

**MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2025**

1. Call to Order: The January 22, 2025, work session meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held at Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA. Chairman, James McComb, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

James McComb	Chair
Daniel Hilferty	Vice Chair
Kenneth Lichtenstein	Member
Gregory Bankos	Member
Matthew Given	Member

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Township Manager:	Stacey Mulholland
*Township Solicitor:	William Oetinger, Esq.
*Township Engineer:	Timothy Fulmer, PE
*Asst. Twp. Manager:	Steve Hicks

* Not Present

2. Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. McComb led the Board and Audience in a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment: There was no public comment at this time.

4. New Business:

4.a. 2025-2026 Budget Discussion – The Water Fund: In attendance from the Public Works/Water Department was Alan Bleam, Director of Public Works.

Mr. Bleam presented the Board with an analysis of the Township's water systems. Mr. Bleam provided an update on the wells, pump stations, PFAS testing, arsenic filters and hydrofracking. Mr. Bleam also updated the Board on the public water systems that are provided by Doylestown. Mr. Bleam answered the Board's questions regarding the 2024 draught and how that played a role in the water systems. Mr. Bleam stated that the wells have been monitored continuously, but the Township was not in any trouble due to the draught. Mr. Bleam and the Board also discussed how to continue to prepare for future draughts. Mr. Bleam also expressed the need to continue to update the water systems' technology, such as leak detectors and improved software, to prevent larger issues as well as maintain efficiency and improve security. Mr. Bleam provided an update on the Township's water interconnection projects, explaining what has been done and what the next steps are. Mr. Bleam answered the Board's various questions regarding the costs associated with the upcoming projects and improvements.

4.b. Township Committee Protocol:

Mr. Bankos presented the Board with a formal document outlining the process for appointing residents to be committee members, stating that when a vacancy occurs, the Township will advertise the vacancy through email and social media, there will then be a 30-day application period. Once the 30-day application period is up, if it is

a new committee or zoning/planning, the applicants will be interviewed at an executive session. Once the Board makes their decision, the Board will make their appointment at the next available Board meeting.

Mr. Lichtenstein would like to educate the public about the committees and who can come/participate. Mr. Lichtenstein also stated his desire to have the votes take place in an Executive Session, not via email.

Mr. Given suggested that in-person interviews should not be required unless the Board desires to do so for a particular position.

5. Board of Supervisors Comments:

Mr. Given expressed his desire to look into setting the meeting room up to accommodate remote meeting attendees. Mr. Given wanted to remind everyone that Lego Bingo will be taking place on Friday, January 24th at the Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company.

Mr. Bankos thanked Mr. Blead for his presentation.

Mr. McComb stated that March 29th is National Vietnam War Veterans Day and in honor of that, on Friday, March 28th at 7:00pm, Mr. McComb will make a presentation of his book at the Doylestown American Legion, which will be free to the public. This is to honor the men who lost their lives in Vietnam from Bucks County.

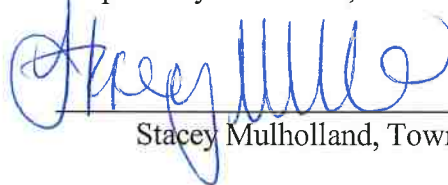
6. Consent Agenda:

6.a. Bills List dated January 22, 2025, in the amount of \$173,146.18, subject to audit:

CONSENSUS: Upon General Consensus, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

7. Adjournment: Upon General Consensus, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:52p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stacey Mulholland, Township Manager

Date Approved: 2/12/25