

August 18th, 2026

The Franklin Township Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Building located at 889 Fairyland Road. Township Officials present were Supervisors Fred Kemmerer, Nic Storm; and Secretary Elizabeth Grodis; A list of others in attendance at the meeting is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Nic Storm called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21st, 2026 Township Meeting. Nic Storm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report –

The Secretary announced there would be a change for Labor Day's garbage collection. Monday, September 7th will be picked up on Tuesday, September 8th. The secretary announced there was an upgrade from QuickBooks's Enterprise to QuickBooks's Online and that included upgrading to QuickBooks's Payroll as well. Secretary Cady Guy spoke with Jennifer from the Carbon County Planning and Development Office regarding the Red Hill Road CDBG Grant. Secretary Elizabeth spoke about how this meeting reflected on reencouraging residents in that area who received a survey to complete it either physically or to complete the survey via telephone call. Secretary Elizabeth continued the report by speaking about the following meetings for the month of September to take place on the following dates.

Building Committee – September 1st at 7:00pm

Recreation and Parks Committee – September 8th at 6:30pm

Planning Committee – September 10th at 6:30pm

Board of Supervisors – September 15th at 6:30pm

Nic Storm made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Nic Storm made a motion to table the Treasurer's Report. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously to table the Treasurer's Report.

Zoning Report – Zoning Officer Jim Macort submitted his report from 07/21/2026 to 08/17/2026. Revenue from Zoning Permits \$ 906.40. Copy of Report is on file. Nic Storm made a motion to approve the Zoning Report. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

UCC Building Code Official – Jim Macort submitted his reports from 07/21/2026 to 08/17/2026. A copy of the report is on file. Fred made a motion to approve the UCC Building Report. Nic Storm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief's Report – Fire Chief Lynn Diehl submitted the August, 2026 report for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company, as well as for the Fire Police. Copies are on file.

Police Report – Chief of Police Jason Doll submitted the Police reports to the Board of Supervisors from 07/05/2026 to 08/01/2026. Copies are on file.

Road Crew Report – Nic Storm made a motion to approve the Road Crew Report. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Nic Storm opened this report for discussion. Resident Jill Renfrew commented on in this report the day-to-day tasks being shown more specifically to be more organized and thorough. Nic Storm mentioned this report is more so a detail task sheet that Roadmaster Troy Williams and Secretary Cady Guy came together to create this report. Troy Williams commented on the report stating that the completed tasks did not mean the job itself was completed, more so the task related to the job was completed. Jill Renfrew stated her concern was focused on that she would like to see the work completed in full. Nic Storm made a motion to approve the Road Crew Report. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Central Carbon Municipal Authority – Fred Kemmerer submitted the CCMA minutes and reports from the July 20th 2026 meeting. Fred Kemmerer reported that Franklin Township received a refund of \$12,000 from CCMA from over payments for the use of sump pumps. Fred Kemmerer made the comment as this was the only thing pertinent to the July Minutes. Fred Kemmerer made the motion to approve the CCMA Report. Nic Storm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SEO Report – Report not submitted due to no activity for this month.

Planning Commission Minutes – Fred Kemmerer made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Minutes. Nic Storm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Recycling Report – Secretary Elizabeth Grodis stated we are in the second month since starting our Recycling Program. The Drop Off Center has had a positive flow of vehicles and volume of recycling. Elizabeth Grodis stated she is hopeful that the volume of vehicles and recycling will increase as the Drop Off Center will now be accepting plastic. This will take effect in the first week of September, the first day you can bring plastic is September 3rd 2026. Nic Storm made a motion to approve the Recycling Report. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the report is on file.

Communications – None

Citizen Participation – Resident Jill Renfrew commented that she had attended 2 separate Township Meetings, being no attendance from other participants. Jill asked if there is a way the township could reach out to the participants prior to the meeting. Jill also stated that with the Recreation and Parks Meeting, possibly the Township reaching out to other residents for more participation in the Committee itself. Jill then followed up with a second questions ask why the move to QuickBooks's Online from QuickBooks's Enterprise. Secretary Elizabeth Grodis commented the changeover to the new system was made based on positive feedback and overall reflection of the payroll system. Nic Storm reiterated that the change would help save time and make the payroll process more efficient. Nic Storm also mentioned that there had been an issue with QuickBooks Enterprise regarding multi-user access, which was another factor considered when discussing the changeover. Overall, the change was intended to improve efficiency, save time, and address the issues experienced with the existing payroll and QuickBooks system. Fred Kemmerer also stated that the secretaries have differentiated their roles between Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable. This division of responsibilities will be more clearly reflected in QuickBooks Online. With improved multi-user access, each secretary will be able to document and track the work they have completed, providing greater clarity and accountability.

Unfinished Business – NoneNew Business –

1. Nic Storm made a motion to grant conditional approval of the Kathleen Bartunek Minor Subdivision Plan. Secretary Elizabeth Grodis stated all outstanding payments, including applicable fees and interest, have been received by Franklin Township. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Nic Storm mentioned that this letter as stated in the agenda should be changed by wording due to the review letter being from Keystone Engineering, not Carbon Engineering. Nic Storm asked Brian Gasda if he spoke with Greg about the waivers submitted for approval tonight. Brian did speak to Greg. Market Hill has 5 waivers that they would like to be approved. Solicitor Tom Nanovic asked if the Planning Commission had asked for a waiver, Brian stated that yes they did. Brian followed by explaining each individual waiver, which are as follows. 50A(1), 50.F, 51.H(6)(a), 51.V, and 60. Nic Storm , Fred Kemmerer Jr. and Brian Gasda discussed each waiver and concluded with not needing waivers, 50A(1), 50.F, and 51.H(6)(a). Nic Storm made a motion to approve waivers 51.V and 60 with the conditions being 51.V would include HOA stimulations and waiver 60 being a streetlight would be on the corner of Market and Coplin court. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Opening of Bids for Road Materials – Only one (1) bid was received. The sole bidder was from Lehigh Asphalt Paving & Construction Co., Tamaqua, Pa. ROAD MATERIAL bid was opened and read as follows:

Nic Storm made a motion to award the contract for Road Materials to the lone bidder Lehigh Asphalt Paving and Construction Co. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Nic Storm and Fred Kemmerer held a brief discussion of actions at Bunker Hill Ballfield. Nic Storm mentioned the need for the extra ballfield as well as additional room on this property for recreational purposes. Jill Renfrew spoke to include possibly as an idea for activities other than a baseball field. Jill mentioned that Penn Forest does have a pump track and this could be an idea for the Recreation and Parks Committee. This topic will be on the agenda for the Recreation and Parks Meeting on September 8th at 6:30pm.
5. Solicitor Tom Nanovic stated that the agreement to Act for Settlement is not ready, there has been some movement but to table the topic for the Supervisors Meeting on September 15th 2026. Nic Storm made a motion to table the topic. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Nic Storm made a motion to approve Solicitor Tom Nanovic to draft a new Intermunicipal agreement with Weissport Borough regarding the Weissport Pump Station.

Amended Agenda - Nic Storm stated there was a need to amend the Agenda to add a motion for the Franklin Township Fire Company to apply for the LSA Monroe County Grant for the purpose of purchasing new mobile radios for all vehicles. Fred Kemmerer made the motion to amend the agenda. Nic Storm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Nic Storm made a motion to approve the LSA Monroe County Grant application for the Franklin Township Fire Company. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fred Kemmerer made a motion to amend the agenda to add a motion for the Franklin Township Fire Company to participate in the following events in the coming weeks. Those events are listed below as being,

Mahoning Valley Fire Company Truck Housing and Parade – Friday, September 18th, 2026

Lehigh Township, Lehigh Police Night Out at Bear Memorial – Thursday, October 8th, 2026

Carbon County Veterans Day Parade in Weatherly – Thursday, November 8th, 2026 with a rain date of Thursday, November 15th, 2026

Nic seconded the motion to amend the agenda. Motion carried unanimously

Fred Kemmerer made the motion to approve the dates provided above for the participation of the Franklin Township Fire Company. Nic Storm seconded the motion.

Citizen's Questions –

Jill Renfrew asked if there has been any update on the data center. Nic Storm said no notifications yet, but hopefully this is something that will be on the agenda for next month.

Jill Renfrew asked if the speed limit request for PohoPoco Drive has been changed. Nic Storm stated this is something that is extremely costly for the Police Department and was not anticipated in the budget for the year 2026. When time comes for discussion of the budget for 2027, this is a topic that can be included.

Jill Renfrew asked if the special meeting that was held earlier in the month for Zoning Ordinance, if a map had been created showing more pocket residential and asked about a comprehensive plan. Fred Kemmerer stated that yes, the township does have a comprehensive plan, but it has not been updated in some time.

Tyler Poole asked if any other roadmaster for the Township has been asked to have specific reporting as the current roadmaster if having to participate in. Fred Kemmerer stated that when Robby, prior Roadmaster, was here, he was also a Supervisor, so it was simpler to get a report from him as he was sitting up with the other Supervisors. Fred Kemmerer mentions as well, that Kim Hunsicker, prior roadmaster would show his time sheets as a report. Nic Storm commented that he has not dealt with the prior roadmaster, and he could not comment on that as Troy, current Roadmaster is all he has dealt with. Saying this, Nic Storm continued by stating the time sheets submitted were okay, but the problem was with the job description. There were multiple "codes" shown for 2 employees, but different times would be shown with no exact description of what that employee was doing. Nic Storm stated that he does not want to focus on how things were done in the past but instead wants to focus on the future by improving processes and moving forward in a more effective and productive manner. Nic Storm also mentioned that at a prior meeting there was concern of a citizen with cutting down trees. Nic mentioned that if a report with descriptions were given, as the roadmaster is doing now, he would have learned that the Roadmaster had spent time with this resident addressing his concern. Fred Kemmerer mentioned something as well searchable, as they have the report now, will be easier to justify what was done, when and where. Fred Kemmerer also mentioned that as far as the change in time sheets go, this was something that needed to work for everyone. Nic Storm reiterated that this report is a safety net, not to punish the roadmaster with, but to have as that safety net, especially when a complaint is filed. Tyler Poole mentioned he was just curious and wanted to clear the air.

Questions from the Press – None

Nic Storm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57p.m. Fred Kemmerer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Grodis, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer