

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 9, 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER. The Lehigh Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Lehigh Township Municipal Building, 1069 Municipal Road, Walnutport, Pa. 18088. Vice Chairman Jerry Pritchard called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Present: Janet Sheats
Jerry Pritchard
David Hess
Cindy Miller
Attorney David Backenstoe
Mike Muffley
John Henry
Frank Zamadics
Lori Lambert

Absent: Mike Jones
Alice Rehrig

- II. 2026 BUDGET. Janet Sheats commented she has no objection to hearing what Sergeant Henry or Frank Zamadics have to discuss with the Board, but beyond that she is making a motion to table the budget discussions until next meeting when Alice Rehrig is present. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Cindy Miller asked if Sergeant Henry could explain the drone program that was included with the budget packets. Sergeant Henry commented the program is not something that the Department is looking to include in the 2026 Budget. They are looking at this for some point in the future. The drones have been very useful, probably even more so than the dog has been. The Department has used drones from other departments at least 5 times this year. Bushkill Township in particular has been a department who has assisted them. They are a very good resource for searches. He believes that this would be a good program for the Department to have, but there is a lot that does go into it. The operators need to go to a weeklong school and obtain an aviation certificate. There are two different types of drones, one of which is more expensive than the other. The drones could also help with crash investigation instead of the Total Station. It can also be used for search and rescue situations. Cindy Miller questioned if anyone has looked into the legalities of this type of program. John Henry commented there are specific insurance requirements. Cindy Miller commented she thought the Township may be required to adopt an ordinance. Janet Sheats commented there was a search that was done on the mountain last year which involved 30 or 40 people. With the tall weeds, the search crews

missed the individual. The search went on for over 24 hours. A drone would help eliminate the time, manpower, and resources that were used. Cindy Miller questioned if a drone program could help with manpower down the road. John Henry commented it wouldn't necessarily help with manpower, but it has the potential to cut down on the amount of time spent on searches, rescues, and similar items. The last couple of times that our department used a drone from another department, the drones were very useful and cut down the amount of time that they were on the calls. Cindy Miller questioned if it is good for every municipality to have this type of program or is it better to have it more regionalized or county based. John Henry commented there is a drone unit that they have used in the past. Wolf Pack and Lehigh County have drone teams. It all depends upon their availability. Bushkill Township has been very good with coming over to assist with incidents and their response time is pretty good. Some of the larger units coming from Lehigh County could have a delay until they get here. He thinks it would be beneficial to have one within the Township because we are the perfect area for it. Jerry Pritchard questioned if there have been any privacy issues with drones flying over individual's property. John Henry commented he doesn't know all the legal aspects of this now, but he does know that you can fly over a property, but you cannot go up to the house or the windows where someone would be expecting to have privacy within their home. Cindy Miller commented she would think there is case law that we would need to have our solicitor review. Janet Sheats commented some fire departments also use them. It is definitely a betterment of the Township as a whole. She thinks one of the firemen have their license. A drone is also helpful for the mountain and looking for spot fires. There is a lot that goes into this and she would be interested in getting more information. John Henry commented this is something that he too would need to look into more. Officer Dougherty is very versed on this and does it as a hobby. He could have him come and speak with the Board at some point. Cindy Miller commented the other part of this will be replacement because they do tend to break or crash. What would this mean in putting this into a plan to anticipate the costs. John Henry commented in speaking with Officer Dougherty, he indicated that you could deploy the drone right from the patrol car and set up the incident command around that. You can take it to the point where there is a vehicle dedicated to the drone with monitors around it. That is not what they are looking for; they are looking to get a program off the ground and go from there. Cindy Miller questioned if Bushkill Township would share their policies for the program. John Henry will contact them. He also could have Officer Dougherty attend a meeting to explain things in greater detail.

Janet Sheats questioned what the differences are between the different types of digital radios. She knows there are Harris and Motorola and the Motorola is a lot more expensive than the Harris. John Henry commented the total cost for Motorola radios was around \$300,000. Kenwood radios are about half that amount. He has heard some things with the Harris radios. From what he is hearing from other department, it seems like there is a split between the Kenwood and Harris radios. There are few that are using

Motorola, but that is the higher price for the radios. Janet Sheats commented her concern is the reception of the radios because she knows there are issues in the gap, but doesn't know if a digital system will correct the issue or not. John Henry commented at this point, they can't test the radios because the County is not ready for this part of the County to go on online with digital radios. He has heard they may be ready for this area by the end of the year or the beginning of 2026.

Cindy Miller questioned what was being planned for the body cameras and possibly switching from one company to another. John Henry commented the Department is currently using Digital Ally camera. The cameras that they currently are using are powered by a battery pack that would be placed in their pocket. The Department is having issues with the these cameras. He believes that Digital Ally has a camera that is designed similar to the ones that Axon has which is more of a solid base and magnetic so that you don't have the wire. They have received a quote from Axon, but it is higher than what Digital Ally has provided. They would need to compare products that Digital Ally has to see if there is something comparable. He also believes we maybe under contract with Digital Ally so he has reached out to them and is waiting to hear back. Cindy Miller questioned if there would be a software change and if there would be a cost with that. John Henry commented there would be a software change and there also be a change in the way that data is stored. Janet Sheats questioned if there are a lot of repairs on the wired cameras. John Henry commented there have been some repairs. He doesn't believe they have been overly costly, but there has been down time on some of the cameras while waiting for parts to come in. They are an older model and the parts are sometimes hard to get. Palmerton is currently in the process of switching to Axon so they have some Digital Ally equipment that they would be willing to sell to the Township. He told them he would reach out once it is determined what direction the Township will be doing.

John Henry noted there is no timeline on when the switch to digital radios will be required, but at some point there will be. He feels it would be best to be prepared for when that switch will take place.

John Henry commented right now the top priority would be the radios and body cameras. There is also a vehicle scheduled for replacement. In speaking with Steve Nederostek from Public Works, it seems that the Ford is the way to go. It would keep all the maintenance supplies for the vehicles the same. The upfitting would generally be the same.

Cindy Miller questioned what the 10-21 app was. John Henry commented it is an app that can be used on a personal phone and all the information is stored through the app rather than being stored on the users phone. If the phone was used to take a picture at a scene, it would be discoverable in court and used as evidence. Since the data is stored

through the app, it would alleviate the need for turning over a personal phone. They spoke with the District Attorney and he indicated that the app would be an allowable alternative. It also would allow officers to make phone calls without their personal information being identified. This app would be helpful when there are not enough cell phones available. Janet Sheats also noted that if the app were used on Township cell phones, it would prevent the loss of those phones as evidence. John Henry commented this is something that would be a good tool for the Department.

Cindy Miller questioned the Crime Watch Website. John Henry commented the idea of this website is something new to the Department, as well as the whole budgeting process. He provided a list of items that the Department can use over the next five years. This is not necessarily a priority, but something that could be looked at for the future. It provides information regarding people that are wanted by the Department, updated information about incidents that the public is concerned about, and also collects volunteer information from residents where they can sign up to grant access to items such as a ring doorbell camera. It would map out where these are located and if an incident took place in the area, you would know who to contact. Slatebelt Regional is currently using the Crime Watch website if the Board wants to check their website for an example of how this works.

Janet Sheats questioned if the estimate for the resheeting of the building includes labor. Frank Zamadics commented quotes have not yet been received. It was an approximate amount to resheet the garage next to the police station.

Cindy Miller commented there also needs to be a line item in the budget for the roads. What will we be putting into our roads? The roads are deteriorating and she doesn't think we can just do oil and chip. Frank Zamadics commented if you want to do things right on the roads, you are looking at a million dollars a mile. It is a matter of what you want to spend. If we can do 9 miles of roadway every year, it would put us on a 10 year rotation. If you take the money from liquid fuels, it must follow their guidelines. If the General Fund can support the roads, then it does allow for additional opportunities.

Cindy Miller questioned if Frank Zamadics believes the sequence that is listed in the capital improvements plan is still accurate. Frank Zamadics commented he believes that is still the way the replacement will fall.

Cindy Miller questioned where the walk behind mower is used. Frank Zamadics commented it is used in some of the swale areas. It used to be used on the hills at the parks, but with the 72 inch mowers, they have been able to mow most of the hills with the mower. The place that it used to be used the most was on the hills at the Treichlers ballfield. They still use the mower occasionally. It is a small 48" walk behind mower.

