

**HARRIS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026**

Board Members in Attendance: Dennis Hameister, Chair
Frank Harden, Vice Chair
Nigel Wilson
Tracey Moriarty
Chris Murrell

Staff in Attendance: Mark Boeckel, Township Manager
Todd Shea, Zoning/Ordinance Enforcement Officer
Debbie Lang, Administrative Secretary – via Zoom

Public in Attendance: Joe Merrill, State College Borough Chief of Police
Kelly Anderson
Kevin Anderson
Van Winter, Boalsburg Fire Chief
Eric Garis, Boalsburg Fire Chief 3-2
Jon Wolfe, Boalsburg Fire Police Captain 3
Nate Frey, Boalsburg Fire Police Chief 3-1
Paul Robinson, Boalsburg Fire Safety Officer 3
Greg Alters, Boalsburg Fire Chief 3-3
Mary Wolfe, Boalsburg Fire Company
Harmony Schmidbauer, Schlow Library Representative
Lisa Rives Collens, Schlow Library Director
Doreen Diehl, Boalsburg Memorial Day

**Public in Attendance
via Zoom:** Valerie Wise
Kelly Wolgast
K. Reyburn
Brad Holzwarth

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Hameister called the February 9, 2026 meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Supervisor Murrell moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026 regular meeting. Vice Chair Harden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Harmony Schmidbauer, Harris Township's representative to the Schlow Library Board said she wanted to give a brief update. She wanted to let everyone know that a book drop box has been placed in front of the Township building and she thanked the Township for allowing this box to be put in place. She said about 30 books were put in the drop box in the first two weeks the box has been here. She said their fall fund drive was a success raising \$100,000. She briefly outlined several upcoming events. She also noted the library is now fully staffed, the HVAC system is now fully funded and the next major project at the library will be the roof replacement. She said she will return to the Board in the early summer with a more thorough report.

Chair Hameister thanked Ms. Schmidbauer for her update.

Kelly Anderson said she and her husband Kevin are Harris Township residents. She said she is speaking tonight to inquire about a renewed interest in the open space initiative for Harris Township. She said she and her husband recently completed the classroom portion of the master naturalist course with Clearwater Conservancy. She said she researched Harris Township and discovered the 2012 referendum that failed by a very small margin. She said she thought if this were to come to a vote again, it has a good success of passing. She said conservation is very important. She said with the upcoming 322 expansion project, this is a pretty important time to be proactive about how Harris Township wants to move forward in terms of conservation. She said only 3 townships in Centre County have put this to a vote with Harris Township being the only one that failed. She said there are statistic that show there were 10 failed referendums that led to future successes. She respectfully asked the Board to consider an open space initiative for Harris Township and to put it to a vote for a second time.

Chair Hameister thanked Ms. Anderson.

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.

There were no new items to add to the agenda.

5. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS:

6.

a. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chair Hameister announced 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:

Mr. Boeckel said the new State College Borough Chief of Police, Joseph Merrill, is present to be introduced to the Board of Supervisors.

This was not read at the meeting; however, was part of the agenda language.

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

Chief Merrill said he appreciates the Board allowing him to come and introduce himself. He said he is originally from State College so after retiring from the Altoona Police Department after 20 years, this is somewhat of a homecoming for him. He said he is excited to work with Harris Township. He said the police department has always had a good relationship with Harris Township and he sees no reason for that not to continue.

Chief Merrill said outside of this meeting, he makes himself available if any members of the Board want to coordinate. He is always willing to meet with any of the supervisors if they need a minute with him and that could easily be coordinated.

Supervisor Moriarty asked about the recent article regarding under-reporting of sexual assault cases and what the department is doing moving forward. Chief Merrill briefly explained the federal government reporting categories and how every state calls crimes something different. He said whether the federal government calls an incident a rape or a sexual assault, that doesn't matter to us how the federal government wants to count that in what category that goes in. Both incidents are investigated with the same vigor and seriousness. Supervisor Moriarty also asked about how much training new officers receive on handling assault cases. Chief Merrill said all officers receive training on all sorts of topics. Supervisor Moriarty asked how officers are being trained on handling wild animals found on our streets or in the Township. Chief Merrill said that was a broad question and not knowing the situation, he did not feel he could respond to Supervisor Moriarty. Supervisor Moriarty explained a situation she experienced several years ago and Chief Merrill said he will look into the department's protocol and get back to her.

