

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Board of Supervisors was held on March 10, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at Adams Township Municipal Building, 690 Valencia Road, Mars, PA 16046.

Present at the meeting were Supervisors Russell R. Ford, Ronald J. Shemela, Ronald G. Nacey and David M. Goodworth, Solicitor Michael Gallagher, Township Manager Gary Peaco, Township Engineer Rich Craft, Park Director Brian Perry and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Ford. Darryl M. Brandon attended virtually.

Chairman Ford called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment.

Chairman Russell Ford gave a special thank you to the Fire, Police and EMS Departments for doing an excellent job during the bus accident.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2025, were approved. All were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the Public Works Department Report for February was approved. All were in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the Code Enforcement Report for February was approved. All were in favor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

On a motion Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the Engineer's Report for February was approved. All were in favor.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Gallagher stated there was nothing to report.

On a motion Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the Solicitor's Report for February was approved. All were in favor.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the Animal Control Officer Report for February was approved. All were in favor.

POLICE REPORT

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the Police Report for February was approved. All were in favor.

PARK AND RECREATION

On a motion by David M. Goodworth and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, the Park & Recreation Report for February was approved. All were in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the Callery Report and Adams Area Report for February was approved. All were in favor.

EMC REPORT

On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the EMC Report for February was approved. All were in favor.

EMS REPORT

On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the EMS Report for February was approved. All were in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT

Report and Payment of Invoices

Mr. Peaco explained that there was no report because the Township Treasurers position is vacant at this time. On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the Treasurers Report and payment of Invoices was tabled. All were in favor.

Transfer

From State Fund to Liquid Fuels Fund in the amount of \$535,240.90.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the Transfer of funds from State to Liquid Fuels was approved. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

W.K. Thomas Pay Application #2 Plumbing

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, the W. K. Thomas Pay Application #2 was approved. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Bid for Township Parking Lot/Sidewalk Repair

Chairman Ford pointed out all the areas that will be paved and repaired. The Township received 6 bids. On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela. The bid was awarded to Shields Paving in the amount of \$583,810.95 All were in favor.

Bid for Township Building HVAC upgrades

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth the bid for Township Building HVAC Upgrades was tabled. All were in favor.

Purchase of new police cars

On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the purchase of 2 new police cars was approved. All were in favor.

Promotion of Assistant Code Enforcement Officer to Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Officer

Joseph Julian to be promoted to the position of Code Enforcement Officer/Zoning Officer vacated by Mike Knox, who recently retired. Chairman Ford stated Mr. Julian has been here several years and will do a great job. On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by David M. Goodworth, Joe Julian was promoted to Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer. All were in favor.

Hiring of New Township Secretary/Treasurer

On a motion by David M. Goodworth and seconded by Darryl Brandon the hiring of a new Township Secretary was approved.

Retirement Resignation of Township Manager

Gary Peaco announced his retirement for the end of March. The Board of Supervisors thanked him for his 23.5 years of service to the Township and wished him well.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl Brandon, the Retirement Resignation of Gary Peaco was accepted. All were in favor.

Update for Camp Trees/Hickory Glen

Chairman Ford asked if there was anyone that would like to make a comment.

Tim Stack, 244 Forsythe Road, would like an answer to when the Township will do an ethics review on a certain former member of the Planning Commission. Mr. Gallagher explained the Township is not in the position to conduct such a review.

Chairman Ford acknowledged that some residents have issues with Weaver Builders that are not related to the Township. He explained that there was a meeting with Scott Foreman, Joseph Julian, Chad Weaver, Brett Schultz, and Eric Steighner and made some progress toward being able to adopt the roads in Camp Trees. The winter maintenance invoice has been paid. In the Hickory Glen community, there has not been as much progress. Chairman Ford expressed to the residents that the Township is doing everything possible and working with the developer to get this solved.

Phil Rhoads would like to see the development plan and the answers to his Right to Know requests before the Board of Supervisors approves anything. Mr. Peaco told Mr. Rhoads that he will have his answers before the next Board of Supervisors meeting on March 24, 2025.

Rob Crouthamel asked what role Scott Foreman has in this issue. Mr. Peaco explained he is the engineer working with a company the Township uses for land development.

Bid for the MS4 Breakneck Creek/Stream Restoration Project

Rich Craft is looking for approval to advertise for bids on the MS4 Breakneck Creek Stream Restoration Project. The Township has \$500,000 in grant money to use for this project.

On a motion by David M. Goodworth and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, authorization to advertise a bid for the MS4 Breakneck Creek/Stream Restoration Project, was approved. All were in favor.

David M. Goodworth announced an event to honor Carl J. Woods, Jr., a Tuskegee Airman from Mars, PA. Jack Riggio, Mars Troop 400, as his Eagle Scout Project, built a memorial for Carl and there will be a dedication at the Mars VFW Post 7505 on March 29, 2025, 11:00 am to Noon.

Tim Stack, 244 Forsythe Road, explained that there was an incident at the Planning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, with Mr. McKinney. Mr. Stack would like the Board of Supervisors to explain to Mr. McKinney that he should let all concerns be heard. Chairman Ford said he would talk to Mr. McKinney.

Kevin Kuhl, 505 Kensington Court, asked if his development, Meredith Glen, would be paved soon. Chairman Ford informed Mr. Kuhl that his plan is scheduled to be paved in 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by David M. Goodworth the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jennifer Ford Administrative Assistant