Board of Supervisor Minutes
September 9, 2025

Cindy Miller questioned if the mower is going to need to be replaced in 2029. Frank Zamadics commented the mower is currently in good shape, but he would leave it in place for replacement, at least for now.

Janet Sheat made a motion to go into Executive Session prior to starting the general business to discuss personnel. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel. No action was taken.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. August 26, 2025. Janet Sheats made a motion to approve the minutes. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS

A. General Fund Checks 28968 to 29021. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve these bills. David Hess seconded the motion. Cindy Miller had a question on Check 28984 regarding the HVAC for public works. Frank Zamadics commented the warranty on the HVAC is expired and there is an issue with condensation. Rather than paying for travel time for someone to come in from Reading, he called someone local. They checked the system and dampeners to make sure everything was working and said they would get back to him but he has not yet heard anything. Cindy Miller questioned how much damage there was to the building because of the condensation. Frank Zamadics commented the water came off the diffuser and dripped on the floor. Cindy Miller also questioned Check 29010 to Pennoni Associates. She is not sure if we should be paying that or not. Mike Muffley commented he spoke with Matt Wanamaker who is the Senior Planner from Pennoni and went over the concerns that were raised by the Ad hoc committee and asked for more information regarding their time and the additional costs. He asked them to elaborate on the reasons for the extra work and what was out of scope. He would be okay with that check being tabled until he provides the additional information. Cindy Miller amended her motion to pay the bills except for Checks 28984 and 29010. David Hess seconded the motion. Jerry Pritchard questioned what their agreement was to complete the job. Cindy Miller commented it is in the minutes where she specifically asked the question if they would abide by the same costs and pricing as Urban Research and they agreed that they would honor that contract. All voted aye. Motion carried.

B. State Fund Check 1629. Janet Sheat made a motion to approve this check. Cindy Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

VI. PLANNING RELATED ITEMS

A. Extension of Time for Plan Approval

1. Quince Road Subdivision. Joe Rentko was present to represent this plan. The developer provided the Board with an extension of time until November 30, 2025, which was approved by the Planning Commission. Mr. Rentko commented they have made progress on the plan. They were before the Planning Commission and received conditional approval over the summer, but did not submit plans to the Board of Supervisors. They are looking for an extension of time so they can submit the plans to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. Cindy Miller made a motion to accept the extension of time until November 30, 2025. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

B. Extension of Time for Plan Recording

1. 1089 Riverview (M & U International). Joe Sedler was present to represent the plan. The deadline to record the plan is September 30, 2025, and they are requesting additional time to complete everything to get the plan recorded. Mike Muffley commented this plan was granted conditional approval and they were working through completing things for recording, but some construction took place and a notice of violation/cease and desist was issued. As a result of this inspection, they are now required to submit for an NPDES permit. They now have a consultant working on the NPDES permit and are expecting a new submission to come in to the Planning Commission with updated plans on what their project is. The NPDES process does take several months to complete. Cindy Miller made a motion to grant an extension of time for recording the plan until March 31, 2026. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

C. Plan for Approval/Denial

1. Top of the Mountain Estates. Mark Leuthe, Brian Lieberman, and Brian Gasda were present to represent this plan. Mark Leuthe commented this plan was previously approved and recorded and is now in the process of being constructed. Through this process, the Developer has decided they want to eliminate the cul-de-sac that was going to be coming off of Quince Road. A plan eliminating the cul-de-sac was presented to the Planning Commission, but it only showed the area of the development that was changing. Mike Muffley recommended that they resubmit the entire plan as a revision to the major subdivision, which makes sense when you consider the agreements, GIS, and other items that are involved. In doing this, it brought the corner into play, even though it was not part of the removal of the cul-de-sac and associated lot consolidation. The turn that is in question was previously approved, but is not part of the change they are proposing. It is only being shown on the plan as a matter of housekeeping. They

are currently in the process of building that roadway as shown on the approved plan. They are here to discuss the changes that are being made to the approved plan by eliminating the cul-de-sac. They are not here to discuss the redesign of the previously approved turn in the roadway. His client really shouldn't be required to pay for an engineering review of that corner when it is not part of what they are proposing to change. Mike Muffley commented this situation is not black and white. This plan starting going through the land development process as early as 2005 or 2006. The plan was approved and sat in conditional approval for many years. It came up for renewal and the NPDES permit expired. During this time, the Act 102 requirements changed and there were additional stormwater requirements enacted. During the renewal process, additional wetlands were discovered and changes were needed to the roadways which is what created this cul-de-sac situation and the left hand 90 degree intersection. The plan again sat for a period of time until it came back to the Planning Commission in 2020 or 2021 and was reviewed again and left in a situation where the road layout with the turn and cul-de-sac was approved. There were alternatives reviewed but they didn't make sense and they were not able to make the geometry work to make this area a curve. There was also an issue with the septic designs in relationship to the roadway and any additional changes would have created a non-conforming lot. After reviewing all the options, it was determined they would control this area as an intersection with stop signs. The Board ultimately approved the plan and it was recorded along with all the developer's agreements and construction began. What is before the Board now, is a revision to this plan to delete a cul-de-sac road that is to the east of this intersection, on the other side of the wetland. This is where the changes are taking place on this plan. During the review by the Planning Commission, they brought up this 90 degree turn controlled by a stop sign. By definition, it is not an intersection because there are only two approaches. Some of the Planning Commission members brought up this concern and felt it should be changed to give us a better situation. One of the Planning Commission members in an engineer and does work for PennDOT and presented a solution at the Planning Commission meeting that this road could be laid out with horizontal geometry that may not necessarily meet the requirements of the SALDO, but would be a better situation than this stop sign control because a stop sign configuration like this does not meet the federal and state guidelines for an intersection and could be more of a liability to the Township than creating a curve. The Board now either accepts the plan as it is presented tonight which is not the recommendation of the Planning Commission, or take the Planning Commission's recommendation that there be a condition of revising the geometry of the road in order to create the curve, or deny the plan because the developer is not willing to accept the condition of changing the geometry, or table the plan and continue to discuss this and work it out as we move forward.

David Hess questioned how much traffic is expected to be on this road. Brian Lieberman commented there are 10 houses along the road. It is not a through road. The speed limit is anticipated to be 25 miles per hour. With the elimination of the cul-de-sac, this development goes from a 34 lot subdivision to a 32 lot subdivision and reduces 370 feet of future road maintenance for the Township.

Jerry Pritchard questioned how much work would it take for the developer to correct this? Mike Muffley commented the amount of work that it would take really shouldn't be a factor when considering this.

Brian Lieberman questioned what he is legally bound to do. Must he revise a major subdivision plan because he came back to the Township with a lot consolidation plan? They could have consolidated the lots without providing a major subdivision plan. He agreed to come back in and show the entire subdivision as a courtesy because it made sense at the time. He wasn't expecting the entire subdivision that was already reviewed and approved to be reviewed again. Mark Leuthe commented they are under no legal obligation to change the road design. The plan is already approved and they are building the roads according to the approved plan.

Janet Sheats commented she is not understanding the safety concern when it is a roadway which is not a through road, limited traffic, and a speed limit of 25 miles per hour. Cindy Miller commented people may not follow the 25 miles per hour and will they actually stop at the stop sign or will they just roll through the intersection. Todd Rosenberger of the Planning Commission commented he does agree it is low volume and low speed so any crashes that would happen will be low severity. The situation that is presented is not following the PennDOT and Federal standards for a curve and stop sign in that configuration. There is no way of knowing whether it is safe or dangerous because we don't know what will happen out there in real life. David Hess commented his concern is that this was previously approved and not an issue at the time of approval. Cindy Miller commented it was a concern then. Mark Leuthe commented when this was previously before the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission approved it by majority vote against the one individual. The Board of Supervisors approved the plan as well. Janet Sheats commented she does not see a safety issue with this in a residential development where people will have to make a left or right turn. Cindy Miller commented the reason that this opened up again was because when it came back in, the Planning Commission was able to rereview the plan.

Janet Sheats made a motion to grant this plan conditional approval subject to all the conditions set forth in the Township Engineer's most recent review letter

without the additional condition of improving the curve in the road. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

D. Request for Waiver of Land Development Requirements

1. Tim Faust, 1097 Blue Mountain Drive. Tim Faust was present to represent this discussion. Mike Muffley commented Mr. Faust had applied for a zoning permit to construct a fence and an accessory structure. During the zoning review, it was flagged because there were two separate parcels on the County tax map. There is a single deed describing two tracts of land and the County shows it as two separate parcels. The Zoning Ordinance has a definition for a lot of record that means when there is continuous ownership of multiple parcels, as long as they are connected, under the zoning ordinance, they can be treated as a single lot. If someone owns two tax parcels that are contiguous and on one deed, they would technically need a subdivision in order to build two homes or create two separate uses. In this case, it is the opposite where the County needs to update their records to match the deed and have a single lot. Both he and Attorney Backenstoe agree that there is no need for submitting a land development plan. The safest way to address this from the Township is to grant a waiver of the requirement to submit a land development plan and recommend that the property survey be recorded at the Court House as an exhibit to his revised deed. Attorney Backenstoe commented they will go to the Recorder of Deeds office with a consolidation deed and the Recorder of Deeds will require a letter from the Township that indicates the Township waived the requirements for land development and authorized the plat consolidation.

Janet Sheats made a motion to waive the land development requirements for combining the two parcels at 1097 Blue Mountain Drive and to allow the lot consolidation. Cindy Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

E. Engineer's Report

1. Northwoods Phase I. Mike Muffley commented he has been discussing the what is completed and what is remaining on the Phase I improvements with Mark Leuthe. In reviewing the file, the improvements were supposed to be completed within two years and then the 18 month maintenance period would begin. At the beginning of last year, they submitted a draw down request because the improvements were substantially complete and that would begin their maintenance period. Since there are items that still need to be addressed, he is recommending that there be an extension to the maintenance period. Mark Leuthe requested an additional twelve month extension on the maintenance period. Cindy Miller made a motion to grant a extension to the maintenance period for Phase I until September 30, 2026. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL/ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

A. Recreation Report

1. Shelters for Dog Park. Sandy Hopkins reported the Recreation Board approved two solid canopies for the Dog Park in the amount of \$8,850 at their last meeting. They would be 12' X 12' open pavilions that would be placed in the center of each side of the dog park. Hopefully by placing these in the middle of the park, it will help alleviate some of the concerns about mud forming at the entrances in spring. Janet Sheats questioned if this was budgeted. Sandy Hopkins commented it wasn't included in the budget, but there is money available in the Rec Account. Cindy Miller questioned if there were additional quotes obtained. David Hess commented he contacted two other individuals and they never got back to him.

Cindy Miller made a motion to support the Recreation Board and approve the construction of the two shelters in the dog park at a total cost of up to \$8,850. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

2. Pennsville Pavilions. The Recreation Board also received a quote to enclose the underside of the pavilions at Indiantrail Park at a cost of \$10,500. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve the enclosure of the underside of the three pavilions at Indiantrail Park in an amount not to exceed \$10,500. David Hess seconded the motion. Jerry Pritchard questioned if we couldn't get two quotes locally. Frank Zamadics commented the amount that was quoted is a good price. Mike Muffley commented there is not a requirement to obtain quotes until the cost exceeds \$12,900. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Sandy Hopkins commented Mike Jones had submitted a request for additional gates at the ballfields. The Rec Board didn't thoroughly discuss this because she didn't agree with it and she volunteered to contact Frank Zamadics regarding the gates. Mike Jones had submitted for one 12 foot gate at Bryfogle Park along first base line, two gates for Danielsville, one along first base line and one along third base line, and a 10 foot opening for the upper field. After speaking with Frank Zamadics, she can understand the gate on the first base side of Bryfogle. In Danielsville, Frank Zamadics had indicated that the gate along first base would make sense, but there was no need for a gate along the third base line. Frank Zamadics didn't see the need for an additional gate on the small field. Frank Zamadics commented that adding a 12 foot gate on the first base side of the Bryfogle field will allow them access to the infield without going through the grassy area of the outfield where the gate currently is. The equipment they take on the field is heavy and if there is any moisture in the outfield, they leave ruts and then have to go back out with the roller to remove the ruts. Direct access to the infield will eliminate this issue. Adding a gate to the upper field in Danielsville will not provide better access because there is limited areas that you can access that field from Township property. Adding a gate on the lower field

Board of Supervisor Minutes
September 9, 2025

first base line would be helpful. Sandy Hopkins commented the estimate that was submitted for Bryfogle was \$2,773 from DNS Fencing. She wasn't necessarily looking for approval on a price, but that the Board was in agreement with only adding a single gate at Bryfogle on the first baseline and a gate on the first baseline at the lower field in Danielsville. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve adding a gate on the first base side of Bryfogle Field and the first base side of the lower Danielsville Field and that the Rec Board come back with pricing for these two gates. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. Public Works Report. Frank Zamadics reported he finally received the entire order for the signage for Mulberry. The location of the signs have been marked and they will get the signs installed shortly. They are currently completing the paving for the oil and chip project. The company doing the work is expected to move in next week. They may not get all of the roads completed by September 30th. There may be a road or two that will need to be carried over into next year.

Stan Reuben, 4562 Barbara Lane, commented people, including a Fed Ex driver, are still blowing through the stop sign at Mulberry Road. A four way stop sign may be needed to help slow people down as well.

- C. Zoning Report. A written report was submitted regarding the permits and complaint that were received and upcoming zoning hearings. Cindy Miller questioned if we are getting anywhere with the complaints that have been on the list for some time. Lori Lambert commented there is been limited movement because we are operating with an interim zoning officer.
- D. Police Report. John Henry reported for the month of August, there were 424 calls that were logged and 2 arrests.

John Henry noted that the Lehigh Gap Bridge will be closed completely from Friday, September 19th at 8 PM until Monday September 22nd at 6 AM. In addition, there was a multi-vehicle crash on Sunday on Route 145 near Willow Road. This stretch of roadway will be closed on Monday between 9 AM and 12 noon for accident reconstruction.

Cindy Miller commented some of her neighbors on North Cypress have called in complaints regarding a lot of shooting taking place and rapid fire in the yard of 4683 Timberline Road which is owned by Wanda Kern. It is a concern by neighbors near this property as they have brought this up before. John Henry will look into this.

Jerry Pritchard commented recently he has had two major scares with his mom. The officers were at his house within three to five minutes helping with his mom. You

will not get that type of response from State Police. Stan Reuben commented he has to agree. He has had to make several calls for his mother and the police were always there.

1. Background Investigations. John Henry reported the department conducted interviews with candidates to replace the vacancy created by Officer Surjan. After the interviews, they have narrowed it down to two individuals and would like to start the background investigation on the two of them. He questioned if the Board would consider hiring a firm to conduct the background investigations. The Department could do the investigations; however, it will become a lengthy process because of the manpower and also require some overtime as well. The last background investigation took several months because of being able to dedicate the time that is needed to the investigation. DBM Investigations would be an alternative to the Department conducting their own investigation. Their cost would be \$650 to complete each background investigation plus \$.70 per mile for travel when doing the interviews. DBM Investigations will also make a recommendation based upon what information is learned during the course of the background investigation. In addition, there would be a cost of \$325 for the polygraph examination. Cindy Miller questioned if a psychological exam would be required and if it would be a different company that what was used in the past. John Henry commented yes one would be required and it is a different company.

Janet Sheats made a motion to hire DBM Investigations and Consultants, LLC to conduct the background investigations for the two candidates for police officer. David Hess seconded the motion. Janet Sheats questioned what the estimated amount of overtime is being spent to cover all the shifts so that there are two officers out at all times. John Henry commented it is about 40 hours per week. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- E. Fire Company Report. Rick Hildebrand commented the Fire Company has about 20 responders who either go to the scene or the station for equipment to respond to medical emergencies. Within the fire company there are members who are an emergency room doctor, a physicians assistance, a pre hospital registered nurse, some paramedics, and EMTs. They carry the same type of supplies that the ambulance does.

The Fire Company will also be assisting the police department with the closure of Route 145 for the accident reconstruction.

Upcoming fundraisers at the Fire Company include Oktoberfest on October 4th starting at 3 PM and Trunk or Treat on October 31st from 6 PM to 8 PM. This will be a free event and they will be offering hot dogs and goodies for the kids.

The fire on Cherryville Road is no longer a threat, but it is not completely out yet. Once the fire is out, there will need to be some restoration done on the property.

- F. Municipal Authority Report. No one was present at the meeting to offer a report. They will be contacted and remind them to attend the meetings.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Recreation Consultant Proposals. The proposals that were received ranged from \$45,000 to \$126,820. The Board will need to review the proposals. Based on the proposals, the Township knows what funding is needed when applying for grants for hiring a consultant.

Paul Nikisher questioned if hiring a consultant is contingent on the Township obtaining a grant. The Board confirmed that it was. Cindy Miller commented in order to apply for the grant, you need to submit a proposal.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Manager's Report. Cindy Miller questioned who will be in the office while Alice Rehrig is on vacation from September 14th through September 19th. Lori Lambert commented she is also on vacation during that time and Denise Schmall will be in the office. Janet Sheats commented Alice Rehrig makes herself available if a question comes up while she is out of the office. Cindy Miller commented that doesn't help the office staff when there is only one person in the office.

1. Employee Appreciation. Janet Sheats made a motion to approve purchasing turkeys for the employees and boards. The estimated cost would be \$1,446.90. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. Solicitor's Report. Attorney Backenstoe did not have anything additional to report.

Jerry Prichard questioned if Turkey Hill was supposed to come in and give updates as to where they were with their plans. ~~Janet Sheats~~ **Cindy Miller** commented they pulled their plan and have not resubmitted a plan.

- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT. Katherine Mack wanted to thank the Rec Board and Supervisors for moving forward with the shelters at the dog park.

Katherine Mack commented she also believes that there should be a line item included in the budget regarding what the residents are paying from their taxes for work on the roads. The money for the work on the roads comes from the state. She believes some of our tax money should also be going specifically towards the roads. If the taxes need to be raised in order to do this, then that is what needs to be done. Taxes haven't been raised for years.

Katherine Mack commented she was disappointed that there was nothing on the agenda regarding the progress of the Ad hoc committee for the zoning and updates. Besides the fact they have completed the zoning, there is the matter of the additional fees that Pennoni is looking for. There was a very in depth discussion about this at the Ad hoc meeting. Janet Sheats commented that the discussion when Pennoni was hired was that they were going to complete the work for the balance of what was left on Urban Research's contract. Katherine Mack commented that is what was stated in the minutes when Mr. Wanamaker from Penoni was interviewed. The motion that was made was that they would honor the contract at a price not to exceed \$3,482 for zoning, \$9,800 for SALDO for a total of \$13,282.

Katherine Mack also was disappointed that the people from the Municipal Authority do not come to the meetings. She looks at their minutes and agenda. They still have a quarter of a million dollars outstanding and they are not doing anything to collect the money except for placing liens on properties. This outstanding amount has increased \$25,000 since last year which means that there are either additional people that are outstanding or that much more has accumulated in interest and penalties. They have talked about going after people for theft of services. They had \$800,000 just in their sewer allotment. They need to do something to start collecting the fees. They have had liens on properties for over 20 years. Why not just cut off their sewer and let them pay to have a holding tank pumped. The Authority may be a separate entity, but they are still part of the Township. Cindy Miller commented what concerns her the most is that if they go bankrupt or something happens, it comes back on the Township. Attorney Backenstoe commented the Authority is an independent entity. They are actually an entity of the State, but they should still be accountable to the Township, letting the Township know what is going on. There are measures that can be taken to collect those funds. Cindy Miller commented the Board could disband the Authority and do something else. Attorney Backenstoe commented that can't be done while there is debt out there. Janet Sheats questioned if a certified letter should be sent to the Authority. Attorney Backenstoe commented a letter could be sent to the Authority that the Board is concerned about their outstanding accounts that are owed to them, but there should also be a liaison from the Board who attends their meetings to report back to the Board. Janet Sheats requested the liaison be added to the next agenda.

- X. ADJOURN. Cindy Miller made a motion to adjourn. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.