Chair Hameister suggested Supervisor Moriarty make an appointment to discuss her concerns with the Chief. He said the purpose of tonight's meeting was to introduce the Chief. He thanked Chief Merrill for attending the meeting.

c. INTRODUCTION OF 2026 BOALSBURG FIRE COMPANY OFFICERS:

This was not read at the meeting; however, was part of the agenda language.

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

Chief Winter introduced himself and thanked the Board for inviting them to provide this introduction and update. He asked the other members to introduce themselves. Nate Frey, Chief-1, Eric Garis, Chief-2, Greg Alters, Chief-3, Jon Wolfe, Fire Police Captain 3 and Paul Robinson, Fire Police Safety Officer all introduced themselves. Chief Winter said Austin Owens, who is their Fire Chief 3-4 works the 9-1-1 center but is also running ambulance tonight and is out on a call and probably would not make it to this meeting Chief Winter said the 2025 year-end report was provided to the Board. He noted there was an increase of 67 calls from 2024. He said there was reason for the increase.

Supervisor Murrell asked Chief Winter how much of an increase he would say would be normal. Chief Winter said it is hit or miss but they generally run in the area of 175-190.

In response to a question from Chair Hameister, Chief Winter said thankfully, there is no uptick of calls on event weekends.

Vice Chair Harden asked about calls for automatic fire alarms and whether or not the fire company is reimbursed for those call outs. Chief Winter said through the Centre Region Alarm Policy, a percentage of the fines for these types of calls are turned over to the fire company.

Chair Hameister asked if the fire company is a 501(c)3 and asked if they get any funding from the hotel tax. Chief Winter said they are a 501(c)3 but he did not know about funding from the hotel tax. Chair Hameister said he would encourage the fire company to talk to the County Commissioners about this. Chief Winter said they would be having a meeting in Snow Shoe on March 19th and usually one County Commissioner attends that meeting. He said this can be brought up at that time.

Vice Chair Harden said keep doing a good job.

Chief Winter said after the last snow storm, the fire company went around checking to see if fire hydrants were clear of snow. He said he wanted to thank the residents and the homeowners associations for helping clear snow from around the fire hydrants. He said this is a big help to the fire company and saves valuable time when they need to access the hydrants.

Chair Hameister thanked the fire company for attending and all that they do.

d. AIKENS CABINS PROPERTY SITE PLAN:

Mr. Shea said 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 was 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.

Vice Chair Harden moved 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. Supervisor Wilson seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Harden asked about the store on this property. He said this store is only to be used by people staying at the campground and he wondered how the Township will police that. Mr. Shea said years ago, whenever the original land development plan was done and the cabins were put in place, the property owner reserved an area for a building that was going to be for vending, restrooms and an office. What is represented on that plan is the vending, restroom, and office location. He said as part of the campground ordinance amendment, the Planning Commission and the Board agreed that a camp store should be allowed within campgrounds. He said there are some stipulations attached to that. He said one is that it is to be intended for items for sale to the people using the property. The advertising for the building can't be seen from the highway or the access that goes past the campground and it has to be a very small building. He said staff has had conversations with Mr. Aikens about what that building can and cannot be. He said at this time, we are all on the same page.

Chair Hameister asked how sewage is treated at this property. Mr. Shea said it is on lot septic. Mr. Shea said there is a field that was designed when the cabins went in that he was told that this field was sort of over designed for what the five cabins were going to use. He said if the property owner proposes any future development, that would need to be looked at again to determine if that system is big enough for what they propose or it needs improved to accommodate the development. Chair Hameister said they really aren't changing anything on this plan. Mr. Shea said at this time, Mr. Aikens is not proposing any development at all on this plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

e. KEYSER PROPERTY SEWAGE FACILITIES PLANNING MODULE:

Mr. Shea said 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 was included with the agenda. Mr. Shea said the Board will probably see a site plan on this property within the next month or so.

Supervisor Murrell moved to approve Resolution #26-06, adopting the Keyser Property Sewage Facilities Planning Module as a revision to the Harris Township Act 537 Plan. Vice Chair Harden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

This was not read at the meeting; however, was part of the agenda language.

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

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.

Vice Chair Harden moved to approve Ordinance No. 383, amending the composition of the Planning Commission to include up to three alternate members. Supervisor Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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:

Mr. Boeckel said 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 were included with the agenda.

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

Supervisor Moriarty said her problem with this is the MOU has been finished and she doesn't understand why the MOU isn't being worked in conjunction with this. She said it doesn't make any sense that this is being presented without the MOU. Mr. Boeckel said he hasn't seen an MOU. Nothing has been forwarded to the municipalities. He said his understanding was that the MOUs were going to be individual for each municipality. Supervisor Moriarty said the problem she has is that the COG isn't agreeing on any changes in the MOU with the individual municipalities. She said she wondered when that is going to come off balance. She said if you

change an MOU with one municipality, all townships should have to agree with it. She said it is not specific as to who is taking care of any invasive species or any real issues within a municipal park.

Chair Hameister said the twisting of words and relationship between the three of us makes it very difficult to understand what is going on and this document adds to the complexity.

Vice Chair Harden said this document is cleaner than the last one he saw. He said if he looks at this from the Agency standpoint, the Agency has the authority, as their boss. They have the Centre Region Council of Governments, they have the municipalities and they have staff. He said the way this is written, it can come from all directions. He said he would like to see something in there that there is a clear path of who the Agency reports to. He said it is okay for the Authority do the policy. He said there needs to be one group that the Agency has to answer to. He said this is such an ambiguous chain of command. He said there should be a chart of hierarchy similar to an organizational chart. He said he thinks we need to have a little more clarity than what he is seeing in this document. He said there is nothing in the document that says we are required to give finances. There is no clear, direct path if there is something wrong, where do we go.

Supervisor Murrell asked how much of that will be taken care of in the MOU portion of it. Vice Chair Harden said the majority of the MOU is going to take care of the maintenance. He said that is only one part of it. Supervisor Murrell said he sees what Vice Chair Harden is saying, who does the Agency report to.

Vice Chair Harden said over the years, we have asked the Parks and Recreation Agency to show us what programs are making money so we know which ones we should be subsidizing.

Chair Hameister said he has advocated for years that the Park Authority should be a park authority like the sewer authority, the water authority and the recycling authority. A free-standing authority that we contribute money to. Vice Chair Harden said he agrees with Chair Hameister one hundred percent. Chair Hameister said every time he brings that up, he is told we can't do that because it is too complex. He said what we have now is the complexity of three organizations attempting to run one program.

Mr. Boeckel said he will draft the Board's comments and send them the comments to review before sending them on to the Parks Director.

h. DRAFT MEMORIAL BRIDGE PROGRAM ORDINANCE:

Mr. Boeckel said 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.

Mr. Boeckel said he has done some research and there are not other municipalities in the state of Pennsylvania that are doing this. He said the state itself will designate bridges and roadways in honor of veterans, but that is normally a legislative action. He said he tried to piece together what he found in other states to put this document together. He said there is no rush on this item.

Supervisor Moriarty said she does not want this to be just veterans. She thinks it should be anybody who has given to the Township or has done wonderful things for the Township.

Chair Hameister said he likes the idea of a memorial plaque. Supervisor Moriarty said she likes that idea also.

Vice Chair Harden said he likes the ordinance footprint that Mr. Boeckel has prepared and he had no problem expanding it to add others besides veterans and as we move forward, we may need to make some changes and/or adjustments to this document.

Supervisor Wilson said he also agrees it should not be limited to veterans. It could be for any Township resident that has made significant contribution could have something dedicated to them.

Supervisor Murrell said he is not against any of this at all, but having to make that judgment call on the criteria of who has given what amount of service, what is the bar to clear. He said he thinks that bar to clear can't necessarily be black and white. He said based on this document, that is always going to have to be a judgment call. He said he is all about recognizing people, veterans and people who have given a lot to the Township. He asked if an ordinance needs to be passed to do a memorial bridge. Mr. Boeckel said in the research he did on this, this is the recommended route. Then, you have a resolution that you would pass to actually designate a bridge related back to the ordinance. He said it is an actual ordinance and would not be subjective that people could change it without actually following through with the ordinance itself. Vice Chair Harden said maybe this ordinance just needs to be the criteria to be considered and does not need to specify bridges.

Mr. Boeckel will continue to work on refining this document.

i. ALLEGHENY STRATEGY PARTNERS PROPOSAL:

Mr. Boeckel said 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 was 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.

Mr. Boeckel said Second Class Townships and most municipalities are limited in how we can generate revenue as a municipality. He said right now, the only real way for us to generate revenue is property taxes. He said the idea behind this is there are other ways that we could get support from the legislature to be able to broaden the number of tools we have at our disposal. He said we are already at the maximum with Earned Income Tax. He said we collect local services tax but it is the same situation and the real estate transfer taxes are only when someone sells a property. He said those are our only four streams of revenue with EIT and property taxes being the two big ones. He said the other four municipalities still need to discuss this and he does not know where they stand on this and whether they are going to be interested in participating. He said if all the municipalities were to participate, the Township's cost for the six-month effort would be \$1,200. The total cost is \$30,000 and our share of that cost would be four percent.

Supervisor Moriarty said she has already contacted the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association in reference to this. She said the biggest problem she has is that anything that is alcohol related has not crossed the finish line in her lifetime. She said the PRLA and the Tavern Association will push against anything with alcohol related fees or taxes. She said she did not think this proposal would be worth it if they are focusing on alcohol related taxes and hotel taxes.

Mr. Boeckel said he wanted to make it clear that the ASP group is made up of a lot of different people with various specialty backgrounds.

Supervisor Moriarty said we should look at other existing ways such as reassessment to generate more revenues other than creating a new tax. Mr. Boeckel said the County is the government entity that decides when to do a reassessment. He said all a reassessment would do allow municipalities to reset millage rates to a lower rate. As a municipality, we would only have the choice to tax property owners. She said not targeting a specific place would be a better route to go.

Supervisor Murrell said from looking at this proposal, it is looking at the impacts from having a lot of visitors from out of town. He said he thinks that is why it has its own revenue stream to generate some money from the impact that we have from the travel related to the area. Mr. Boeckel said visitors coming into this area put a greater demand on our services. He said the people who live in the municipalities end up paying for that because that is where the tax dollars are generated from.

Supervisor Moriarty said her problem is with the targeting.

Vice Chair Harden said how do you charge for people coming in and using your services has always been a dilemma. He said as far as this proposal goes and spending \$1,200, he said he really doesn't think we need to do this. He said he did not think we had enough vehicles in Harris Township to execute this. He said he would rather see them change the law and change what we could charge for the EIT. He said he would rather see us push for that than the proposal before us. He said he doesn't see us getting much from this.

Chair Hameister asked what would happen if we don't support this and wait to see what comes from the initial six-month study. Could we get in later if we think it is something worthwhile. Mr. Boeckel said that might be an option, but he did not know what the other potential partners are going to do with this proposal.

Supervisor Murrell said another thing he is concerned about is the first step opens the door. Once you paid for the first step, now it's time for the second step. So, do we want to spend more to see what the next phase will bring and then the next phase. He said it all depends on what that data is worth to us.

Vice Chair Harden said he just doesn't see this benefiting us no matter what comes out of it.

It was the general consensus of the Board to not proceed with this proposal.

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

Mr. Boeckel said 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.

Supervisor Wilson moved to sponsor two Spring Creek Watershed Commission meetings on C-NET in 2026. Supervisor Murrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

k. MEMORIAL DAY FUNDING REQUEST:

Mr. Boeckel said 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 was 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.

Vice Chair Harden moved to approve \$4,750 should be provided to the Boalsburg Village Historical Society for these events. Supervisor Moriarty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Harden said the Board has always supported local events. This funding goes to that program. It doesn't go to a group. If these are the people who are running Memorial Day, then they get the money. He said that should be our policy going forward.

Chair Hameister said he is very uncomfortable about this. He said he supports it but is uncomfortable with the organization of who is doing what to whom. Supervisor Moriarty said she is not. She said the Boalsburg Village Historical Society is well-informed, things have been legally researched and things have been done properly as far as setting up the new historical society. She said the people who are involved are extremely upstanding and she is not uncomfortable with this at all.

Doreen Diehl said she has been involved with Memorial Day Committee for a long time. She said the reason they requested this is there were just several different things they felt they needed to make this split at this time. She said what it comes down to is the Memorial Day Committee and the Hometown Christmas Committee has done all the work for these two events. Unfortunately, there's been some accusations and there's been some micromanaging of the funds that they raise. She said they felt based on several different things, they felt the need to make the split. She said it is the same Memorial Day Committee that has been involved with Memorial Day for years. The Hometown Christmas Committee has three new members now. She said as they move forward as a new non-profit, they intend to give back to community events as they did as the old committee under the Conservancy. She said those two events were the cash cow for the Conservancy and over the years, the Conservancy has not really done anything as a conservancy.

