

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Minutes of the meeting held on December 9, 2025

A workshop meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:04 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 Michael Gossert, Township Manager, Mat Jaroslawski, Director of Public Works, and Kevin Hall, Solicitor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. McCormack led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McCormack motioned to approve the amended minutes of the budget meeting held on held on September 2, 2025, and business meeting held on September 9, 2025. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Proclamation

Ms. Thompson presented a proclamation to Dr. Charles E. Stuart on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for leading the revitalization to restore a property at 100 Elmwood Drive for a renewed community purpose, fostering youth development through the Harrisburg Area Police Athletic League.

Public Comment

John Packer, 5723 Kenwood Ave., expressed concern that prior public comments did not address township matters, criticized statements about Sharia law as incompatible with U.S. principles, and shared his Christian perspective on Jesus.

Mr. McCormack expressed agreement with Mr. Packer's concerns, stated that the prior comments were not appropriate for the public forum, and shared his view that adherence to Sharia law conflicts with swearing allegiance to the U.S. Constitution.

Ronald Snyder, 5938 Avis Lane, expressed ongoing concerns about missed trash and recycling pickups on Avis Lane, citing repeated delays and lack of follow-up since the contract change, and urged the township to provide stronger oversight and leadership on waste collection services.

Ms. Kurtz advised Mr. Snyder to call the Township on every occurrence, the complaints are logged and Mr. Gossert would be notified.

Matthew Neiswender, 4411 Venus Avenue reported ongoing overnight construction noise from the Weis Supermarket remodel behind his home, shared a 3:10 a.m. recording as evidence, and expressed frustration over conflicting information from store management and corporate offices. Mr. Gosser stated that the township has a noise ordinance that can be enforced, he advised directing complaints to the township and committed to consulting the codes department to address overnight construction concerns. Mt. Neiswender noted that he had called the police a few times and one occasion, the officer got them to halt construction.

William Miller, 4311 Crestview Rd., raised concerns about speeding on Colonial Road, limited sight lines due to PennDOT; population overgrowth, past accidents, and requested updates on traffic light improvements and increased speed enforcement, options to keep the compost site open year-round for yard waste collection, and sidewalk improvements and connections throughout the Township.

Chairman & Board Members' Comments

Ms. Thompson made a motion to amend the agenda to add an item to the agenda.

Ms. Thompson motioned to add “Discussion of Adopting Act 94 Compensation Rates for Township’s of the Second-Class to become effective January 1, 2026.

Ms. Thompson discussed a resolution to adopt Act 94 pay rate increase effective for supervisors elected to the 2026 Board. She noted advertising requirements, and Mr. Gossert confirmed that a special meeting would need to be advertised for December 23, 2025, to adopt the ordinance. Discussion followed regarding pay increases for the newly elected officials.

Ms. Kurtz opposed adding the Act 94 pay rate increase to the agenda, stating that the supervisor role is primarily public service, not a job, and expressed concern that higher compensation could change its nature.

Dr. Charles E. Stuart, 1440 Karen Drive, stated he would likely donate any salary increase to the Harrisburg Police Athletic League and expressed concern that the item was previously on November 10, 2025, agenda but later removed.

Ms. Kurtz clarified that agenda management practices have varied, noted the salary increase item appeared because the Board could act on it since 2024, and suggested the future Board consider addressing it.

John Packer, 5723 Kenwood Dr., asked if the salary adjustment is included in the proposed budget. Ms. Kurtz explained that the proposed budget includes a salary of approximately \$5,000. Mr. Packer reiterated that the Supervisor’s salaries are included in the proposed budget that the Board will vote on next week.

Ms. Kurtz called for a second on the motion; there was none. The motion failed.

Mr. McCormack reflected on his appointment in January, noting unexpected challenges including multiple resignations and staff turnover, and expressed pride in helping reconstruct the Board and maintain operations despite difficulties.

Manager's Report

There was none.

Old Business

Action to Retroactively Approve 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. Njeim seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

New Business

Action to Approve Application for Payment #4 for Centennial Acres Park & Kohl Memorial Park - Court Improvements

Mr. McCormack made a motion to approve the Application for Payment #4 for Centennial Acres Park & Kohl Memorial Park Court Improvements for \$152,400.24. Mr. Njeim seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Action to Award a Contract for Colonial Road Corridor Traffic Signal Improvements.

William Miller, 4311 Crestview Rd, wanted to know where the recommendations came from. Mr. Jaroslawski explained that the project goes back two years, where it was identified to replace the traffic sign at King George and Colonial Road. It's a full replacement project.

Mr. Njeim made a motion to award the contract for Colonial Road Corridor Traffic Signal Improvements to Herr Signal & Lighting, Co., Inc. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Authorization to Purchase Equipment in 2025 Using 2026 Budgeted Appropriations (To be adopted December 16, 2025) to Secure 2025 Pricing and Achieve Significant Cost Savings

Mr. Njeim made a motion to authorize the purchase of equipment in 2025 using 2026 Budgeted appropriations to secure 2025 pricing.

Mr. McCormack seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Announcements

Ms. Thompson encouraged residents to visit the vestibule in the Municipal Center to view the artwork done by children during the Fall Festival.

Ms. Kurtz noted that the ChriskindlMarkt hosted by the Lower Paxton Community Foundation is on Saturday, December 13, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. She encouraged residents to attend. She announced that the Board would meet on Tuesday, December 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. to adopt the final budget.

Adjournment

Ms. Kurtz adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shellie Smith,
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Robin Lindsey
Secretary