Maintenance Building project by the end of this year. Once these reimbursements are received, there will be approximately \$150,000 left in the building fund because there was money initially taken from the General Fund for the NPDES permit and the architect. This money could be returned back to the General Fund to support additional road work for next year. Mike Jones commented he knows there was some work that was needed for the old pole buildings, why not use some of this money for that. Cindy Miller commented we should hold back about \$50,000 for building repairs.

Cindy Miller questioned what will be happening with the meeting room. Alice Rehrig commented the monitors for the room will be completed in 2025. There will be two monitors in the front of the room and one in the back of the room. Cindy Miller commented a podium and microphone should be purchased for people who wish to speak at meetings rather than having them speak from the audience. Mike Jones commented a better sound system should also be looked into. Alice Rehrig commented she has also been looking at a system where the meetings could be recorded and posted on line for people to view. Alice Rehrig will also look into a better sound system. Cindy Miller commented she thought we were going to be looking into redoing the meeting room as far as doing something different with the front of the meeting room. Alice Rehrig commented the carpeting is scheduled to be replaced in 2029 so any changes to the meeting room should be done between now and then. Money from the building fund or projects could be used to complete these items.

Cindy Miller questioned if Recreation gave a list of any projects for next year. Alice Rehrig commented they haven't had that discussion yet. They will be discussing it at their October meeting.

Janet Sheats commented she saw the mention of possibly increasing the contribution to NREMS. She is on the fence about that because they have the ability to bill for their services and supplies. Alice Rehrig commented she did not increase the amount; she just mentioned it as a possibility. Janet Sheats also noted there are times when they need to get an ambulance from out of the area to come to the Township. The Board agreed the amount should be left the same.

Mike Jones commented it is listed that the tractor from Danielsville is to be replaced in 2027. There was a golf cart donated for the field so there would not be a need to replace that tractor. If there is a problem with the tractor in Berlinville, the one from Danielsville can be moved there.

Janet Sheats questioned how long batting cages last. Alice Rehrig commented they are scheduled to be replaced every five years. The one that was just replaced was closer to

seven years. It depends upon how much they are used. At one point, there were a lot of tournament teams in Berlinsville which added to the usage. Mike Jones commented there may be a better grade net that can be purchased because the ones from LTAA have been lasting at least 10 years.

Jerry Pritchard questioned if the dump truck is the same truck as what we put the grant in for. Alice Rehrig commented the grant was for a tandem truck that is due for replacement in 2027. If we are successful with the grant, we can switch the trucks around. Both vehicles are 2004 vehicles. It will also take about a year until the new truck is received. The money going into the equipment fund will support the vehicles that are scheduled for replacement.

Cindy Miller commented the Board is definitely going to be looking at a tax increase in 2026 to get more roads done. If the State doesn't get their budget done, we don't know when we will receive the funds and we will have to foot the bill until then. Jerry Pritchard questioned if we have received State funding each year. Alice Rehrig commented the Township does get funding but it is also expected to be decreasing each year. She hasn't received the estimates for 2026 yet. Jerry Pritchard commented some of the money from the building fund can go towards roads.

Cindy Miller commented it looks like we are receiving the expected amount in the fire tax. Alice Rehrig commented it is actually more, mostly because of the change in the way the taxes are being collected and this is the first year that we are receiving delinquent fire tax payments from the County.

Jerry Pritchard questioned if we want to leave the tennis courts in the budget. They really need to be repaired, but it would be a saving if we took it out of the budget. Alice Rehrig commented the repairs to the tennis courts are scheduled to come out of Recreation funds so it would not have an impact on the General Fund.

The next budget meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on October 14th with the focus being on the 2026 Budget.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel. No action was taken.

IX. ADJOURN. David Hess made a motion to adjourn. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.