

*MORRIS TOWNSHIP*  
**Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting**

*Tuesday, May 5, 2026 ~ 7:00 p.m.*

**Meeting Minutes**

The Morris Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Township Municipal Building.

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

All Board members were present for the meeting. Chairman Bracey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Also in attendance were Janet Coffield, Marty Finch, Dave Watt, Dan Watt, Randy Hamilton, Tim Hamilton, Michael and Billie Schwarz, Greg and Susan Dunn, Doug and Pegg Smith, and Dave and Kim Dietrich. RC Cassidy from the Washington County Sewage Council was also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All attendees present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes from the April monthly meeting were previously distributed to the Board. *Chairman Bracey motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Finch. All in favor, Ayes: 3, motion carried.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Township received three quotes for equipment for the basketball/pickleball court. Jeffrey Recreation, a Co-Stars vendor, had the best quote at \$8,067.00. *Chairman Bracey motioned to approve the quote and Supervisor Coffield seconded the motion. All in favor, Ayes: 3, motion carried.*

Red Oak Farms Lumber Co. has not yet paid the fee for the Heavy Hauling Agreement. There will not be any work on Pie Ridge Road until payment has been received in full.

The Secretary and Dan Watt met with Dan Pitulski regarding IT updates concerning internet and phone services.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**\*\*\* OPENING OF BIDS \*\*\***

At 7:07 pm, the Supervisors opened all sealed bids for aggregates. The following bids were received:

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| #8 limestone (700 tons)             | #2A stone (400 tons)                |
| - Greer Industries - \$54.75/ton    | - Greer Industries - \$28.00/ton    |
| - Adam Lewis Trucking - \$54.25/ton | - Adam Lewis Trucking - \$31.00/ton |
| #57 stone (400 tons)                | #4 stone (400 tons)                 |
| - Greer Industries - \$30.00/ton    | - Greer Industries - \$29.25/ton    |
| - Adam Lewis Trucking - \$34.75/ton | - Adam Lewis Trucking - \$35.75/ton |
| #67 stone (400 tons)                | AASHTO #1 (250 tons)                |
| - Greer Industries - no bid         | - Greer Industries - \$29.25/ton    |
| - Adam Lewis Trucking - \$35.00/ton | - Adam Lewis Trucking - \$33.75/ton |

R4 Rip Rap

- Greer Industries - \$33.00/ton
- Adam Lewis Trucking - \$37.75/ton

R5 Rip Rap

- Greer Industries - \$34.50/ton
- Adam Lewis Trucking - \$40.00/ton

R6 Rip Rap

- Greer Industries - \$37.00/ton
- Adam Lewis Trucking - no bid

*The motion to accept the bids from Greer Industries for all aggregates was made by Chairman Bracey and seconded by Supervisor Coffield. All in favor, Ayes: 3, motion carried.*

The Morris Township Planning Commission met to review plans for the Dunn Subdivision. The Planning Commission approved these plans. The plans were submitted to the Board of Supervisors for review. *Chairman Bracey motioned to approve the Subdivision. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Finch. All in favor, Ayes:3, motion carried.*

Harshman Engineering is still in the process of reviewing and updating the Zoning Ordinance. The Board is waiting on the price point cost of their recommendations. No other updates are available at this time.

As Dan Watt was hired as a Township employee, he is no longer able to perform Auditor duties. He has submitted his letter of resignation from this position. *Chairman Bracey motioned to accept his resignation. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Finch. All in favor, Ayes:3, motion carried.* His resignation creates a vacancy on the Board of Auditors. *Chairman Bracey nominated Karen Shaw to fill this position. Supervisor Coffield seconded the motion. All in favor, Ayes: 3, motion carried.*

The Township is currently housing an excess of expired municipal records in the storage space at the VFD. The Secretary is requesting a day to remove these records so they may be reviewed and sorted. Assistance from the Road Crew and Clerk will be needed. Once the documents have been processed, they must be disposed of properly. A shredding truck will visit on site to destroy these documents. They will also provide a certified record of destruction. The estimated cost is around \$1,000.00. *Chairman Bracey motioned to approve the documentation review and destruction for up to \$1,000.00. Supervisor Coffield seconded the motion. All in favor, Ayes: 3, motion carried.*

**TOWNSHIP REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

The Roadmaster and Dan Watt prepared an electronic public works report. It is available for review upon request. The report includes a description of the weekly tasks performed by the Road Crew during April.

The Morris Twp Fire Department submitted a call report for the Board. There were 13 calls last month. Dave Dietrich responded to one medical call.

There was no Solicitor report.

The Secretary & Treasurer received dental and vision insurance renewal information. There was no change in the cost for dental, but vision will have a slight increase of \$0.35 overall.

Ambulance and Chair is under new management. The new director has sent out information packets and has volunteered to meet with the Supervisors if they wish.

There was also a notification from the Washington County Planning Commission regarding a permanent electronics recycling facility in Ellsworth. Information will be posted for residents.

Meetings and workshop information for several municipal organizations were distributed to the Supervisors.

### **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

The Secretary presented the financial report for each of the bank accounts. There were several bank accounts that were consolidated and closed. Each account was reconciled at the end of the month in the QuickBooks program. A reconciliation report is printed and provided to the Board of Supervisors. The financial report contains the ending balances for each of the accounts for the previous month.

An itemized list of expenditures for May was presented to the Board. This also includes the pension contribution for the month of April.

### **SUPERVISORS' COMMENT**

The Township is still moving forward with the sewage and planning for Act 537. As of now, there is no new update. Planning is still in process.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Randy Hamilton asked about the status of the ordinances for data and wind/solar. These issue specific ordinances will be updated along with the Zoning Ordinance.

Mike Schwarz asked about electronic records. A plan for this type of record retention is included in the quote from Dale Pitulski. It will be reviewed by the Supervisors.

Dave Watt stated that there has been an increase in vehicles speeding through Prosperity on Route 18. He has major concerns about the safety of the residents and children playing in that area. He suggested looking into getting another law enforcement agency to assist the Township. The Township may be able to borrow the digital speed monitoring sign that Range Resources owns. It may deter some of the excess speeding.

Doug Smith stated there was a stop sign missing but was later found in the creek. It was fished out and replaced by the crew. The "No Outlet" sign was also bent up but fixed by the Township Road Crew. Mr. Smith is also concerned about the crack across Weir Cole Road. The Road Crew is aware of this crack and is monitoring the situation. He also mentioned about the Old Concord sign that was rescued from Clean Up Days and feels that it should be displayed somewhere in the Township.

Fire Chief Dave Dietrich presented a "pay per call" option for volunteers. He feels that this may generate some more interest and get volunteers more active and involved in the fire department. Several options were discussed specifically on how to implement this system. There were also some other ideas about how to generate interest from volunteers. The Board is in favor of a plan and will work with the Chief and his staff to come up with an effective solution.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Chairman Bracey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

The next Board of Supervisors monthly meeting will be Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm.