

December 2, 2025

The Morris Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular meeting at the municipal building. Present were Supervisors Sam Bartolotto, Dave Dietrich and Patrick Bracey, Zoning Officer Bob Sanders, Police Chief Will DeForte, Mike & Billie Schwarz, Randy Hamilton, Tim Hamilton, Rob Sanders, South Franklin Supervisor Breanne Gadani, Scott & Marty Finch, Marissa & Rich King and Kim Dietrich.

Public Participation: None

Motion by Bracey to accept the minutes from the last meeting as written, seconded by Bartolotto, all in favor.

The Financial Report was available for review.

The Road Report was available for review.

The Police Report was reviewed by Chief DeForte. After giving report, he presented and read a letter from the department and the GWCRPD Board stating that they will not be renewing their contract and their last day of service will be February 28, 2026. Service will transition to the PA State Police at that point.

Fire Report: There were 12 calls last month, 2 were responded to during work hours.

Old Business: Heavy Haul agreements were presented by Peoples Gas for Archer, Bells Lake, Penn Hill, Pie Ridge and Weir Cole Roads. All fees are paid, reports received from engineer and bonding is in place. Motion by Bracey to approve all agreements, seconded by Dietrich, all in favor. A Heavy Haul agreement was presented for Springfield Hardwoods for Robb Ridge Rd. All fees paid, reports received and bonding is in place. Motion to approve by Bracey, seconded by Dietrich, all in favor.

The old International truck that we put on Municibid sold for \$14,100.00

New Business: The Tax Collector(Marissa) needs a new computer. MacBracey Corp bought one on Black Friday for 50% off but doesn't really need it and offered it to the township for the price they paid of \$604.19. Motion by Bartolotto to approve purchase of this computer for tax collector use, seconded by Dietrich. Bracey abstained.

We received a call from someone at the DEP stating that they received a complaint about all of the trash at Mark Miller's property on Conger Rd. She representative went to the property to investigate and saw all of the trash and also a truck in the creek. She asked if the township was aware of this situation and if they had ever tried to do anything about it. It was decided to wait for the DEP to call back.

Regarding the PIRMA grant, motion by Bracey to apply first for reimbursement for the fence and if that is not allowed, for lighting and cameras around the park. Seconded by Bartolotto, all in favor.

Motion by Bracey to pass Resolution #5 of 2025 setting the tax rate for 2026 with no increase. Seconded by Bartolotto. All in favor.

Motion by Bracey to pass Resolution #6 of 2025 adopting the final budget for 2026. Seconded by Bartolotto, all in favor.

Camera Bartolotta's office suggested that the water station be placed at the park but there is no public water coming that far so they offered to try to push PA American Water to extend the water to from the end of the line in town to the park. Motion by Bracey to accept help from the Senator to try to get a line extension, seconded by Bartolotto, all in favor.

Dave Dietrich has been a Township Supervisor for 24 years and did not run for reelection. As this is his last meeting, he was presented with a clock in recognition and thanks for his service to the community.

Zoning Officer Bob Sanders tendered his resignation from office as of the end of December. Motion by Bracey to accept the Zoning Officer's resignation, seconded by Dietrich.

Sam Bartolotto announced his intention to resign from his Supervisor position as of the end of December. He stated that he is stepping down because he morally can't work with the upcoming change in Supervisors. It has been influenced by promised that can't be kept and personal issues with his family. Motion by Bracey to accept his resignation, seconded by Dietrich.

Motion by Bracey to review and pay bills, seconded by Bartolotto, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43.