

The regular meeting of the Adams Township Board of Supervisors was held on May 12, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the Adams Township Municipal Building, 690 Valencia Road, Adams Township, Mars, PA.

Present at the meeting were Supervisors Russell R. Ford, Ronald J. Shemela, Darryl M. Brandon, Ronald G. Nacey, and David M. Goodworth, Solicitor Michael Gallagher, Township Engineer Richard W. Craft, Code Enforcement Officer Joe Julian, Park and Recreation Director Brian Perry, Administrative Assistant Jenifer Ford and Secretary Theresa Turner.

Chairman Ford called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING – ROUTE 228/AUTOMALL STROTHER BROS.

Chairman Ford called the conditional use hearing to order at 7:04 P.M. It was recommended that Strother Bros. goes back to the Planning Commission. The township has 45 days to make a decision. On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Officer Mike Bordt read a statement from the police association concerning the end of the contract between the school district and the township to provide resource officers to the school district. Officer Bordt is currently assigned as a resource officer and has a tremendous relationship with the students and faculty at the school. He takes his role and responsibilities there very seriously and is deeply disappointed that contract negotiations broke off.

Joe Joswiak at 164 Camp Trees Road is a retired teacher and currently is a coach for the school district. Mr. Joswiak feels the Resource Officers provide a great service to the students and are well liked and respected. He asked that the Township and the School Board work together to continue negotiations.

Frank Holfelder at 63 Almiras Drive came to express his concern and state his support for the Resource Officers. Mr. Holfelder feels that the resource officers helped to save his granddaughter several times. He feels that it is a mistake to not keep the Adams Township Police in the schools. They know and help every student.

Chairman Ford stated that the board is 100% united that the officers should remain in the school district. He and all the supervisors feel that the service provided cannot be replaced and that the safety and well-being of the students is best in the hands of the Adams Township Police.

Supervisor Shemela feels strongly that the township police should remain in the school. Supervisor Nacey asked that everyone reach out to the school district. Supervisor Goodworth as a teacher and parent appreciates what the police bring to the school. Supervisor Brandon feels the community is safe because of our officers and chief.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the minutes of the meeting of April 28, 2025, were approved. All were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

On a motion by Ronald G. Nacey and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the Public Works Department Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

Supervisor Goodworth commended the public works department for all their hard work clearing the downed trees from the storm.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the Code Enforcement Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the Engineer's Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the Solicitor's Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

On a motion by David M. Goodworth and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the Animal Control Officer's Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

POLICE REPORT

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the Police Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

PARK AND RECREATION REPORT

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

Chairman Ford listed several projects that the Parks and Recreation Manager Brian Perry is handling. Mr. Perry has or is scheduling for sidewalk repairs, paving in the park and a new front entrance sign.

Supervisor Goodworth asked what hours the splash pad will be open. Mr. Perry stated the splash pad will open May 23, 2025. The hours of operation are 11am to 6pm daily.

Wednesdays it will be open until 8pm and will have a food truck. There is no admission fee to the splash pad.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the Adams Area Fire District Report for April was approved. All were in favor.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by David M. Goodworth, the Callery Report for April 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 April was approved. All were in favor.

EMS Report

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report and Payment of Invoices

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, the Treasurer's Report for April was approved, and approval was given to pay bills totaling \$874,130.61. All were in favor.

Transfer of Funds

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, the transfer of \$133.35 from the Impact Account to the General Fund Account was approved. All were in favor.

CD Renewal

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Ronald G. Nacey, the CD renewal was approved. All were in favor.

PLAN REVIEW

Henley Lofts Preliminary Approval of Plan and 2 modifications

Mike Ogin and Jenny McCrackin were present to ask for preliminary approval.

Chairman Ford asked if everyone agreed that there would be one entrance and it would be right in/ right out only. Everyone confirmed.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the Henley Lofts Plan Preliminary Major Land Development with 2 modifications was approved. All were in favor.

T. Smith Plan of Lots Preliminary & Final Approval with Submission of a Shared Maintenance Agreement

Shane Kaclick was present to ask for preliminary and final approval.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the T. Smith Plan of Lots was given preliminary and final approval. All were in favor.

Resolute Alliance Group – Approval of Lot Consolidation

Robert Beining was present to ask for approval of lot consolidation.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the Lot Consolidation for Resolute Alliance Group was approved. All were in favor.

Four Lakes – Approval of Lot Line Revision of Lots 1046 and 1047

Harold Hall was present to ask for the lot line revision. Mr. Hall is building an addition on his house. In order to meet the 10' ordinance his neighbor sold him 7' from his lot. The lots will be redeeded and surveyed.

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the revision was approved. All were in favor.

Adams Town Center – Phase 2 Minor Land Development Final Approval

Ray Nelson was present to ask for final approval. Mr. Nelson stated that his shop will be moving to the back and that a new retail center will be up front with a drive thru coffee shop.

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the Adams Town Center Phase 2 was given final approval. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Adoption – Amended Transportation Capital Improvement Plan and Revised Impact Fees

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the ordinance adoption was approved. All were in favor.

Vote on Route 228/Auto Mall – Strother Brothers

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the vote on Route 228/Auto Mall – Strother Brothers was tabled. All were in favor.

Opening and approval of Summer Paving Bids

On a motion by Russell R. Ford and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the paving bids will be reviewed by the Township Engineer and awarded at the next meeting. All were in favor.

Hiring of new Township Manager

Chairman Ford discussed the candidate for the Township Manager position, Michael Tylka. Mr. Tylka was interviewed by the supervisors and many of the staff. Mr. Tylka is an excellent candidate and has years of extension experience.

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by David M. Goodworth, Mr. Tylka was hired to be the new township manager. All were in favor.

Splash Pad Attendant – Evan Peaco

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by David M. Goodworth, Evan Peaco will be hired as a splash pad attendant. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Adams Township MS4 Project Bid

On a motion by Darryl M. Brandon and seconded by Ronald J. Shemela, the Adams Township MS4 Project Bid was tabled. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ronald J. Shemela and seconded by Darryl M. Brandon, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M. All were in favor.

Theresa L. Turner, Township Secretary