

BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Minutes of November 12, 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was held on November 12, 2025, at the Township Building, 1370 Bridgeton Hill Road, Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania. This meeting was also held remotely via Zoom. Present were Supervisor Gard Holby, Supervisor Roger Keller, Supervisor Michael Lynch and Solicitor Dave Shafkowitz. Also present was Secretary/Treasurer Sheryl Patterson.

Supervisor Holby called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There was no executive session before the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 2-0, the minutes from the October 8, 2025 meeting were approved.

BILLS/PAYROLL: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the bills and payroll in the amount of \$ 21,857.14 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Upon motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 2-0, the Treasurer's Report from October 2025 was approved.

REPORTS:

1. Fire Company - No report.
2. Open Space – No report.
3. Solicitor – Items will be reviewed under “New Business”.
4. Planning Commission – Supervisor Keller reported that there was no meeting on October 28th since nothing was on the agenda. There will be an upcoming meeting on December 2nd.
5. Secretary/Treasurer – No report.
6. B/N/T Groundwater Committee – No report.
7. Road Master – No report.
8. Zoning Officer – submitted a written report to the Board of Supervisors.
9. Emergency Management – See “New Business” item #4.
10. Traffic Committee – No report.
11. High Falls Creek – The work is progressing and now looks like a canal – working on the final shaping. The water will come from Raubsville.
12. Parks & Recreation – Nature Preserve update: crew worked and a substantial amount was accomplished on the trails – there is approximately one day left to finish the trail. There will be a dedication day in the spring and the sign will be installed soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The public hearing to consider the proposed "Ordinance of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors Establishing Landowners' Responsibility for the Removal of Certain Trees Located on Private Property Which Interfere with Public Rights-of-Way and for the Removal of Trees from Township Rights-of-Way and Providing for the Assessment of Costs Thereof" was opened to mark the exhibits. Solicitor Dave Shafkowitz presented the following exhibits: #1) a copy of the proposed ordinance; 2) a copy of the legal notice; 3) a copy of the proof of advertisement; and 4) a copy of the letter from the Bucks County Planning Commission. Since this is a stand-alone ordinance, the Bucks County Planning Commission declined to comment as it does not concern zoning or sub-division land development. Upon motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the public hearing is to be continued at the December 10, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting. The ordinance will be reviewed by the Bridgeton Township Planning Commission at their upcoming meeting on December 2nd.
2. Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the motion to advertise the initial draft of the proposed "Ordinance of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors Prohibiting Littering and Dumping of Debris and Establishing Fines and Penalties Thereof" was approved.
3. Upon motion Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the motion to advertise that the proposed 2026 Budget is available for inspection was approved.
4. Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Keller, which carried 3-0, the recommendation to appoint Martin Focazio as Emergency Management Co-Coordinator was approved.
5. Swamps Garage was recognized for the acceptance of many old tires that were in the Nature Preserve and on township roads.
6. Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the request for fire police for the Borough of Sellersville's Winterfest Event on Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 4 PM – 9 PM was approved.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

1. Amy Hollander, Bucks County Historic Resources Manager – regarding America 250 Heritage Day in Tinicum Park on May 15, 2026. This will be a history/heritage event recognizing the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. They are planning to bring a Durham boat to the event and the Palisades School District is working on the programming. The current need is for sponsorships – they need funds and are looking for partners. Amy is contacting the local townships to see if they can provide fiscal support and also have a presence at the event. Bridgeton Township will advertise the event on social media and "get the word out".

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1) Kelly Buechler – resident – questioned the commercial insurance requirements for the STR application. Gard will amend the application to mean "homeowner's insurance."

Upon a motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl L. Patterson
Secretary/Treasurer