The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday October 14, 2026, at the Independence Township Community Center social hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Dan McLaughlin and the assembly stood for the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present was Supervisors Dan McLaughlin and John Fratangeli. Also present was Lt. John Villa and Secretary, Debra Shaffer. Absent was Solicitor Curt McMillen, Supervisor Wayne Potts and Chief Lance Malobabich.

MINUTES

The Minutes of September 9, 2026, meeting were approved with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report and bill list were approved with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Police, Road and Fire monthly reports were accepted with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTON #8 OF 2026 - PMRS CONTRIBUTION WAIVER AND PLAN AMENDMENT

The 2027 PMRS Contribution Waiver of the 5% requirement contribution from Lt. Villa along with the Plan Amendment including that waiver of contribution was adopted with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

DRAFT ORDINANCES FOR DATA CENTERS & DATA MINING, BATTERY STORAGE AND TIMBER

Draft ordinances were provided to the Board for review. These ordinances will be presented at the 10/27 Planning Commission meeting for their review and comment to the Board. These will be on the agenda next month for final review/advertising.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Recycling Weekend – Fri., Oct. 2nd & Sat., Oct. 3rd
b. Office Closed Monday, September 14th & Friday, September 25th
c. Next Supervisors Meeting – Wednesday, October 14th

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Welte of 184 Tank Farm Road spoke. He wanted to let the BOS know that he has done extensive research on the data centers and provided the board with his notes/suggestions for our new ordinance. He noted that these companies have so much money that they will find a way to make it possible to build in the township. It was explained to him that we cannot stop them from building, but we definitely can set requirements and procedures that they must follow. A copy of the draft ordinance was given to him so that he could take a look at it. It was noted that his suggestions and comments would be taken under advisement of our solicitor. **Patriot Ambulance** was in attendance just to answer any questions if anyone had any.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer