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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hybrid Meeting

February 9, 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/k7D-HiGwRiKIlglhvupNiA
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

February 9, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

Public Hearing

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 383 – AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

In 2016, the Township began appointing three alternate members to the Planning Commission. These members are non-voting and could be used to meet quorum requirements if other members are absent. Staff recently discovered that the Planning Commission ordinance and bylaws were never amended to include alternates, which should have occurred to formalize their role on the Commission.

Proposed ordinance no. 383 would amend Chapter 1, Article 3 by expanding the composition of the Planning Commission to include up to three alternate members. The ordinance also includes references to the Municipalities Planning Code, which specifies when alternates are eligible to vote on matters before the Commission.

3. ADJOURNMENT



HARRIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 9, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

Agenda

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Move to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026 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. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Hameister will announce that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss a legal matter.

b. INTRODUCTION OF THE STATE COLLEGE BOROUGH CHIEF OF POLICE:

The new State College Borough Chief of Police, Joseph Merrill, will be introduced to the Board of Supervisors. He most recently served as the Chief of Police for the City of Altoona. Mr. Merrill was sworn in as Chief of Police on January 5, 2026

Recommendation: Discussion Item.

c. INTRODUCTION OF 2026 BOALSBURG FIRE COMPANY OFFICERS:

Boalsburg Fire Chief Van Winter will introduce the 2026 officers of the Fire Company and provide an update on the company's 2025 activities.

Recommendation: Discussion Item.

d. AIKENS CABINS PROPERTY SITE PLAN:

On November 6, 2025, staff received from PennTerra Engineering, Inc. a site plan for the Aikens Cabins property adjacent to Bear Meadows Road between the Tussey Mountain ski area and the state forest. The site plan is a required precursor to a change-in-use zoning permit application since the property is located within the Natural Areas zoning district. Mr. Aikens wishes to change the use of the property from “recreational cabins” to “campground”.

Two reviews of the site plan have been completed, the second of which is included with the agenda as well as a copy of the site plan. Two signatures remain to be applied to the site plan, which can be done in a timely fashion. Once the site plan is reviewed by the Board of Supervisors, staff can complete the approval process and entertain the zoning permit application for the change-in-use.

Recommendation: Move to approve the Aikens Cabins Property Site Plan contingent upon satisfactory completion of the review comments from the January 6, 2026 letter of the Zoning Officer.

e. KEYSER PROPERTY SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE:

Staff are currently reviewing a site plan for the Keyser property at 390 Misty Hill Drive that proposes the construction of a house with an attached guest house. A site plan is required since wetlands were identified on the property and the structures are proposed to be built within 100 feet of such.

As part of the process, the owners had to identify additional on-lot septic areas for the additional dwelling unit. As a result, a sewage facilities planning module is required. CRPA has conducted their reviews and has provided their required paperwork. A copy of Resolution #26-06 is included with the agenda.

Recommendation: Move to approve Resolution #26-06, adopting the Keyser Property Sewage Facilities Planning Module as a revision to the Harris Township Act 537 Plan.

f. PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 383 – AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

A public hearing was held on this item earlier this evening.

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Proposed ordinance no. 383 would amend Chapter 1, Article 3 by expanding the composition of the Planning Commission to include up to three alternate members. The ordinance also includes references to the Municipalities Planning Code, which specifies when alternates are eligible to vote on matters before the Commission.

Recommendation: Move to approve Ordinance No. 383, amending the composition of the Planning Commission to include up to three alternate members.

- g. DRAFT INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY, THE CENTRE REGION PARKS AND RECREATION AGENCY, THE CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AND THE CENTRE REGION MUNICIPALITIES:

At their December 17, 2025 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Governance Special Committee forwarded the draft Intergovernmental Relationship Agreement between the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority, the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Agency, the Centre Region Council of Governments, and the Centre Region Municipalities to the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Authority and the participating parks Centre Region municipalities for review and consensus comments. A copy of the draft agreement and comments from the manager and Township Solicitor are included with the agenda.

The Committee requests that municipal comments be provided to the Parks Director by March 18, 2026.

Recommendation: Discussion item. The Board should identify consensus comments to be provided to the CRPR Director.

- h. DRAFT MEMORIAL BRIDGE PROGRAM ORDINANCE:

Last year, the Township was contacted by an individual representing the family of the late Robert Moore, with a request that the bridge over Blue Spring be designated as a memorial bridge in his honor. A veteran of WWII and the Vietnam War, Mr. Moore was a local business owner and Main Street resident.

This request was shared with the Board of Supervisors last summer and since that time, Staff prepared a draft Memorial Bridge ordinance for further consideration. The Board should review the attached draft memorial bridge ordinance and provide feedback to Staff.

Recommendation: Discussion Item.

- i. ALLEGHENY STRATEGY PARTNERS PROPOSAL:

Over the past year, the Centre Region municipal managers have been meeting with Allegheny Strategy Partners (ASP) to discuss the potential development of legislative and policy proposals aimed at recovering municipal costs associated with high-volume visitation to the area. The Board of Supervisors was provided with a brief overview of this proposal at their January 28, 2026 meeting. ASP is proposing a 6-month work plan to develop a “Regional Local Government Revenue Innovation and Sustainability Plan”. Development of this plan is divided into four phases, including stakeholder engagement, culminating in the development of a regional policy and legislative framework. A copy of the proposal is included with the agenda.

This is proposed as a multi-municipal effort with four other Centre Region municipalities. If all five municipalities decide to participate, the Township’s financial commitment for this six-month effort would be \$1,200.

The Board should discuss the proposal and provide direction to Staff.

Recommendation: Discussion Item. If the Board is interested in the Township participating in this effort, a motion should be made to authorize the Township Manager to execute an agreement with Allegheny Strategy Partners consistent with their project proposal.

j. SPONSORING SPRING CREEK WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON C-NET:

C-NET is requesting that the Township sponsor the coverage of two meetings of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission in 2026. Sponsorship of the Commission meetings is shared among seven C-NET member organizations, which lessens the impact on any one member's annual dues. Harris Township last sponsored meetings of the Commission in 2024.

Recommendation: If the Board is agreeable to the request, move to sponsor two Spring Creek Watershed Commission meetings on C-NET in 2026.

k. MEMORIAL DAY FUNDING REQUEST:

The newly formed Boalsburg Village Historical Society (BVHS) recently requested a Township allocation of \$1,750 for 2026 events: \$750 for the Memorial Day Service and \$1,000 for Boalsburg Hometown Christmas. The BVHS is also requesting that the Township cover the cost of ambulance services for the Memorial Day event. The 2026 budget includes \$4,750 for these events, formerly organized by the Boalsburg Village Conservancy. A copy of the BVHS's request is included with the agenda.

The Board of Supervisors should discuss the request and determine if funding should be allocated to the BVHS. As discussed at the January 28th meeting, the Board could choose to allocate funding for Memorial Day at this time and decide on Hometown Christmas funding at a later date.

Recommendation: Discussion Item. If the Board is agreeable to allocating funding to the BVHS, a motion should be made to indicate the amount and purpose of the funding being provided.

l. PURCHASE OF A LINE PAINTER:

During preparation of the 2026 budget, the Board discussed the potential purchase of a line painter that could be used to paint stop bars, turn arrows, crosswalks, and other symbols on our streets. The Township has typically spent \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually on line and symbol painting, which is completed by a contractor. Purchasing this equipment would allow the maintenance crew to maintain symbols on our roadways, which would save money and provide added flexibility to address faded paint as needed.

The Township received a quote for a striping machine for \$5,454. This purchase was not included in the 2026 capital equipment purchases list. Funding for this device would come from the Capital fund.

Recommendation: If the Board is agreeable, move to authorize the purchase of a striping machine for \$5,454.

m. RESOLUTION 26-07: AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF SPECIFIC TOWNSHIP RECORDS:

The Township will destroy several outdated records, in accordance with the State's records retention schedule. Resolution 26-07 authorizes the destruction of these records. The records will be shredded.

Recommendation: Move to approve Resolution 26-07, authorizing the destruction of specific Township records.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT:

A written report is provided.

7. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Move to approve voucher transmittal sheet No. 2026-01.

8. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee
Land Use and Community Infrastructure
Centre County Solar Group
Finance Committee
State College Area Connector Project
Centre County MPO
Parks Capital Committee
Parks Governance Committee
Centre Region Parks Authority
Climate Action and Sustainability Committee
Public Safety Committee

Chair Hameister
Chair Hameister
Chair Hameister
Vice-Chair Harden
Vice-Chair Harden
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Supervisor Moriarty
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Supervisor Murrell
Supervisor Murrell
Supervisor Wilson

9. ADJOURNMENT