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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hybrid Meeting

October 12, 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/zHWTd1GvTdQZ44NUQ1LCxw
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:
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 - 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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Signage would need to be removed within seven days of the plan receiving approval, conditional approval, or denial from the Board of Supervisors.

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Agenda

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Move to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2026 public hearing and the September 14, 2026 regular 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. 2027 POLICE BUDGET:

State College Police Chief Joseph Merrill will be present to discuss the 2027 Police Budget. The Chief is recommending we contract for 76 hours of service per week at an hourly rate of \$139.56 per hour. He is recommending those hours be split as follows: 21 hours for scheduled patrol, 20 hours for traffic/selective enforcement, 23 hours for complaint response and specific assignments and 12 hours for detective and community relations/crime prevention services.

The Township is currently contracting for 76 hours of service per week at a rate of \$141.16 per hour. A copy of the budget is included in the agenda packet.

Public comment on item a.

Recommendation: Discussion item.

b. HAWK RIDGE LOT CONSOLIDATION MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAN:

On September 11, 2026, staff received from PennTerra Engineering a minor subdivision plan proposing to combine the two lots at the corner of South Academy Street and Emma Court, vacant lots created by a previous subdivision approved in the last few years. Both lots have the same owner, and a house is to be proposed once the lots are combined.

Staff have completed one review of the plan, copies of which are included in the agenda as well as a plan sheet showing the proposal. It is believed that the few outstanding minor comments can be addressed in a timely fashion.

Public comment on item b.

Recommendation: Move to approve the Hawk Ridge Lot Consolidation Minor Subdivision Plan contingent upon satisfactory completion of comments from the September 22, 2026, letter of the Township Engineer and the October 2, 2026, letter of the Zoning Officer.

c. RESOLUTION 26-16 – ADOPTING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CATA JOINT ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT:

The Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) is proposing an amendment to the Joint Articles of Agreement. The proposed amendment would expand and clarify the types of entities that CATA may contract with to extend public transportation services outside of its five member municipalities. The amendment would add public sector and non-profit institutional partners, government entities and “transportation hubs open to the public” as eligible contractual partners. It also clarifies that CATA may contract for public transportation services with non-member municipalities.

The proposed amendment would also clarify Section 13 of the Joint Articles of Agreement, allowing for a resolution to be submitted as evidence of approval of the Joint Articles. Currently, the articles allow for an “ordinance or resolution” as evidence of approval.

The CATA Board of Directors approved the resolution authorizing the amendment to the CATA Joint Articles of Agreement at their meeting on September 28, 2026. The Board of Supervisors should discuss and consider action on the proposed resolution. A copy of the existing articles of agreement, with proposed edits, is included with the agenda.

Public comment on item c.

Recommendation: Move to approve Resolution 26-16, adopting and approving an amendment to the CATA Joint Articles of Agreement.

d. COG SUMMARY BUDGET:

At their meeting on September 22, 2026, the Executive Committee referred the 2027 COG Summary Budget to the participating municipalities for review and comment. It was requested that comments be submitted to the COG Executive Director by 8:00 AM on October 22, 2026, for distribution to the Finance Committee. The Township’s municipal share will increase by 6.3%, which is \$48,548, for a total contribution of \$818,835.

Staff will forward any comments the Board has on the budget to the COG by the October 22, 2026 deadline.

Public comment on item d.

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Public comment on item f.

Recommendation: Move to approve Ordinance No. 388, updating Shade Tree Commission related regulations and requirements for shade trees.

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Public comment on item g.

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Public comment on item h.

Recommendation: Move to approve ordinance no. 390, establishing and amending the posted speed limits, stop intersections, and prohibited parking areas on several township streets.

i. RESOLUTION 26-17 – ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ARBOR WORK:

In February of this year, the Harris Township Shade Tree Commission approved a series of minor amendments to the Township’s rules and regulations for arbor work. These rules and regulations had been initially approved by the Commission in 2014. This document primarily addresses planting and maintenance of trees within the street rights-of-way or on other township-owned property.

Proposed ordinance no. 388 allows the Board of Supervisors to adopt rules and regulations for arbor work by resolution.

Public comment on item i.

Recommendation: Move to approve Resolution 26-17, adopting Harris Township Rules and Regulations for Arbor Work.

j. RESOLUTION 26-18 – ADOPTING AN APPROVED TREE LIST:

In February of this year, the Shade Tree Commission approved a list of tree species that are acceptable for planting on Township property. This list was adapted from a regional shade tree list, that was created by representatives of several Centre Region municipalities. Proposed ordinance no. 388 allows the Board of Supervisors to adopt an approved tree list by resolution.

Public comment on item j.

Recommendation: Move to approve resolution 26-18, adopting the Harris Township Approved Tree List.

k. RESOLUTION 26-19 – AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP’S FEE SCHEDULE:

Proposed ordinance 387 allows the Board of Supervisors to establish by resolution a non-refundable fee for the installation, usage, and removal of Development Review Notice Signs provided by the Township. Resolution 26-19 would amend the Township’s fee schedule to establish a \$50 fee for each Development Review Notice Sign provided by the Township.

Public comment on item k.

Recommendation: Move to approve resolution 26-19, amending the Township's fee schedule.

1. REQUEST FOR FUNDING - ADDISON COURT:

On September 21, 2026, the Township received a letter from the State College Borough regarding their recent agreement to purchase the Addison Court property at 120 East Beaver Avenue. Addison Court contains 88 residential units and was constructed with assistance of the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program. The building is currently occupied by seniors over the age of 62 and disabled individuals. The original 30-year affordability period expired in December 2024.

The State College Borough and the current building owner, Primecore, are attempting to secure preservation tax credits from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. To strengthen the competitiveness of their application, the Borough and Primecore are seeking additional funding and support from community partners. Pledges would be made to the Borough and only drawn upon when an application is submitted.

A copy of the letter sent by the Borough is included with the agenda. The Board of Supervisors should discuss the request and determine if any funds should be pledged towards this effort.

Public comment on item l.

Recommendation: Discussion Item.

m. HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS REQUESTS:

Boalsburg Hometown Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 5th. The schedule of events includes breakfast with Santa, carriage rides from 1-5 PM, a live reindeer exhibit in the Township parking lot from 1 PM – 4 PM, and activities on the Diamond from 4 PM to 6:45 PM. The mailbox for Santa will be placed on the Diamond in the Township's right-of-way for the duration of the holiday season.

The requested street closures for Hometown Christmas are slightly different this year to accommodate a longer period for carriage rides. The Boalsburg Village Historical Society is requesting the closure of West Main Street from Tennis Alley to Church Street. This will create a non-traffic zone in the western portion of the Diamond in front of the Christmas tree, while maintaining traffic on East Main Street and Church Street. The requested closure is from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Township vehicles will be used to block the street for visitor safety. The Historical Society is also requesting the use of the Boalsburg Fire Police for traffic control for the event.

Public comment on item m.

Recommendation: Move to approve the closure of Main Street from Tennis Alley to Church Street on December 5th from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM for the tree lighting and approve the use of the Boalsburg Fire Police for traffic control for the event.

6. MANAGER’S REPORT:

A written report is provided.

7. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Move to approve voucher transmittal sheet No. 2026-09.

8. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee	Chair Hameister
Land Use, Sustainability, and Infrastructure	Chair Hameister
Finance Committee	Vice-Chair Harden
State College Area Connector Project	Vice-Chair Harden
Centre County MPO	Vice-Chair Harden
Parks Capital Committee	Supervisor Moriarty
Parks Governance Committee	Supervisor Moriarty
Centre Region Parks Authority	Supervisor Murrell
Spring Creek Watershed Commission	Supervisor Murrell
Public Safety Committee	Supervisor Wilson

9. ADJOURNMENT