

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Independence Township was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at the Independence Township Community Center social hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Daniel 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 Police Lt. John Villa, Secretary, Debra Shaffer, and Attorney Curt McMillen. Absent was Supervisor Wayne Potts and Police Chief Lance Malobabich.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on any agenda item.

MINUTES

The Minutes of March 12, 2025, meeting was 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

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following public announcements were made:

- Recycling Weekend – Fri., May 2nd and Sat. May 3rd
- Next Supervisors Meeting – Wednesday, May 14th @ 4 pm
- Office Closed – Friday, April 18th – Good Friday
- CleanUp Week – April 14th – April 18th

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick McConnell of ____ School Road spoke and noted that he was aware of the new walking trail getting constructed in the park this year and wanted to know if there was any other development planned. Secretary Shaffer told him that a new metal roof was just being completed on the current pavilion and bulletin board. Chairman McLaughlin told him that we

are really trying to develop the park so if he had any ideas, the Board would be willing to consider depending on the budget. He stated that Secretary Shaffer got a grant to install the walking trail so maybe we could get another for other development. He asked if the trail was going to be paved or stone. Secretary Shaffer explained it would be compacted limestone so almost like paved. Mr. McConnell also asked if there were any rules in an A1 Ag Zone regarding property having overgrown grass and just letting a property go. Chairman McLaughlin explained that there was not anything other than the nuisance ordinance which does not address grass due to the amount of hayfields in the township. Secretary Shaffer told Mr. McConnell that he was more than welcome to stop at the office on his daily walk and she could give him a copy of that ordinance.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm with a motion by J. Fratangeli and second by D. McLaughlin. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Shaffer, Secretary/Treasurer