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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hybrid Meeting

May 11, 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/vBh0SFAbRZ2W6uQ5oMgQQQ
In-Person Participants	Harris Township Office – Meeting Room 224 East Main Street Boalsburg, PA 16827
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- PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:
 - Members of the public are invited to comment on any items not on the agenda (five minutes per person time limit). Please note that no discussion or deliberation will occur during this period.
 - Comments relating to specific items on the agenda should be deferred until that point in the meeting. After an item is introduced by staff, members of the public may provide comments on the item (five minutes per person time limit). Once the Chair closes the public comment period, the Board will proceed with deliberation and no further public comment will be accepted on that item.
 - 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.



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May 11, 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 April 13, 2026 public hearing, the April 13, 2026 regular meeting, the April 22, 2026 joint meeting with the Planning Commission, and the April 27, 2026 special meeting.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

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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. C-NET UPDATE:

C-Net Executive Director Cindy Hahn will be present to give an update on the organization's activities.

Recommendation: Discussion Item.

b. PENNDOT BRIDGE PRESERVATION PROJECT:

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation proposes to perform bridge preservation work to the structure on S.R. 0322 that carries traffic over S.R. 0045. Roadway work will consist of paving the roadway 100' at each end of the structure. A High Friction Surface Treatment will

be applied for approximately 400' before and 1900' after the structure. Centerline delineators will also be replaced. This project is tentatively scheduled to be let in September 2026.

To increase public involvement and awareness of their projects, PennDOT requested that this information be added as an item to an agenda and that any comments from the public be provided.

Public comment on item b.

Recommendation: No action necessary. Informational item only.

c. BOAL AVENUE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND BOAL AVENUE NEEDS STUDY UPDATES:

In 2024, the Township received an Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) grant for the construction of a pedestrian crossing on Boal Avenue at the intersection of Old Boalsburg Road and the Pennsylvania Military Museum entrance.

In addition to the proposed crossing, the Township has also been working on a needs study for the Boal Avenue corridor. The needs study includes several projects along the corridor that would improve safety and access for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Traffic Engineer Rob Watts will be present to provide an update on these two initiatives.

Public comment on item c.

Recommendation: Discussion Item.

d. FUTURE GROWTH IN HARRIS TOWNSHIP:

Centre Region Planning Agency (CRPA) staff will be present to review the areas discussed at the Joint Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission FLUM meeting held on April 22, 2026, at the Township Building. The purpose of this review is to ensure that Planning Commission's direction and recommendations are aligned with the desires of the Board of Supervisors.

CRPA staff will present the Harris Township Fact Sheet and Harris Township Open House Goal Prioritization Results for the Board's consideration. Together, these materials reflect both the technical data on Harris Township's RGB capacity and growth needs, and the priorities expressed by residents at the April 22, 2026, Open House. Updated analysis indicates that when accounting for approved but unbuilt dwelling units remaining within the RGB, Harris Township has sufficient residential capacity to accommodate its projected growth through 2045. The Board will discuss the following policy questions:

- Harris Township currently has sufficient residential capacity within the existing Regional Growth Boundary (RGB) to accommodate its projected population growth through 2045, with approximately 361 units of capacity against a projected need of 175 units. However, not all approved or potential units may be developed within that timeframe. Does the Board want to proactively identify areas outside the RGB where future growth could be directed if existing capacity does not materialize as projected?

- If so, what criteria should Planning Commission and CRPA use to identify and evaluate potential growth areas outside the RGB — and what site characteristics should be prioritized or avoided?
- Harris Township has approximately 59,000 SF of non-residential vacant land within the existing RGB, of which approximately 30,000 SF may be sufficient to accommodate an identified light industrial/flex need. Does the Board wish to preserve this capacity for light industrial/flex uses, and if existing non-residential capacity proves insufficient, should Planning Commission and CRPA explore a targeted RGB expansion for that purpose?

Following the Board's discussion and direction on the above policy questions, CRPA staff will carry that feedback to the Planning Commission at its June 15th meeting, where recommendations on future growth areas and land use designations will be formulated. Those recommendations will be brought back to the Board of Supervisors at a subsequent meeting for consideration and action.

Public comment on item d.

Recommendation: Discussion Item.

e. FEES FOR SOLICITORS/PEDDLERS, TRANSIENT RETAIL BUSINESS, AND MOBILE FOOD VENDOR LICENSES:

At last month's meeting, the Board of Supervisors reviewed three draft ordinances that would separately provide license requirements solicitors and peddlers, transient retail businesses, and mobile food vendors. Staff will be making final amendments to the drafts once feedback is received from the Township Solicitor.

Over the past month, Staff began working on a proposed fee structure for the difference license categories and terms based upon the anticipated cost of administering the regulations, which is as follows:

License Type	Term	Fee
Solicitor/Peddler	Monthly	\$25.00
Transient Retail Business	Annual	\$50.00
Transient Retail Business/Farmers Market Event	Event only	\$10.00 per vendor* not to exceed \$300
Mobile Food Vendor	Annual	\$100.00

*Vendors with an annual license do not require an additional fee

The Board of Supervisors should provide input on the proposed fee schedule. Staff will finalize the draft regulations and fee schedule and include them on an upcoming agenda.

Public comment on item e.

Recommendation: Discussion Item.

f. REVIEW OF COG FUND BALANCE POLICY:

The COG Executive Committee recently forwarded the draft Fund Balance Policy, which was developed by the Finance Committee, to the municipalities for review and comment. A copy of the policy, an executive summary, initial funding model, and fund balance minimum analysis are included with the agenda.

The COG has requested that consensus comments related to the fund balance be sent to the COG Executive Director by May 7, 2026. Since the deadline occurred prior to the next scheduled Board meeting, comments will be included in the agenda packet for the May 26, 2026 General Forum meeting.

Public comment on item f.

Recommendation: Discussion Item. The Board should provide consensus comments that can be forwarded to the COG Executive Director.

g. PARKS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FINAL DRAFT:

The Parks Governance Ad Hoc Committee recently completed revisions to the Intergovernmental Agreement and forwarded them to the municipalities for further review and comment. The Committee is requesting that feedback be provided by Thursday May 14th to facilitate incorporation on the May 15th Executive Committee agenda. The Board provided feedback on the previous draft earlier this year, and the latest draft incorporates comments received by the Centre Region municipalities.

Public comment on item g.

Recommendation: Discussion Item. The Board should identify any consensus comments that can be forwarded to the CRPR Director by the May 14th deadline.

h. STREET SWEEPER PURCHASE:

College Township has agreed to sell a 2009 Allianz Johnston Street Sweeper to Harris Township for \$12,000. The maintenance crew inspected the machine a few weeks ago and found it to be in great shape. The sweeper would allow the crew to sweep our streets more regularly, clean our stormwater inlets, pick up asphalt millings, pressure wash, etc.

The purchase of a street sweeper was not included in the 2026 budget, however, Staff recommends that the Township take advantage of this opportunity as it would serve multiple purposes. The funds for this purchase would come from the Capital Equipment fund.

Public comment on item h.

Recommendation: Move to approve the purchase of a 2009 Johnston Street Sweeper from College Township for \$12,000, with funds to be taken from the Capital Equipment fund.

i. ENTERING INTO A NEW ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER CONTRACT:

The Township's current electricity contract is due to expire in June of this year. Staff reached out to the Municipal Utility Alliance, a program of the Pennsylvania Municipal League, which utilizes cooperative purchasing to reduce the impact of increases in the cost of electricity. The

Township currently purchases electricity with 100% renewable energy credits (RECs) from Direct Energy at the cost of \$0.08111 per kwh.

The MUA provided rates for terms that range from 12 months to 66 months. Rates were provided for electricity produced both with and without RECs. The 18-month term provides the lowest rates and for approximately \$50 per month, the Township could lock in budget certainty until December 2031. The rates provided in early May were as follows:

Term	Without RECs	With RECs
12	\$0.09731	\$0.10077
18	\$0.09643	\$0.09992
24	\$0.10090	\$0.10443
36	\$0.10211	\$0.10562
48	\$0.10297	\$0.10653
60	\$0.10332	\$0.10688
66	\$0.10277	\$0.10637

The MUA would need to obtain new rates once the Township is ready to move forward with procuring a new contract. The Board should provide input on the length of the contract and whether electricity should be purchased with or without RECs.

Public comment on item i.

Recommendation: Discussion Item. The Board of Supervisors should provide direction on how to proceed with a new electricity contract.

j. RESOLUTION 26-11: UPDATING THE TOWNSHIP FEE SCHEDULE:

Applicants for subdivision and land development plans are required to reimburse the Township for any fees charged by consultants in the review of such plans. Per sections 503 and 510 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), the Township may seek reimbursement for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred during the review of subdivision and land development plans.

This resolution updates the current fee schedule to include the 2026 hourly billable rates schedules for the Township Engineer (Jere Northridge - College Township), Strategic Solutions (Planning), and the Traffic Engineer (McCormick Taylor).

Public comment on item j.

Recommendation: Move to approve Resolution 26-11, updating the Township's fee schedule.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT:

A written report is provided.

7. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Move to approve voucher transmittal sheet No. 2026-04.

8. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee
Land Use and Community Infrastructure
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
Spring Creek Watershed Commission
Public Safety Committee

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Vice-Chair Harden
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Supervisor Moriarty
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Supervisor Wilson

9. ADJOURNMENT