

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 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 were Supervisors Dan McLaughlin and John Fratangeli. Also present were Chief Lance Malobabich, Solicitor Curt McMillen and Secretary, Debra Shaffer. Supervisor Wayne Potts was absent.

MINUTES

The Minutes of November 12, 2025 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

RESOLUTION #8 OF 2025 – FINAL 2026 BUDGET

J. Fratangeli made a motion to adopt the 2026 final budget after the public review period as prepared. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #9 OF 2025 – 2026 TAX LEVY

J. Fratangeli made a motion to Adopt the 2026 Tax Levy which leaves the millage rate the same at 1.5919 mills. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS #10 & #11 OF 2025 – WAIVER OF 5% PMRS CONTRIBUTION FOR LT. VILLA

J. Fratangeli made a motion to Adopt Resolutions #10 & #11 of 2025 which waives the required 5% contribution to PMRS for Lt. Villa's pension. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADOPT AND EXECUTE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS

J. Fratangeli made a motion to accept and execute the employment agreements for the Police Department for 2025 and the 4-year Operating Engineers Local 66 Union Contract. D. McLaughlin second the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION TO SELL THE S-3216 1997 GMC BUCKET TRUCK FROM COOP FLEET

J. Fratangeli made a motion to approve the sale of the 1997 GMC bucket truck from the coop fleet of co-owned equipment. D. McLaughlin second the motion. No motion was made at this time for a replacement option. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following public announcements were made:

- Township Office Closed December 25 & 26 – Christmas
- Township Office Closed January 1 – New Years
- Recycling Weekend, Fri., Jan. 2nd and Sat., Jan. 3rd
- Reorganization Meeting – Monday, January 5th @ 4 pm
- Auditor Reorganization Meeting, Tuesday, January 6th @ 5 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Secretary, **Debra Shaffer**, noted that the commercial refrigerator at the community center quit working last weekend. Allegheny Refrigeration came out and said that the compressor is bad and the unit is 18 years old. They sent a quote for a replacement in the amount of \$5,575.00. J. Fratangeli and D. McLaughlin told her to go ahead and order it on an emergency basis and it will be ratified at the next meeting. **Ashley Caul** mentioned that she was in attendance as she was off work and was able to come

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