Chair Hameister asked if the Conservancy has accumulated cash. Ms. Diehl said they have all the money that they brought in last year. She said they walked away with nothing. In response to a question from Chair Hameister, she said it is up to the Boalsburg Village Conservancy if they wish to share some of those funds with the new organization. She said the new group would gladly accept any donations from the Conservancy but that is a decision the Conservancy needs to make. She said it is unfortunate that it has come to this, but it was time to make the split. Ms. Diehl said had they stayed under the Conservancy this year, they would probably been able to cover a good portion of the EMS costs and that is what they intend to do moving forward.

1. PURCHASE OF A LINE PAINTER:

This was not read at the meeting; however, was part of the agenda language.

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.

Vice Chair Harden moved to authorize the purchase of a striping machine for \$5,454. Supervisor Moriarty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

This was not read at the meeting; however, was part of the agenda language.

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.

Vice Chair Harden moved to approve Resolution 26-07, authorizing the destruction of specific Township records. Supervisor Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Boeckel said during recent maintenance, it was discovered that the roof over the office building is failing and will need to be replaced. Daylight was visible through the roof in multiple places and some underlayment was damaged. The Maintenance Crew sealed up these holes to protect from additional damage. Staff will begin getting quotes for a new roof, and plan to consider both asphalt shingles and metal. Monies were budgeted for building improvements in 2026, and Staff will investigate if the roof over the meeting room could be replaced or coated as part of this project. Vice Chair Harden said if we are doing the roof, we should do them all. He said he would lean toward a metal roof and if we do metal, we should make sure it is sheeted and has felt. The group briefly discussed installing solar panels on the new roof.

Chair Hameister asked what the extent was of the GloFiber installation in the Township. Mr. Boeckel provided a brief update.

Chair Hameister asked about item number 11 in the Manager's Report regarding a work session with the Board to discuss meeting procedures to ensure we are fully compliant with the Sunshine and Ethics Acts. Mr. Boeckel said the Solicitor suggested holding the meeting over lunch, which would be provided. We were hoping to schedule a meeting for the last week in February or first week in March. The Board felt March 2nd or 3rd was the best day for them. Mr. Boeckel will contact the Solicitor for a definite date.

Supervisor Moriarty said with regard to item number 10 on the Manager's Report and the placement of our speed radar signs on Academy Street, she said she has heard that the speed detectors weren't in a good place to collect accurate information. Mr. Boeckel said the police had placed their sign on Academy Street and it was close to the stop sign; however, when we put our signs out, they were about half way up the hill. He said he plans to put together a memo with all the data we have collected so far.

Supervisor Moriarty said when she walked her dogs, she noticed a lot of feces not being picked up. She asked if we might be able to put something in the newsletter reminding people that they are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.

8. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Vice Chair Harden moved to approve voucher transmittal sheet No. 2026-1 in the amount of \$359,613.72. Supervisor Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. COG COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Chair Hameister said this group set the agenda for the General Forum.

Land Use and Community Infrastructure: Chair Hameister said this group discussed the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan special study for Meeks Lane Pump Station, discussed the ARL at PSU Innovation Park proposed DRI and discussed the Comprehensive Plan update.

Centre County Solar Group: Chair Hameister said this group held executive session to discuss a legal issue.

Finance Committee: Vice-Chair Harden said this committee received an update on the fund balance and discussed 2025 accomplishments.

State College Area Connector Project: Vice-Chair Harden said we are still waiting for the NEPA report on this project.

Centre County MPO: Vice-Chair Harden said this group did not meet.

Parks Capital Committee: There was no report from this committee.

Parks Governance Committee: Supervisor Moriarty said she had nothing more to report on this other than what she mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Centre Region Parks Authority: Supervisor Murrell said the authority is looking at replastering the Welch pool. He said the authority received an update on the Thompson Woods Preserve, discussed a PA Department of Aging grant application and discussed independent contractor agreements.

Climate Action and Sustainability Committee: Supervisor Murrell said this committee held a joint meeting with the LUCI and he could not make that meeting so Chair Hameister covered it for him.

Public Safety Committee: Supervisor Wilson said this group received an update on the PSU Class – COG Disaster Preparedness project, confirmed Alpha Fire Company command officers and appointed Centre Region Fire marshalls.

The Board briefly discussed and gave direction to Chair Hameister how to proceed with the proposed resolution at COG regarding ICE. The Board discussed their previous decision to not pass political resolutions. It was agreed a resolution of this nature does not belong at the COG and is outside the scope of COG.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Supervisors, Vice Chair Harden moved to adjourn. Supervisor Murrell seconded the motion. Chair Hameister adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Boeckel, AICP
Township Secretary