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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hybrid Meeting

January 5, 2026

7:00 PM

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Remote Participants	To attend via Zoom, click the link below to register and obtain a link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/DEOzgj53S0q6ScsYy3JKDA
In-Person Participants	Harris Township Office – Meeting Room 224 East Main Street Boalsburg, PA 16827
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- We ask that participants that are attending remotely remain muted with their video turned off unless recognized to speak. To reduce audio interference, please remain off of speakerphone during the meeting.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:** Members of the public may comment on any items not already on the agenda (five minutes per person). Comments relating to specific items on the agenda should be deferred until that point in the meeting. Written public comments or requests to speak to items, not on the agenda, and requests to comment on specific agenda items listed on the agenda, may be submitted in advance by emailing manager@harristownship.org.



HARRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 5, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

Agenda

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Move to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 public hearings and the December 8, 2025 regular meeting.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Members of the public are invited to comment on any items not on the agenda (five minutes per person time limit, please). Comments relating to specific items on the agenda should be deferred until that point in the meeting.

4. NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

Pennsylvania Act 65 requires the posting of agendas on the Township website 24 hours before a meeting. Only emergency and de minimus items, and items for discussion only, can be added to the agenda by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.

If the Board has any items they wish to add to the agenda, they should discuss them at this time.

5. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS:

a. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Board members shall nominate and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for calendar year 2026.

(Vice-Chair Wilson shall preside over this item. The Board member elected to serve as Chair in 2026 shall assume leadership of the meeting following the election.)

Recommendation: Move to nominate/elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to serve in calendar year 2026.

b. INTERVIEW WITH PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF ABCS:

The Board meets with prospective candidates for our various ABCs prior to making appointments. The Board will meet with the following candidates for various positions today:

- Cory Baggett, 1025 Andrea Way, is interested in serving on the Planning Commission

or the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

- Robert Hoffman RA, 238 Beacon Circle, is interested in serving on the Planning Commission.
- Alexander J. Schmidbauer, 138 Harris Avenue, is interested in continuing as Harris Township's C-NET representative and is also interested in serving on the Planning Commission.
- Kelly A. Wolgast, 129 Sophie Court, is interested in serving on the Planning Commission.

The Board will make appointments to these boards later in the meeting. A copy of each person's application is in the agenda packet.

Recommendation: Discussion item.

c. RESOLUTION 26-01: ADOPTING A NEW TWO-YEAR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Resolution 26-01 adopts a new two-year agreement with the Township Manager. The agreement becomes effective January 6, 2026 and expires January 3, 2028.

Recommendation: If the Board is comfortable with the agreement, move to approve Resolution 26-01, adopting a new two-year employment agreement with the Township Manager.

d. RESOLUTION 26-02, SETTING THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S SALARY FOR 2026:

Chapter 1-2.5 of the Harris Township Code requires that the salary of the Township Manager shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board.

Recommendation: Move to adopt Resolution 26-02, setting the Township Manager's salary for fiscal year 2026.

e. PRESENTATION FROM RETHINKING 45 TASK FORCE:

Representatives of the Rethinking 45 Task Force will provide a presentation outlining key concerns regarding the potential expansion of Route 45 which is included in PennDOT's State College Area Connector Recommended Preferred Alternative. A copy of the Rethinking 45 Task Force request is included with the agenda.

Recommendation: Discussion Item.

f. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board will recess to an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Following the executive session, the Chair will reconvene the meeting.

g. ANNUAL APPOINTMENT TO POSITIONS STIPULATED BY CODE OR ORDINANCE:

- *Township Secretary – Treasurer*

One of the functions of serving as the Township Manager is serving as the Secretary-Treasurer. This is an annual appointment as required by the Second Class Township Code.

The Treasurer's bond has been set at \$1,000,000. This is based on the maximum amount of transferable or liquid assets available at any one time during the year.

Recommendation: Move to appoint Mark Boeckel to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of Harris Township for 2026, setting the Treasurer's bond at \$1,000,000.

- *Assistant Secretary-Treasurer*

Resolution 26-03 appoints an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. A resolution is required by the Second Class Township Code. Supervisor Moriarty served in this position last year.

Recommendation: Move to appoint an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and adopt Resolution 26-03.

h. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- *Township Engineer*

In 2025, Harris Township received engineering services from College Township, Century Engineering, and McCormick Taylor. We have received engineering services from College Township since 2002. Per our agreement with College Township, they provide engineering services for land development plan reviews and stormwater matters.

Beginning in 2023, the Township retained Century Engineering, which is a subsidiary of the Kleinfelder Engineering network, to provide engineering services for public infrastructure projects and other needs. Century Engineering has expressed an interest in continuing in this capacity in 2026.

McCormick Taylor has served as the Township's Traffic Engineer for many years and is interested in being reappointed in 2026.

Staff recommends that the College Township Engineering Department and Century Engineering be appointed as our primary municipal engineers, and McCormick Taylor be appointed as our Traffic Engineer.

Recommendation: Move to appoint the College Township Engineering Department and Century Engineering to serve as primary municipal engineers for Harris Township in 2026. Move to appoint McCormick Taylor to serve as traffic engineer in 2026.

- *Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO)*

The Centre Region Code Administration (CRCA) has served as the Township's primary SEO since 2023. The CRCA provides SEO services to the other five Centre Region municipalities and is self-funded.

Laron Horner served as the Alternate SEO in 2025 and is interested in being reappointed in 2026.

Recommendation: Move to appoint Centre Region Code Administration as primary SEO and Laron Horner as alternate SEO.

- *Township Solicitor*

In 2025, Thomas S. Schrack and Jennifer L. Bauer from the firm of McQuaide Blasko served as our primary solicitor and Ron McGlaughlin from Stover McGlaughlin served as our alternate solicitor. All are interested in being reappointed in 2026.

Recommendation: Move to appoint the law firm of McQuaide Blasko, with Thomas S. Schrack and Jennifer L. Bauer as principal counsel, to serve as Harris Township Solicitor for 2026 and to appoint Ronald McGlaughlin and the law firm of Stover McGlaughlin to serve as alternate solicitors for 2026.

- *Zoning Hearing Board Solicitors*

Scott Etter has served as our Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for several years. David Gaines from Miller Kistler and Campbell has served as our Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Both Mr. Etter and Mr. Gaines are interested in continuing to serve in their respective capacities.

Recommendation: Move to appoint Scott Etter and the Etter Law Firm as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor and David Gaines and the law firm of Miller Kistler and Campbell as Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor.

- *Act 511 Tax Collector*

Act 511 are non-property-based taxes, i.e. earned income tax. These taxes are collected on a countywide basis and the Centre Tax Agency has been named collector by the Centre County Tax Collection Committee.

Recommendation: Move to appoint Centre Tax Agency as the Act 511 Tax Collector for 2026.

i. ANNUAL COG AND RELATED COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Board members should decide who will represent Harris Township on the following Committees:

Executive
Finance
Parks Capital
Public Safety
Climate Action and Sustainability
Land Use and Community Infrastructure Committee (LUCI)
Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee
Centre County MPO Coordinating Committee (4-year term)

Per a motion by the General Forum at the November 2025 meeting, municipalities were asked to not appoint members to the Facilities or Human Resources Committees in the first half of 2026.

The COG Executive Director annually wishes to know whether there will be a departure from past practice relative to substitution at meetings and voting by those that substitute. The 2025 policy was that any Board member could substitute for any other Board member at the request of the appointed Committee member, and had voting rights, but the Committee member has the responsibility for briefing the substitute before the meeting where a vote may occur. The Township Manager can substitute if no Board member is available or interested but has voting rights only if specifically instructed by the missing Committee member on how to vote on that member's behalf.

In addition to the COG appointments, the Board needs to appoint representatives to the following:

Spring Creek Watershed Commission
Boalsburg Heritage Museum of Harris Township Board
Centre Area Cable Consortium
Centre County Solar Group

Since 2023, the vice-chair has served as the primary representative to the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. Bob Igo has indicated a desire to continue serving as the alternate to the Commission.

The Heritage Museum Articles of Agreement indicate the Supervisors should appoint a representative to the Board annually. It does not have to be a Township Supervisor, just someone chosen to represent the Township. Charles (Bud) Graham previously served as the Board's representative and is interested in continuing in this capacity.

Recommendation: Move the appointment of Committee members for 2026 and direct Township Staff to notify the COG Executive Director that the substitution/voting policy shall remain unchanged for 2026.

j. OTHER MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS:

- *Vacancy Board*

The Board of Supervisors must make an appointment to certain positions vacated by death, disability, or resignation, such as elected positions, within 30 days of the vacancy occurring. Failure to make an appointment within 30 days would require an appointment by the Vacancy Board, which consists of the Board of Supervisors and one electorate of the Township. The Township Code states that this appointment should occur at the organizational meeting or as soon as practical. This is an annual appointment.

The Board has historically appointed a former member of the Board of Supervisors to serve as the Vacancy Board Chair, with Charles (Bud) Graham holding the position in 2025. Bruce Lord expressed an interest in serving as the Vacancy Board Chair in 2026.

Recommendation: Move to appoint Bruce Lord to serve as Vacancy Board Chair for 2026, with a term ending December 31, 2026.

- Planning Commission

There are two regular positions open on the Planning Commission. One regular position vacancy was created by the recent resignation of Peter Irish. Phill Becker holds a regular position and is interested in being reappointed to serve another term. Both vacant regular positions are four-year terms.

Cory Baggett, Robert Hoffman, Alexander Schmidbauer, and Kelly Wolgast have expressed an interest in being appointed to the Planning Commission.

As a reminder, the Township had previously appointed alternates to the Commission, and all terms ended on December 31, 2025. It was recently discovered that Chapter 1, Article III was never amended to include alternates as members of the Commission. Staff will be preparing amendments to the ordinance to establish the role of alternates. The Board could move forward with appointing alternates to the Commission, with the understanding that such appointments will not take effect until the ordinance is amended.

Renee Diehl and Chuck Risio currently serve as alternates on the Commission, and both have expressed an interest in being reappointed.

Recommendation: Move to appoint _____, and _____ as regular members of the Planning Commission and _____, _____, and _____ as alternate members of the Planning Commission to terms ending December 31, 2029.

- Zoning Hearing Board

There is one position open on the Zoning Hearing Board. Len Rockey has indicated that he would like to be reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board. The Board meets only when necessary.

Recommendation: Move to appoint Len Rockey to the Zoning Hearing Board to a three-year term, ending December 31, 2028.

- State College Borough Water Authority

Michael Smith served as the Township's representative to the Water Authority in 2025. He has expressed an interest in serving another one-year term.

Recommendation: Move to appoint Michael Smith to serve as Harris Township's liaison to the State College Borough Water Authority in 2026.

- C-NET Representative

Alexander J. Schmidbauer served as Harris Township's representative to C-Net in 2025. He has expressed an interest in serving another one-year term.

Recommendation: Move to appoint Alexander J. Schmidbauer to serve as Harris Township's C-Net Representative in 2026.

- Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority

Bruce Lord had previously served as Harris Township's representative to the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority. He is not interested in being reappointed. Authority representatives serve a five-year term.

Recommendation: Move to appoint _____ to the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority to a five-year term, ending December 31, 2030.

- Centre Region Planning Commission

Jeff Duerr served as the Township's representative on the CRPC and is interested in being reappointed for another two-year term. Staff will inquire if any Commission members are willing to serve as an alternate.

Recommendation: Move to appoint Jeff Duerr as the Township's representative to the Centre Region Planning Commission with a term ending December 31, 2027.

- Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee

Peggy Johnson served as the Township's representative on the Centre County MPO Technical Committee over the past two years. Based on 2023 CCMPO bylaw amendments, appointments to both the Coordinating and Technical Committees are for four-year terms. Ms. Johnson has expressed an interest in being reappointed.

Recommendation: Move to appoint Peggy Johnson to serve as Harris Township's representative to the CCMPO Technical Committee for a four-year term, ending December 31, 2029.

- Centre County Tax Collection Committee

Township Manager Mark Boeckel was appointed to serve as the Township's representative to the Centre County Tax Collection Committee in 2025. Bridget Armstrong was appointed to serve as the alternate representative.

Recommendation: Move to appoint Township Manager Mark Boeckel as representative and Finance Assistant Bridget Armstrong as alternate to the Centre County Tax Collection Committee.

k. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Board members shall select dates for the Board meetings for 2026. The proposed meeting schedule adheres to the current format (primary meetings on 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m.; secondary meetings and road inspection on the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.).

PROPOSED MEETING DATES

Regular Meetings	2 nd Meeting (as needed)
January 5	January 28
February 9	February 25

March 9
April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14

March 25
April 22
May 27
June 24
July 22
August 26
September 23
October 21
November 25

Recommendation: Move to approve the meeting schedule as proposed.

1. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE TO STATE CONVENTION

The annual PSATS Convention is scheduled for April 19th – 22nd at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

Among the Board members who attend, one Board member should accept the responsibility of serving as the delegate to the Convention. A vote of the Board is required for appointment of the delegate.

Recommendation: Move to appoint a Board member attending the PSATS convention as Harris Township's delegate for 2026.

m. RESOLUTION 26-04: FEE SCHEDULE:

Each year, the Board adopts a Fee Schedule that lists the amounts charged for various Township and other agency services. Proposed changes to the fee schedule are highlighted in yellow.

Recommendation: Move to adopt Resolution 26-04, setting the Fee Schedule for Harris Township.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT:

A written report is provided.

7. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Move to approve voucher transmittal sheet No. 2025-12.

8. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee	Vacant
Parks Capital Committee	Vacant
Parks Governance Committee	Vacant
Centre Region Parks Authority	Vacant
Human Resources Committee	Supervisor Wilson
Climate Action and Sustainability Committee	Supervisor Wilson
Land Use and Community Infrastructure	Supervisor Hameister

Centre County Solar Group
Finance Committee
State College Area Connector Project
Centre County MPO
Facilities Committee
Public Safety Committee

Supervisor Hameister
Supervisor Harden
Supervisor Harden
Supervisor Harden
Supervisor Moriarty
Supervisor Moriarty

9. ADJOURNMENT