

**THE TOWNSHIP OF MAXATAWNY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
APRIL 13, 2026**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman John Deplanque called the meeting to order at 6:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Marcus Simonetti and Steve Wilson. Professionals present: Township Engineer, Jim McCarthy; Township Solicitor, Chris Muvdi; Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Paff; Township Secretary/Treasurer, Jerilyn Wehr

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Wehr announce that the Board held an executive session this evening from 6pm until 6:25pm to discuss personnel

PUBLIC COMMENT: (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)-Public comment on agenda items will take place at the agenda item after discussion is completed by the Board

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting
 - a. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion passed (3-0)
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2026 Board of Supervisors special Meeting
 - a. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2026 Board of Supervisors special meeting. Motion passed (3-0)

REPORTS:

1. State Police Report
 - a. The Police report was presented. There were 106 calls in March
2. Kutztown Library
 - a. Library Representative, Marsha Olivia, provided an update on events at the Library. She stated that the Library Director has retired and replaced with the Assistant Director. Also, due to no longer processing passports, the Library is seeing a decrease in income
3. Volunteer Fire Department/Ambulance – nothing at this time
4. Historic Commission
 - a. Chairman Reynolds informed the Board that the Commission met last week and have prepared a document on the agenda for approval that gives permission for members to access properties prior to demo of historic structures
5. Municipal Authority –nothing at this time
6. Roadcrew
 - a. Wessner presented the monthly report
 - b. Chairman Deplanque questioned who plows Long Lane in the Township. Roy stated that the Township does, and it is on his route, through an agreement with PennDot
7. Code Enforcement – Chris Paff
 - a. Paff presented his report

- b. Paff stated that we are currently in cycle 2 of the septic pumping schedule, with 148 due to pump or be inspected
- 8. Secretary/Treasurer – Jerilyn Wehr
 - a. Wehr provided the Board with a new quote for improvements to the meeting room
 - b. Motion was made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to table discussion on the quote and to make the quote available to the Residents to provide feedback. Motion passed (3-0)
- 9. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to approve the reports as presented. Motion passed (3-0).

PLANS TO REVIEW: nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Leck Waste Services – update on modification application with DEP
 - a. No one was in attendance from Leck. Per communication from Tony Wright, Paff is expecting a Zoning application shortly
- 2. Discussion on Cherrington property
 - a. Solicitor Muvdi had no update
- 3. Discussion on fuel providers/updating thermostats
 - a. Simonetti stated he would like to get some quotes to replace the existing thermostats

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Extension expiration – University Park
 - a. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to approve the extension to July 13, 2026. Motion passed (3-0)
- 2. Special Event – Berks AeroModelers
 - a. Paff stated that there will be two events. The first event will be held May 16th, with the second event held July 24th and 25th
 - b. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to approve the special events. Motion passed (3-0)
- 3. Discussion on Round a Bout center island
 - a. Paff stated that there is no clarity on the contract regarding the center island design. There was previous discussion on doing a stamped concrete to look like brick
 - b. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to approve the stamped brick style concrete. Motion passed (3-0)
- 4. Ratify approval of Advantage Point agreements
 - a. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to ratify the Advantage Point agreements. Motion passed (3-0)
- 5. Municipal Authority refund request
 - a. Wehr stated that the Municipal Authority has been paying the Township gas bill for the Bowers Park kitchen for many years. Wehr has no issues with refunding the funds, but requested that the Authority provide the invoices to confirm amount due
 - b. Municipal Authority Chairman, Michael Berger, had copies of the bills to provide to the Board
 - c. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to authorize repayment after review of the provided documents. Motion passed (3-0)

6. Discussion on rental of industrial refrigerator at Bowers Park
 - a. A draft of the rental agreement was provided to the Board for review
 - b. There was discussion on how to move forward with the request
 - c. Motion made by Wilson and seconded by Simonetti to keep the refrigerator open for all to use upon review of contract by Solicitor Muvdi. Motion passed (3-0)
7. Discussion on Peace Pole to be placed at Bowers Park
 - a. Marie DeFilipps presented three options for the peace pole
 - b. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to allow the Rotary Club to make the final decision based on the three options provided. Motion passed (3-0)
8. Motion to accept resignation of Ethan Boyer from Recreation Committee
 - a. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to accept the resignation of Ethan Boyer. Motion passed (3-0)
9. Motion to approve use of \$3,000.00 for Fall Festival held by Township Recreation Committee
 - a. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to approve the funds for the Fall Festival. Motion passed (3-0)
10. Motion to approve Historic Commission agreement for property access
 - a. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to approve the agreement. Motion passed (3-0)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

1. Solicitor – Christopher Muvdi – nothing at this time
2. Engineer – Jim McCarthy
 - a. McCarthys report was presented
 - b. McCarthy stated that we have the permit to do the roadwork at Deer Run Road and Long Lane, which is currently set to expire February 2027. If the Township wants to start on the project he would need to prepare a bid

***Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to amend the agenda to include discussion on the Deer Run Road/Long Lane improvements. Motion passed (3-0)**

- c. Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to authorize McCarthy to prepare the bid. Motion passed (3-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT (non-agenda items)

1. Resident Zak Helenske stated that there was an accident in front of his home on Friday morning. He is happy to hear that we will be moving forward with the Deer Run Road improvements but is looking for more methods to slow down traffic in the area including signage, speed humps and suggesting taking ownership of Long Lane from PennDot
2. Resident Charyn Ayoub also asked for more signage in Bowers to show curves in the roads and stated that speed limits in that area are not followed. Ayoub questioned the usage of the spay and neutering refund to Township residents. As well as her concern with the riparian zone at the Bowers Park. Ayoub also stated that she would like to be appointed to the Recreation Committee

***Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to amend the agenda to include discussion on the appointment of Charyn Ayoub to the Recreation Committee. Motion passed (3-0)**

Motion made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to appoint Charyn Ayoub to the Recreation Committee. Motion passed (3-0)

3. Property owner Tom Hyland questioned the Commonwealth Court ruling on rental inspections and how that would affect the current Township policy

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

1. Motion was made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed (3-0).
2. Motion was made by Simonetti and seconded by Wilson to approve the Treasurer's Report and transfers as presented. Motion passed (3-0)

ADJOURN: Chairman Deplanque adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn R. Wehr
Secretary/Treasurer