

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday August 12, 2026, at the Independence Township Community Center social hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Chairman Dan McLaughlin and the assembly stood for the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present were 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 July 8, 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 Department monthly reports were accepted with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS**AMENDED LEASE AGREEMENT WITH INDEPENDENCE VFD**

J. Fratangeli made a motion to adopt and execute the amended lease agreement with the Independence VFD which would allow them to sublet the building to Patriot Ambulance Service so that they could station at our VFD building for quicker response times. This amendment is specific to Patriot sublease only. D. McLaughlin second the motion.

Motion carried.

LUFFY SMALL FLOW TREATMENT FACILITY

J. Fratangeli made a motion to approve the Luffy SFTF and execute the documents needed for the submittal to DEP. D. McLaughlin second the motion.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 6 OF 2026 – ANKROM SUBDIVISION PLAN 1

This plan is taking one parcel located in our C1 Zone and dividing the house off with acreage. Both will remain in the C1 Zone. Both lots have existing wells and septic systems. The Independence Township Planning Commission recommended approval by letter dated July 28, 2026. J. Fratangeli made a motion to adopt and D. McLaughlin second the motion.

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Recycling Weekend – Fri., Sept. 4th & Sat., Sept. 5th
- b. Office Closed Friday, Sept. 4th and Mon., Sept. 7 – Labor Day
- c. Next Supervisors Meeting – Wednesday, September 9th

PUBLIC COMMENT

Johnathan Pasano of 794 Monaca Road spoke and wanted to introduce himself as he will be on the ballots in 2027 for Magistrate. He just wanted to get his name and face out there and start campaigning. He has been a New Brighton police officer for 27 years and believes he has the background needed for the position. Deb Shaffer mentioned that our Chili Cookoff is a good opportunity for networking. **Sammy Milligan** of 120 Parrish Road was present and provided a schematic for the new canoe launch. It will be composite decking and will be the same dimensions as the current dock. They requested that they be allowed to post a sign at the beginning of the park to promote their business. The supervisors agreed. The Supervisors discussed the Santa Breakfast and Chairman McLaughlin noted that his family has a big wedding and due to the lack of support over the past several years, we are going to not have a breakfast for 2026 and will revisit it in 2027.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer