

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Minutes of the meeting held on October 7, 2025

A meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Laura B. Kurtz on the above date at the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

The supervisors present, in addition to Ms. Kurtz, were Pamela M. Thompson, Allen McCormack, Yuhanna Njeim, and Jill Vecchio. Also in attendance were Thomas G. Vernau, Interim Township Manager, Adam Kosheba, Interim Assistant Township Manager/Director of Public Safety, Brett Graham, Deputy Fire Chief, and Kevin Hall, Solicitor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Njeim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement

Ms. Kurtz announced that the Supervisors met in Executive Session on Friday, October 3, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to interview potential manager candidates as well as prior to the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McCormack motioned to approve the amended minutes of the business meetings held on July 1, 2025. Mrs. Vecchio seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed. W

Public Comment

Bill Minsker, 5956 Linglestown Rd, introduced the eighth and ninth project of ten projects.

William S. and Kristina Johnson, commented on the nuisance study and compost facility update and highlighted some key concerns regarding hours of operation, uncontrolled dust and noise pollution. He requested that the Board take the concerns seriously.

Ms. Kurtz offered to review the HRG study with Mr. Johnson and work with him collaboratively. Mr. Vernau added that funding for a second study has been budgeted; in the meantime, the Township and HRG will implement some of HRG's recommended solutions while staff works to initiate the second study.

Eric Kessler of Running Pump Farm commented on the two alleys, Blackberry Alley and Raspberry Alley, and asked the Board to consider making a motion. Mr. Vernau advised that Raspberry Alley is a public alley, while Blackberry Alley is private.

Rev. Larissa White, 6702 Delana Blvd., commented on issues in the Hodges Heights community, including unpaved roads, bulk trash, park and the landfill.

Whitley Bradley, 5583 Banbridge Avenue, commented on the Clermont Project being performed by Doli. She reported damage to her property and vehicle and stated that current conditions are dangerous, making it difficult for residents to safely enter and exit the neighborhood.

John Packer, 5723 Kenwood Avenue, commented that he had experienced similar issues on a past project and suggested that the Township evaluate the performance of Doli Construction Company.

William Miller, 4311 Crestview Lane, commented on white delineators on Colonial Road, a hanging tree limb, a broken inlet, and issues near 61st Street at McDevitt and Lyters Lane. He requested a copy of the Compost Facility report, offered suggestions to address issues at the facility, and also commented on Blackberry Alley.

Chairman & Board Members' Comments

Ms. Thompson recognized Robert Bennett, who assisted a resident from being scammed out of a significant amount of money. She added that seniors should take caution because there are scams taking place in the community.

Mr. Kosheba reminded residents to ensure solicitors have a valid peddler's permit and warned of scams targeting the elderly. He advised residents to contact the Police Department if a solicitor does not have a permit. He also announced that International Fraud Awareness Week will be held November 16 through November 22.

Yuhanna Njeim reported that a request was sent to PennDOT asking them to evaluate the I-81 southbound off-ramps at Exits 70 and 72, specifically the left turn onto North Mountain Road, due to a high number of accidents at that location.

Manager's Report

Thomas Vernau, Interim Assistant Township Manager, introduced Karen S. DeLong, newly hired Finance Director, and provided a report to the Board members.

Old Business

Ceremonial Administration of Loyalty Oath to Bureau of Fire Career Personnel

Chair Kurtz administered the Loyalty Oath to seven career Firefighters: Alex Phillips, Cody Stiffler, Connor Davis, Dakota Shultz, David Garber, Justin Poole, and Shawn Moore.

Action to Approve a Proposed Settlement Stipulation for Exeter 6455 Allentown Blvd

Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the Settlement Stipulation for Exeter 6455 Allentown Blvd. Mr. Njeim seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Action to Approve a Proposal from Appalachia Technologies LLC for Enhanced IT Security

Mr. McCormack made a motion to approve the proposal from Appalachia Technologies, LLC. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Discussion Regarding the Appointment of a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to Oversee the Pension Plans

Ms. Kurtz directed Mr. Vernau to place the appointment of Chief Administrative Officer to oversee the Pension Plans on the next meeting agenda.

New Business

Action to Approve a Cooperation and Subgrant Agreement Between the Township and Bishop McDevitt High School

Mrs. Vecchio motioned to approve the Cooperation and Subgrant Agreement between the Township and Bishop McDevitt High School. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Action to Adopt Resolution 25-11; Authorizing the Submission of a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) Application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the Budget

Mrs. Vecchio motioned to adopt Resolution 25-11, authorizing the submission of a Redevelopment Assistance (RACP) application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of the Budget. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Action to Approve Lincoln Financial as the Township's Life and AD&D Carrier Effective December 1, 2025

Mr. Njeim motioned to approve Lincoln Financial as the Township's Life and AD&D Carrier Effective December 1, 2025. Mrs. Vecchio seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and unanimous vote followed.

Subdivision & Land Development

Improvement Guarantees

Ms. Thompson motioned to approve the Improvement Guarantees for Maiden Creek – Release; Autumn Oaks Phase 3/Patton Road - Release; 5601 Locust Lane -Change of Financial Security and 6471 Hunters Run Road – Establishment. Mr. Njeim seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Payment of Bills – Lower Paxton Township & Lower Paxton Township Authority

Ms. Thompson motioned to pay the bills for Lower Paxton Township and the Lower Paxton Township Authority. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Announcements

Ms. Thompson announced that Cynthia Webster of the Central Dauphin School District Board advised that the playground at Mountainview Elementary School will be closed starting today through mid-August 2025 due to upgrades.

Ms. Kurtz announced that the Board would meet in executive session after the meeting to discuss personnel matters and the next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

Adjournment

Mrs. Vecchio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shellie Smith,
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Robin Lindsey,
Secretary