

WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Supervisors: James Stoner, Leon Eby, and Jeff Sauder.

Others present: Carolyn Hildebrand, Manager; Steve Strunk, Manager Associate; Tom Showalter, Roadmaster and Mike Eberly, Assistant Roadmaster; Roger Sweigart, Greg Harting, Megan Gockley, LNP Reporter; and Officer McKim of Ephrata Borough Police

Public Comment - none

Jeff Sauder motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 18, 2025. Leon Eby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Sauder motioned to approve the attached list of checks totaling \$255,644.98. Leon Eby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Officer Christopher McKim presented the Police Chief's report:

1. Reviewed the violations.
2. Carolyn Hildebrand added they are looking for brick and mortar shelter for loose dogs.

Carolyn Hildebrand presented the Manager's report as follows:

1. Tom Showalter, Mike Eberly, Yvonne Sallade and I met with Jim Caldwell and Adam Johnston to review various projects in the Township.
2. Steve Strunk and Kimberly Smith attended the PSATS Basic Training for Municipal Secretaries and Administrators.
3. RJ Hall hosted a meeting with the employees to discuss market changes and presented a video on social security choices.
4. The new International truck was delivered.
5. I have completed the paperwork for the bucket truck and expect it will be delivered for the attachment of the bucket soon.
6. Jason Smith, Custom Computer, delivered Mike Eberly's new laptop.
7. Leon Eby, Yvonne Sallade and I discussed interpretation of the ag support business definition.
8. I submitted the AG-385 for 2024.
9. The flooring for the back room was ordered, the cabinets and countertop material were delivered and installed.
10. The street light bills were mailed out.
11. I submitted the DCED Financial Statement for 2024.
12. Yvonne Sallade and I worked on several alternate housing situations.
13. The Ephrata Friends of the Police have scheduled a public meeting for March 13<sup>th</sup>, here at the Township building to discuss setting up a Community Watch program in West Cocalico.
14. I reported several road concerns to PennDot provided to me by our residents.
15. I have been working with the insurance company on several accidents which caused the Township a loss.

Tom Showalter presented the Roadmaster's report as follows:

1. The new truck's radio will be installed next week.
2. On 2/21/25 a tree was down on Netzley Drive and Pine View.
3. The guide rail project on Wallops Hill Rd, Kline Rd, and Sandy Hill Rd is complete.
4. Guide Rail damage (from accident) was fixed at the intersection of Hartings Park and Swamp Bridge Rd.
5. Sign Inventory was performed last week.
6. Two road signs need to be replaced.
7. They ordered a stock of signs and poles.
8. The road crew attended a John Deere open house.
9. They are looking at a mower unit that will allow them to stay in a single road lane while mowing.
10. There was a tree removed on Yellow Mountain Road.
11. The road crew cleaned and repaired the trucks.
12. The road crew continued to work on the new room at the Township office.

Leon Eby motioned to approve the use of Township roads for detour. Jeff Sauder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Sauder motioned to amend the Township pension plan. Leon Eby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Sauder motioned to approve payment of 2025 Drug Task Force contribution. Leon Eby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Leon Eby motioned to executue Memorandum of Understanding with Lancaster County Conservation District. Jeff Sauder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Sauder motioned to award paving bid for Resh Road of \$125,401.87 to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. Inc. Leon Eby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Leon Eby motioned to award the seal coat bid to Martin Paving for \$228,739.57. Jeff Sauder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Sauder motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Leon Eby seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Sauder  
Secretary