

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday September 9, 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 were Chief Lance Malobabic, Solicitor Curt McMillen and Secretary, Debra Shaffer. Absent was Supervisor Wayne Potts.

MINUTES

The Minutes of August 12, 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 and Road monthly reports were accepted with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. The Fire report was not supplied at the time of the meeting so two of them will be submitted at the October meeting. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS**2027 PMRS MMO WORKSHEET**

The 2027 PMRS MMO worksheet and memo were provided to the Board of Supervisors. After submission to the Board, the Chief Administration Office (Debra J. Shaffer) for PMRS will supply the same to PMRS by the deadline of October 5th.

TRICK OF TREAT 2027

J. Fratangeli made a motion to set Trick or Treat for Thursday, October 29th from 6-8 p.m. in accordance with the suggestion of the Chief Of Police Association. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

SCHEDULE BUDGET MEETINGS AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT

J. Fratangeli made a motion to schedule a meeting to prepare the 2027 budget for Tuesday, October 20th at 3:30 p.m. and another for Tuesday, October 27th, if needed. Secretary, Debra J. Shaffer will advertise the same as the requirements. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 7 OF 2026 – MROZOSKI SUBDIVISION PLAN 2

This plan is to take one parcel located on New Bethlehem Church Road that crosses over into Hopewell into two separate parcels. The Independence Township Planning Commission recommended approval by letter dated August 25, 2026. J. Fratangeli made a motion to adopt and D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY REPAIR FOR F550

The Ford 550 motor blew up and needed to be repaired. A new motor was purchased from Jason Station and installed by Russ McCoy. After Russ started working on it, it was found to need a new manifold also. The motor was \$8,265.67 and the installation of motor and purchase and installation of manifold was \$7,951.85.

ROAD DAMAGE CLAIM

On June 2, 2026, Benjamin Barrett had a malfunction on his truck which caused road damage on Plunkett and Longs Run. The sparks from this malfunction also caused several fires along the route he was travelling. He turned into his insurance company and a claim was opened. The Road Department was already planning on tarring and chipping those two roads. Once that was completed, the damage was covered. The Road Foreman made the suggestion to not pursue insurance for any damages. J. Fratangeli made a motion to close the claim with the insurance company. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

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

Jon Pasano attended the meeting just to keep in touch and see if he could help us in any way.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer