HEREFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS November 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the Hereford Township Board of Supervisors was held in person at the municipal building and via Zoom. Those present were Supervisors John Membrino, Albert Ciccarone, Karla Dexter and Secretary Hannah Edwards.

<u>Guests:</u> Mr. Albitz, Mr. Bortz, Mr. Marks, Mr. Miller, Irene Donovan, Mr. Levengood, Mr. Groff, Bryan Leets, Mr. Harper, Renee Sullivan, Debbie Moyer, Blake Sivco, Mrs. Draper, Sue Cooley, Nicole Landis Josh Borowski and Matt Lorish

Zoom: Candace Perry, Tom O'Connor

Mr. Membrino called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Approval of the minutes of November 4th, 2025 BOS meeting minutes.

John Membrino made a motion to approve the November 4th meeting minutes. Karla Dexter second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Payment of Bills and Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Mr. Membrino made a motion and Mr. Ciccarone second to pay the bills and approve the Treasurer Report. All in favor, motion passed.

<u>Personal Appearances</u> – No Report

Fire Companies

Seisholtzville Fire Company- Mr. Miller reported Mrs. Sacks emailed over the call list, he mentioned their next fundraiser would be the chili and pumpkin roll coming in the next month. They will also be participating in Breakfast with Santa and Bingo.

Hereford Fire Company- Mr. Borowski, reported 16 calls for the month. He wants to discuss the current radio conversation taking place in Berk County Zone 1. There will be a major upgrade for 2027, most of our township radios will no longer be able to function, 17 total for Hereford alone.

2014 new system took place – handhelds \$2,700 per radio, currently for new radios that would function in 2027 new system they would cost roughly \$6,100.00 per radio. Conversation is the only company that will work on the system is Motorola. The county commissioner is giving feedback that no one is speaking up or complaining about the price. Josh is not a fan of Motorola; he is asking the township to support them and draft a letter to send over to the commissioner asking to release a contract where more than one company radio can be supported on the system. The goal is to keep the pricing reasonable, Josh plans on sending a personal letter explaining how Hereford cannot afford \$6,000.00 a piece for a radio.

Mr. Marks reported a request for a moment of silence for Ron Boyer who passed last week. He was the second oldest living member of the fire department, since 1974.

Albert question: how many manufacturers offer the radio we want, Josh mentioned 3 that would work for the county. Josh believes if there is more than one company offering radios, it will make it more reasonable for companies that are on the lower end of budgets.

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John mentioned just Hereford alone will be \$100,000.00 just for radios let alone Seisholtzville included. Mr. Membrino wants to make sure that if the radios fail, the goal is to have the commissioners cover some of the cost.

Seisholtzville Fire Police – Mr. Miller didn't have anything to report Question – Christmas parade still cancelled? We will need approval, waiting for the letter

Hereford Fire Police – Mr. Albitz reported Hereford Fire police will be assisting with the 1st Friday events down in East Greenville. They will also be assisting Hereford Elementary for their 2026 new year school events along with multiple Halloween Parades coming up.

Bally Ambulance – Renee reported:

18 calls for the month of November

1171 Year to date call for 2025

News: 2025-2026 State Fire Grant application has been approved; they also appreciate the \$15,000.00 donation from Hereford. AFG projects continue to move forward, waiting on their cardiac monitor, automated CPR device and 14 sets of rescue gear for staff. Subscription and donation letters were also sent out for 2026

Emergency Management – Mr. Leets reported no trainings for the month of November but on October 29th they conducted an annual review of the Hereford Township Emergency Operations plan.

Recreation Committee - No report

Environmental Advisory Committee – No report, but minutes for the BOS to review are in the packet

State Police Report

Report 111 calls for the month of October.

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Approve the budget handbook to be advertised for the public review in the town and country
 - Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve the budget handbook to be advertised in the town and county. Mrs. Dexter second that motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- Approve the Re-Organization date and time to be published in the town and country
 - Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve the Re-Organization date and time to be published in the town and county. Mrs. Dexter second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.

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- Approve 245 Mulberry Hill Storm Water Plan Security Release once all bills are paid in full to the township.
 - Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve the Storm Water Plan Security Release once all bills are paid for 245 Mulberry Hill Road. Mrs. Dexter second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- Approve Resolution for LSA Grant (Backhoe)
 - Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15 which allows Hereford Township to apply for the LSA statewide grant for a new backhoe.
 Mrs. Dexter second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- Approve the 2024 Hereford Township Year End Audit Notice to be published in the newspaper.
 - Mr. Membrino made a motion to approve the 2024 Hereford Township Year End audit notice to be published in the town and country. Mrs. Dexter second this motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Miscellaneous Correspondence and Additional Information

- 1. Next board meeting will be held on December 2, 2025 at 7:30pm
- 2. Attached are the EAC Minutes from 11-10-25 for the BOS review

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident: Debbie Moyer commented on a loose dog situation

Resident wanted to bring it to the attention that loose dogs "Huskies" are running wild near Seisholtsville, Old Company, Grouse Hill, Log House and Stein road. She explained that the dogs have been terrorizing other residents along with herself personal animals, mostly horses, dogs and chickens. She is asking what the township can do in this matter, she has expressed that "Berks County dog warden, state police and other organizations" have been in contact with the resident who owns the dogs but she feels the matter is not being handled enough to where the roaming is stopping. She asked the township to handle the matter.

Mr. Membrino mentioned the dog situation cannot be handled by the township if other enforcement has already been fined and acted. He did mention if residents fill out a complaint form for the clutter and trash that was mentioned our third-party enforcement officer can take a look and see if there are violations within the township regulations and act on them.

At this time many organizations, conversations and phone calls have been made in the office to help mend this issue.

Budget Meeting

 Mr. Membrino mentioned there will not be anything to review since we agreed to publish the draft in the town and country.

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There being no further business, Mr. Membrino made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ciccarone. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

	Respectfully Submitted
Secretary/Treasurer	 Hannah Edwards,