

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 8, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER. The Lehigh Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Lehigh Township Municipal Building, 1069 Municipal Road, Walnutport. Vice Chairman Jerry Pritchard called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Present: Cindy Miller
Janet Sheats (via telephone)
Jerry Pritchard
Alice Rehrig
David Backenstoe
Bo Root, Hanover Engineering
Roxann Colfer
John Henry
Frank Zamadics

Absent: Mike Jones
David Hess
Mike Muffley

- II. 2027 BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN. Alice Rehrig provided the Board with an updated budget and capital improvements plan incorporating all of the items discussed during the last meeting. Cindy Miller questioned if this included the transcription and report modules that were discussed. Alice Rehrig commented all the items discussed relating to the cameras have been included. In addition to these items, she also included firewall replacement for the Police Department and dog waste stations in anticipation of pets being permitted at all the parks. The 2027 pension MMOs have also been calculated and incorporated into the budget. The remaining outstanding large item is the insurance renewal information.

There has also been some discussion regarding bringing in a secondary internet provider. Rather than bringing in another cable provider, consideration may want to be given to utilizing Starlink since cable providers tend to share poles and depending upon the situation, you could lose both providers. The preliminary cost for Starlink is \$55 per month. Additional information will be needed as to whether this would be enough to provide service to the entire complex. Cindy Miller suggested contacting the provider to see if they would offer any type of discounts for Emergency Service Providers since we have the police and emergency management operating out of our buildings. She also questioned if the Township was utilizing the First Net program for cell phones. Alice Rehrig confirmed that we are enrolled in that program.

The LSA grants are due the end of September. Funding could be applied for through those grants for 2028 capital. In reviewing the 2028 anticipated capital, it was suggested that we apply for a police vehicle and the replacement of the bucket truck. The statewide LSA grant will also be opening and due at the end of November.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. August 25, 2026. Janet Sheats made a motion to approve these minutes. Cindy Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

- A. General Fund Checks 29885 to 29925. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve these checks. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. Cindy Miller questioned Check 29919, Signal Service, lists traffic light repair at Route 946 and Blue Mountain Drive. Is that damage from an accident. Alice Rehrig commented it was and there will be bills sent for reimbursement. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- B. State Fund Checks 1660 and 1661. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve these checks. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

V. PLANNING RELATED ITEMS

- A. Extension of Time for Plan Recording
1. 1089 Riverview Drive, M & U International. Aaron Sisler of Verdantas was present to represent this plan. The deadline for plan recording is September 30, 2026. The developer is requesting an extension of time until March 31, 2027. They are still in the process of obtaining their NPDES permit and are expecting to have it completed within six months. They are currently in the administration phase of the permit. They encountered some delays with the soil testing because the soil scientist they were using retired. In addition, the test results were not as good as they had hoped and as a result they needed to redesign the stormwater. The overall footprint of the site will not be changing, just the stormwater. Cindy Miller made a motion to grant an extension of time for plan recording until March 31, 2027. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. Linda Roman, Pennsville, questioned how the stormwater would affect the neighboring properties. Mr. Sisler commented the stormwater will be managed on site with infiltration so there will be no impact to the neighboring properties. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- B. Reconsideration of Extension of Time for Conditional Use Approval
1. BWC Hokendauqua Creek, LLC. Attorney Dean Renosa and Brian O'Neill were present to represent this plan. The applicant was requesting a one year extension of time on their conditional use approval which expires October 9, 2026. The five Board members granted the conditional use and wanted the five members to hear

the reasons for the extension request. Attorney Renosa commented he understands that there was a concern regarding their commitment to this project at the last meeting and felt it important to come back to the Board for reconsideration of the matter and that they should provide an outline to the Board of how they plan on proceeding. They have encountered factors that are outside their control which are unique to the solar industry. They are going through the processes and one of the items is the First Energy Rate Case. There was a recommended decision issued by the referee on August 21. There is a period of time for objections to this decision, but this should be coming to an end soon. Blue Wave has been investing into this project. The property is a unique parcel which is separated by a municipal line. The access drive is in Moore Township and Blue Wave has been actively pursuing land development approval for that access when the Rate Case came in. The one year extension they are requesting is conditioned by Blue Wave submitting the land development plan by the end of the year. If it is not submitted by that time, any extension granted by the Board would become void. They also provided an outline of what they intend to do and the commitment they have made to this project. Brian O'Neill commented he believes the outline that was submitted demonstrates their commitment to the project and the timeline for completion of the project. They are ready to move forward once the decision on the case is final and will be following the schedule provided.

Jerry Pritchard questioned how long it usually takes to get through the PUC. Attorney Backenstoe commented it can be a lengthy process and understands why this project may have been stalled. He thinks the important thing in the reconsideration is that they have to come back and follow a timeline and the request was reduced to one year. The request is more in line with something the Board may want to consider. To a certain extent, the Board would only be giving them an extension until the end of December because if the land development plan is not filed by the end of the year, then the project dies.

Janet Sheats questioned when they will be meeting with Moore Township next. Attorney Renosa commented that is currently on hold. They granted Moore Township an extension of time to review the land development plan until the end of the year. Mr. O'Neill commented Moore Township had deferred the stormwater management review to Lehigh Township. They had gotten through the Planning Commission review, but the Planning Commission was unwilling to give them conditional approval until Lehigh Township had reviewed the project and they received comments from Lehigh Township. They are at the point where they could grant conditional approval, but they specifically stated they wouldn't do that until they received comments from Lehigh Township.

Janet Sheats commented she wasn't sure about the one year extension, but would be willing to go until the end of January and then they would have a better idea as to where things would be. Attorney Renosa commented the issue is that they need to obtain permits prior to the time expiring. If they submit land development by the end of the year, he doesn't know that they will be able to obtain a permit by January. Cindy Miller commented it will easily be a year between going through land development planning in both Moore and Lehigh Township. She would not be in agreement with this. If this development were taking place today, the current zoning would not permit it.

Janet Sheats made a motion to grant the extension of time through September 30, 2027, conditioned upon a complete land development plan submission by December 31, 2026. In the event the plan is not submitted, this application will automatically be void without any further action from the Board. Jerry Pritchard seconded the motion. Michele Dotta, 1183 Oak Road, commented when this plan was approved two years ago, Condition #12, states that they need to comply with and submit everything according to the Township ordinances and Municipalities Planning Code. How many of these items have changed in the last two years. We just heard the zoning changed and it wouldn't be allowed. Cindy Miller noted the project was grandfathered because it was submitted prior to the ordinance change. How long does the Township allow the extensions, not only for this project, but for any other project. Cindy Miller commented this would be the only application that was received prior to the ordinance changing. Any new applications would have to comply with today's ordinances. Ms. Dotta commented if the extension is not granted, they would need to resubmit in compliance with today's ordinances. We will be three years into the project. She doesn't agree with granting the extension. We have ordinances for a reason and update them for a reason. Janet Sheats commented the reason she didn't agree with this at the last meeting was because there was limited information available. This submission has a timeline that they would have to meet. Katherine Mack commented if the extension is not granted, the project would be dead. If they were to resubmit the project, it would not be permitted and they would have to file for a use variance which is extremely difficult to get. Janet Sheats commented she wishes the information would have been available at the last meeting. They have already invested a lot into this project. Jerry Pritchard and Janet Sheats voted aye. Cindy Miller was opposed. Motion did not carry.

Attorney Renosa requested this be tabled until the next meeting. Jerry Pritchard made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Cindy Miller commented this project was already denied twice. How many times do we have applicants keep coming back to the Board? They could have started this over the last two years.

Janet Sheats seconded the motion. Jerry Pritchard and Janet Sheats voted aye. Cindy Miller was opposed. Motion did not carry. Attorney Backenstoe commented the applicant can always reappear during public comment.

C. Extension of Time for Plan Approval

1. Riverview Drive Major Subdivision, Preliminary Plan. Jay Cooperman, Regal Construction Group, was present to represent this plan. An extension of time for plan review has been received by the applicant until January 31, 2027. Mr. Cooperman commented when they met with Walnutport Authority to provide public water to this site, they had also made them aware that they would be willing to provide public sewer. Prior to that, he did not know that was an option and they need the additional time to work out a design utilizing the public sewer. Cindy Miller made a motion to accept the extension of time until January 31, 2027. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- D. Engineer's Report. Bo Root was present on behalf of Mike Muffley. He did not have anything specific to report outside of the agenda items.

Cindy Miller commented the Planning Commission held an advertised special meeting to go over the Zoning Ordinance. They are at a point now where Mike Muffley will do a more thorough review of the changes that were discussed. The changes that they didn't get to were given to Lori Lambert and she has emailed them to everyone so they are ready to discuss them at the next meeting. As Mike Muffley sees things that need to be changed, he will make the changes that are needed. Janet Sheats questioned if there was a timeline as to when this will be completed. Cindy Miller commented there is not. There are a lot of changes that need to be made. They have divided up the different zoning districts. So far, they have reviewed the A/RR district and most of the VR district. They haven't gotten to the commercial and industrial districts.

Katherine Mack questioned the status of the SALDO. Roxann Colfer commented Mike Muffley had sent an email where he received the draft and it is on his list of items he needs to review and will get it into a final draft prior to sending it to the Planning Commission. Cindy Miller noted most of the items in the SALDO are engineering related.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL/ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

- A. Recreation Report. Jerry Pritchard reported they are working on obtaining playground equipment for Indiantrail Park and will be reaching out to the Jaindl Company regarding their obligations. The Christmas Tree lighting continues to be discussed and they are hoping there will be in interest in placing some small trees around the track.

Katherine Mack commented that she knows playground equipment is very expensive. Will Mr. Jaindl be footing the bill and is there a number in mind. When the Moore Township PTA installed the equipment at the school, they had raised \$100,000. Alice Rehrig commented Mr. Jaindl's obligations are outlined in the agreements with Mr. Jaindl. Once the final pricing is obtained, there will be discussions with Mr. Jaindl and everything will be presented to the Board for final approval.

Daniel Ziegenfuss commented he is a soccer coach and utilizes the Berlinsville field. He noticed the mowers destroyed the turn when they were mowing today and it seems like the grass is still high and he has games there this weekend. There are also holes on the field that should be repaired.

Cindy Miller commented it is her understanding that LTAA is utilizing the field at Delps for either lacrosse or field hockey. Was it authorized for them to cut the grass there? Frank Zamadics commented they requested that the field be mowed shorter, but we cannot get it as short as they want with our mowers. Cindy Miller questioned if we are allowing people to cut our grass and what about the liability? Alice Rehrig commented they needed the grass shorter than what we are able to mow, so they are cutting it. It is being done by through LTAA and we are named as an additional insured under their policy. Cindy Miller questioned what happens if the grass dies. Alice Rehrig commented it would be LTAA's responsibility to repair the damages. Cindy Miller commented there should be an agreement in place. There are verbal agreements being made, but when something happens, it ends up falling back on the Township. Alice Rehrig commented the same issue happens at the ballfields as well. If the fields are mowed early in the week and the game is towards the end of the week or on the weekend, the grass is higher than they want and they mow the playing surfaces. Perhaps a simple hold harmless agreement can be developed to outline the terms and conditions. Tom Szoke questioned if the equipment can be adjusted to accommodate what is needed. If the equipment can be adjusted, then that is something we should be looking at.

- B. Public Works Report. Frank Zamadics commented he has notified the company doing the oil and chip that they can start the project. He has not yet received a schedule from them.

Jerry Pritchard commented the road crew cannot be on standby to mow the grass for specific games. If the grass is higher than preferred, someone jumps in and cuts the grass. It's hard to schedule the grass mowing around all the games and weather. Cindy Miller commented it is more than liability. What about damage to the equipment? Frank Zamadics commented there is no Township equipment being used. They are bringing in their own equipment. Dan Ziegenfuss commented he wanted to ask about mowing the soccer field. With the way the grass is growing right now, he is

mowing his grass twice a week at home. He understands that the Township cannot be doing that at all the fields. They have a schedule. He would like to be able to mow them before a weekend game. He also noted that the turns were taking place in the goals. They should be moved prior to the mowing so they don't have to mow around it and then move them. He also asked if the field could be rolled. Frank Zamadics commented all the playing areas were rolled in spring. There may be an issue because of the recent rain; that field does hold water. With the recent rain it got very wet, and with the foot traffic, and the mowers, the field do rut because they hold water. Jerry Pritchard commented the timing of the mowing has always been an issue with the fields and the citizens have stepped in when needed. Attorney Backenstoe suggested that the insurance company be contacted and see what their requirements or suggestions would be. He can also work with Alice Rehrig on a simple agreement.

Cindy Miller questioned what type of building maintenance was requested at the Police Department. Frank Zamadics commented they had weeded and refreshed the flower beds and some minor wiring for computers or cameras. There was a leak in a pipe over the weekend, but that has been resolved.

Bob Hock commented he had an opportunity to watch a baseball game from the memorial bench that was installed in memory of his father. He noticed there is a "fly ball zone" sign directly in front of the bench and requested the sign be shifted to the side.

Paul Nikisher commented there is a sight distance issue at Elm Road and Blue Mountain Drive. Frank Zamadics commented that intersection is a PennDOT intersection. They would need to resolve any issues.

- C. Zoning Report. Roxann Colfer reported there will be three zoning hearings this week, and she will also be needing Attorney Backenstoe's assistance at a September 30th court hearing and the October 8th zoning hearing meeting.
- D. Police Report. Chief Henry reported there were 445 calls logged, 7 reportable accidents, 8 non reportable accidents, 13 summary violations, 7 equipment repair orders, and three individuals processed through the booking center. There were 8 arrests including aggravated assault, terroristic threats, DUIs involving a crash, DUI involving substances, assault, and harassment.

The Department conducted interviews to establish a list for hiring. He has three applicants he would like to have the Board interview if possible before the next meeting. The Board agreed to conduct the interviews at 6:00 p.m.

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday October 6th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

John Henry also noted that the new Total Station that was purchased last year has been used two times for serious accidents. Both times, the new Total Station cut the times on scene down by half or more compared to the old machine.

Jerry Pritchard questioned how many officers we have working. John Henry commented there are 11 officers including one that is on long term medical leave and one that will be returning to work next week.

Janet Sheats wanted to commend the who responded to an online theft she reported. She was amazed as to how quickly and attentive he was when he responded.

Dan Ziegenfuss questioned if the Township has any flock cameras. Cindy Miller commented the only cameras in the Township were installed by the County or the State. The Township has not installed any. Mr. Ziegenfuss commented it would be his recommendation that the Township never install them. Jerry Pritchard commented he thinks that this should be on the next agenda for discussion so the Police Department can explain how they work. He understands that people question if constitutionally their rights are being violated.

Mr. Ziegenfuss questioned if the soccer field is going to be used for National Night Out as far as putting vehicles on the field. Chief Henry commented most of the vehicles will be parked on the track. Mr. Ziegenfuss commented his concern is that Frank Zamadics is right. That field is wet and ruts quickly and parking vehicles on it could cause rutting.

- E. Fire Company Report. No one was present from the Fire Company due to an emergency call.
- F. Municipal Authority Report. No one was present on behalf of the Authority. Janet Sheats commented she missed the last meeting. Typically, they send her a report after the meeting, but she hasn't received one.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinance 2026-2, Setting Criteria for Data Centers and Data Center Accessory Uses. Attorney Backenstoe commented as required by the Municipalities Planning Code, this ordinance has been advertised two times, on August 24 and August 31 and the proof of publication has been received. A copy of the ordinance was sent to the Northampton County Law Library and he has a stamped receipt dated July 17th. A draft of the ordinance was sent to the Lehigh Township Planning Commission on April 23rd and favorable comments were received. A draft was also sent to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission on July 22 and they also provided a favorable review. Some of the items they liked were the

definitions and it is a conditional use in the Industrial District. Some specific items they applauded were the buffering requirements, the emergency management planning, environmental impact studies, the aesthetic requirements, parking requirements, traffic impact, decommissioning, and groundwater monitoring pre-development, post development, and after development. They did request we consider some additional items such as how it compares to other industrial developments in the ordinance, additional decommissioning for electrified waste, heat mitigation, and potential increase in setback requirements. These are items that can be looked into after the ordinance is adopted. It's best to have an ordinance in place sooner than later. If data centers are not permitted in any district, an applicant can file for exclusionary zoning which can be a disaster for a municipality because it means they can place the data center in any location they chose.

Cindy Miller made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-2. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. Jerry Pritchard commented with the data centers being allowed by conditional use, they need to come before the Board and prove they meet the ordinance. Attorney Backenstoe commented the requirements for obtaining a conditional use is basically the same requirements or law as an special exception use before the Zoning Hearing Board. The applicant must prove that they meet or are going to meet all of the requirements in the ordinance. They must be able to demonstrate that. If there are objectors who provide evidence or testimony contrary to what they are submitting or are able to show that this particular application is more detrimental to the Township than another data center in other areas would be, the application could be denied. It is not an automatic approval. If there is an issue and residents and entities are opposed to it, they have the right to appear and present testimony that must be considered. If the Board finds the applicant does not meet the criteria or the objectors establish that the use is more detrimental to the community that over uses like it in the State, the Board can deny it and it will be upheld in court. Janet Sheats commented the Board took this very seriously and looking at everything going on around use, they felt it was urgent to get something in place. The Board did their due diligence to get ahead of this before we received any submissions. Cindy Miller commented the State just passed a law regarding the decommissioning, but she thinks it still allows Townships to regulate them. Attorney Backenstoe commented the law is still being published, but what he saw was that it would be more like an umbrella policy. He believes the applicants will have to comply with the Governor's requirements and the local requirements. If a Township didn't have an ordinance and exclusionary zoning was applied for, they would still have to comply with the State requirements. He does not believe the law will preempt Townships, but provide for additional requirements. Cindy Miller commented she read that they will now have to go to DEP to obtain authorization. Merion Miller commented the data centers do move very quickly. This morning, the CEO of Nvidia stated that they have reached artificial general intelligence. He believes that it is the most important announcement

that has been made in the last 25 years. What this means is that the AI systems will have some ability to reason and not just spit out an answer to a question. Some of the other shows have indicated we have not seen anything yet. The way they are positioning this is that it will be us and the Chinese. The take away message was whomever leads and comes out first will never be caught by the others. Sherry Szoke questioned if anyone really understands this. Do we really know whether we should or shouldn't be in favor of data centers? Attorney Backenstoe commented the Township is not taking a position. They are putting the data centers in an area where they feel is an appropriate location and zoning district and imposing proper standards based upon engineering and science. Janet Sheats commented the Township is adopting the ordinance so they don't get caught in a position like other municipalities have where the data center would have the upper hand. Cindy Miller commented it is similar to warehousing. When the Township saw what was happening in neighboring municipalities, they jumped on it, adopted an ordinance and placed it in the proper area of the Township knowing that the use must be provided for. Merion Miller commented the heavy concentration data centers have been in operation in Virginia for some time. We will have the ability to watch what goes on there and how they handle situations. Paul Nikisher commented he knows we need these, but feels there are more vast areas they could go rather than here. Mike Hock questioned if it is beneficial to have a multi-municipal agreement for items such as this or the next issue that comes along. Cindy Miller commented Lehigh Township was asked to participate in regional planning and we turned it down because the Planners and Board at that time felt that Lehigh Township needed to decide what they wanted to be before we join in with someone else. Attorney Backenstoe commented regional planning is a somewhat complex topic. People at one point thought that regional planning would protect the Township as far as zoning and it does not. The first step would be to enter into a comprehensive regional planning program where various studies are done. People were thinking that if there were items such as warehouses over here, they wouldn't need to be allowed in this municipality and that is not necessarily true. If you adopt regional planning, then in two years, you must adopt regional zoning. There are two ways of doing that: Having one regional zoning ordinance with the same zoning officer and same zoning hearing board, or each municipality must expertly craft zoning ordinances which are consistent, contiguous, and work with the zoning ordinances of the other Townships so that when challenged in court, you are able to demonstrate you have a regional plan and zoning and it was all done in parimentaria together so that if you are challenged on exclusionary zoning you can show why you are not required to have them because another Township has them. You are also giving up control of your zoning and most people do not want to do that. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. Awarding of Bids for Timberline Road. Bo Root commented his office prepared a recommendation of award for this project. One bid was received from Recon

Construction Services for both contracts. The total bid was for \$1,581,028.80 which includes contract #1 for pipe replacement, #2 for the road reconstruction, and alternatives 2-1 through 2-3 as outlined in the bid specifications.

Cindy Miller made a motion to award the contract to Recon Construction Services and start with Contract #1 in 2026 and Contract #2 in 2027. Bo Root commented that he did want to clarify that the base repair alternative that is included in the bid will most likely not be needed. Mike Muffley and the contractor have reviewed the road and it appears as though there are no base issues. The \$232,560 that is included in the alternative is not anticipated to be used. It is an as needed line item. Jerry Pritchard commented his concern is that only one bid was received. Cindy Miller commented she agrees, but is also concerned about pricing because everything continues to go up. How long can we let this go? Do we know why there was only one bidder? Bo Root did not know why only one was received, but it was put out on PennBid. Janet Sheats questioned how often this was put out to bid? Alice Rehrig commented the bids were due two weeks ago, but then we pushed the opening back to this meeting to try to obtain additional bids. Cindy Miller questioned if there is something preventing companies from bidding. Alice Rehrig commented there is nothing within Contract 1 for pipe replacement. Contract 2 is more specialized because not all contractors do the cold in place recycling. Cindy Miller questioned the other companies who have done work for us in the past. Alice Rehrig commented the more recent projects were just simple overlays. We have not done a project like this since the mid 80's. Frank Zamadics commented in 1984 Timberline Road was done with this same type of process when we obtained the road from PennDOT. He saw this type of process was done on Coffeetown Road and it looks good. They did the base this year and is expecting that they will be putting the topping down next year. Monica Brown commented if you put the project back out for bid, you could get bids that are even higher. Maybe it could be looked into to see if the company does reputable work. Cindy Miller commented we were told a road costs \$1 million per mile to construct and Timberline is three miles. Bo Root commented the bid did come in 25 percent higher than they estimated. Alice Rehrig commented when the estimates were initially put together, the estimates were around \$1 million a year ago, and they did not include a base repair. We applied for grant funding and when we were awarded the grant back in January or February, Mike Muffley did an updated estimate and we were at \$1.2 million. Janet Sheats commented her concern is that prices will keep going up. Jerry Pritchard commented he believes fuel will be going down. Alice Rehrig noted that there is an escalator clause within the contract. If the price of oil and asphalt does come down, there is a price adjustment that gets made. Alice Rehrig noted there may be companies who are not bidding because we are required to use federal prevailing wage rates. Tom Szoke suggested following up on the other bidders to see why they didn't want to bid the project. He also noted that if

the bid is \$1.5 million and the cost of a roadway is \$1 million per mile, there is a significant difference between the two. Jerry Pritchard commented he would like something to compare the number to. There was no second on the motion.

Janet Sheats made a motion to table the awarding of the bid until the next meeting to see if we can get answer as to why no one else bid on this and what experiences this contractor has in the work. Cindy Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2026-21, Establishing Procedures and Time Limits for Public Comment.

Janet Sheats made a motion to table this until there is a full board for discussion. Cindy Miller seconded the motion. Janet Sheats commented she believes all five board members should have the opportunity to adequately discuss it and it should be a full board decision. All voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Manager's Report

1. MMO's for Pension Plans. As required by Act 205, Alice Rehrig provided the Board with the required MMOs for the pension plans. The MMO for the police pension plan would be \$348,905 and the non-uniformed pension plan would be \$57,641. Some of the cost of the MMOs is offset by state reimbursement. Cindy Miller made a motion to accept the 2027 MMOs as presented for the pension plans. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

2. Employee Appreciation. Alice Rehrig provided the Board with information if they wish to continue with this as they did in the past. Janet Sheats made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Cindy Miller seconded the motion. All vote aye. Motion carried.

C. Solicitor's Report. Attorney Backenstoe commented he looked into the Earned Income Tax as requested at the next meeting. Under Chapter 53, 6924.303.1b, Townships may exempt by ordinance or resolution any person's who income is less than \$12,000.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT. With the 25th anniversary approaching, Janet Sheats requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives lost on 9-11.

Katherine Mack commented she knows the exemption for the Earned Income Tax came up with the land preservation discussion, but would like to see the Township consider this as an exemption because there are working teenagers and seniors citizens who may need to hold a job to maintain things in this current economy.

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Zach Szoke, 4467 Timberline Road, commented they have received a lot of heat for minors having to pay for the land preservation and believes it should now be on the Board that the ball is in their court to provide the relief. He also noted there was some discussion regarding a five year budget for the Township. He is questioning what the plan is for the Township in general as a whole and public facilities and services. Jerry Pritchard commented his question is how do we pay for whatever is being brought to the table. Zach Szoke questioned if the maximum occupancy of the meeting room is known. Alice Rehrig commented she has the information in the office.

Paul Nikisher raised a concern regarding the recklessness of kids on e-bikes. It is becoming dangerous and it is only a matter of time until someone gets hurt.

Monica Brown questioned if the police can cite someone who is driving an illegal vehicle on the roadway, such as a go-cart if they are caught on a doorbell camera. Chief Henry commented they could be cited if you are clearly able to identify who is driving the vehicle.

Tom Szoke questioned if a response was received to the letter that was sent to the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Alice Rehrig commented she has not yet received anything.

- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Board went into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining matters. No action was taken.
- XI. ADJOURN. Cindy Miller made a motion to adjourn. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.