MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

1. Call to Order: The September 23, 2026, work session meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held at Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA. Vice-Chairman, Kenneth Lichtenstein, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Mr. Lichtenstein then led the Board and Audience in a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

*Matthew Given	Chair
Kenneth Lichtenstein	Vice Chair
Daniel Hilferty	Member
Gregory Bankos	Member
Jennifer Moroney	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. Public Comment:

Resident Kelly McGowan announced that she was recording the meeting.

3. Plumstead Township Emergency Services Providers 2027 Budget Preparation:

Pt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company: In attendance from Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company was Chief Scott Fleischer, President Beth Carroll, and Deputy Chief Mike Nyari.

Ms. Carroll stated that on their 1–3-year outlook for projects, they would be looking to have the parking lot of the fire station to be completely repaved, which will cost between $120,000-$140,000. Additionally, Ms. Carroll stated that the fire station would need a new roof in 2027. Mr. Nyari explained that there is an insulated mesh roof that was installed many years ago that attracts birds, and those birds have caused extensive damage to the roof. Ms. Carroll stated that the roof would cost around $155,000. Ms. Carroll stated that some of their equipment, specifically the tanker truck, will need some extensive maintenance, for which they are budgeting about $50,000 for repairs to the tanker and various other vehicles. Mr. Nyari stated that some of the vehicles will need to be replaced in the coming years. Mr. Fleischer stated that they are working on a grant for new radios. Ms. Mulholland suggested that in order to keep track of the funds that the Township gives to the PPVFC, could they create a separate account that will show where every dollar goes. Ms. Carroll and Mr. Fleischer pushed back, stating that having a separate account would create much more work for them. Mr. Bankos reminded them that the PA Second Class Code requires them to show proof of where the funds are being spent.

Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company: In attendance from Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company was president, Mark Banas.

Mr. Banas explained that the roof of their Stump Road fire station is beyond repair and will need to be replaced

in 2027. Additionally, Mr. Banas stated that at least one of the bay heaters, possibly two, will need to be replaced. Mr. Banas stated that two of the three A/C units for the fire hall have failed and need to be replaced. As well as the key-fob security system, which Mr. Banas stated is obsolete. Mr. Banas stated that the electrical system, boiler, garage doors, generator, urinals and other misc. general plumbing items all need to be replaced. Mr. Banas continued, stating that he would like the fire station to be connected to public water so they can stop using their reverse osmosis filtration system, which is outdated. Mr. Banas also stated that the PVFC members are sick of fundraising, and don't like that they need to raise $90,000 annually. Ms. Mulholland expressed concern over allocating a large portion of funds to fix the building, while the Township is exploring options for a firehouse for the paid crew. When asked by Ms. Mulholland, Mr. Banas stated that they had obtained a quote but did not specify the exact amount. Mr. Bankos requested that the email from Mr. Banas to Ms. Mulholland listing all the needs be forwarded to all the BOS members. Mr. Banas echoed PPVFC's concern over being able to track where every dollar of the funds from the Township are being spent. Mr. Banas stated concern over the room of the fire station leaking.

Mr. Banas answered the Board members' various questions regarding what items were the top priority, and asked Mr. Banas to provide the Board with a list of the improvements that need to be made in order of importance.

Pt. Pleasant Plumsteadville EMS: In attendance for Pt. Pleasant Plumsteadville EMS were Chief, Mike Tuttle, Deputy Chief, James Babinetz, Assistant Chief, Pat Gambone, and Treasurer, Dennis Mood.

Mr. Tuttle stated that their station building does not require any improvements at the current time, however, they are exploring an upgraded security system. Mr. Tuttle reviewed the call logs that the PPPEMS responded to in Plumstead and the surrounding communities that PPPEMS serves. Mr. Tuttle stated that the EMS unit is 100% staffed, and that the training program for high-school aged students began with the hope of raising the next generation of PPPEMS. Mr. Babinetz reviewed the statistics for the PPPEMS CPR training program which trains businesses and the general public to get more people CPR certified.

Mr. Babinetz reviewed the call logs, stating that about 30% of the calls were in Plumstead Township. Mr. Bankos inquired about the other municipalities providing funding. Mr. Tuttle stated that Bedminster was working to increase the funding, and Dublin Borough provided some additional equipment to the EMS station. Mr. Tuttle stated that Tinicum Township had yet to increase the funds going to the PPPEMS. Mr. Gambone stated that the EMS staff work about 80 hours a week and thanked the Board for helping to make PPPEMS an attractive unit to work for, however, stated that the salaries are lower than CBEMS. Mr. Mood stated that the fundraising in 2026 raise less money than in previous years. Mr. Mood stated that if insurance policies in the nation change, it will be harder to reimburse the EMS units, which would mean higher costs to the patients. Ms. Moroney thanked the PPPEMS for looking ahead to the future.

4. Plumstead Township Public Safety Department 2027 Budget Preparation: In attendance from the Public Safety Department were Police Chief, David Mettin, and Fire Chief, William Wiegman.

Chief Mettin stated that the police department will need to purchase two additional cars in 2027, which will require about $160,000. Chief Mettin stated that contractual obligations take up about 91% of the total police budget, which is 6.3% higher than 2026. The total budget increase will be about 6.5%. Chief Mettin stated that the co-responder grant ends soon, which means that the Township could lose the co-responder. Chief Mettin stated that if the Townships that utilize the co-responder paid for the co-responder without the grant, it would cost about $35,000 per Township. Chief Mettin stated that the police department would like to purchase a message board trailer. Chief Mettin answered the Board members various questions regarding the increases in contractual obligations, firearm and ammunition costs, and contracted services.

Chief Wiegman reviewed the proposed budget for the Plumstead Township Fire Department, which includes a second set of gear for everyone, uniforms, various pieces of equipment, and salary increases, including adding "per diem" firefighters. Chief Wiegman stated that he would like to buy more gear so everyone has more than

just two sets available, stating that the gear cost was about $10,000 per firefighter. Chief Wiegman stated that they are working with a company to create a record management system that could be included and shared between all three departments in Plumstead. Chief Wiegman requested the Township pay $24,000 to insure the apparatus for the PVFC. Chief Wiegman thanked the volunteer fire companies for all their cooperation with the newly formed paid department. Mr. Hilferty requested a newsletter article be created to inform the residents about the fire department budget. Ms. Mulholland reviewed the stipend program, which has been used as a tool to retain volunteers. Mr. Hilferty expressed concern over the increasing prices of fuel having an effect on the budget. Chief Mettin stated that the prices have varied so much that all they can do is make an estimate for proposed fuel costs. Chief Wiegman stated that the PTFD has used the equipment more than the volunteers have recently. Mr. Bankos stated his desire to see a better breakdown of how much the Township reimburses the volunteer companies.

5. Fire Police Request – 9/11 Travis Manion Heroes 5K Race:

> **CONSENSUS: Upon General Consent, the Board approved the fire police request for the 9/11 Travis Manion Heroes 5K Race.**

6. Bills lists - Adendum dated August 26, 2026, in the amount of $4,500.00, and September 23, 2026, in the amount of $1,008,380.00, subject to audit:

> **MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the Board the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated August 26, 2026, in the amount of $259,655.68, and addendum in the amount of $1,255.66, subject to audit.**

7. Approval of Minutes of August 16, 2026, Work Session Meeting:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bankos, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 16, 2026 Work Session meeting.

8. Board of Supervisors Comments:

Ms. Moroney thanked and recognized the Parks & Rec. department for putting on a great Community Day event.

Mr. Hilferty reminded everyone of the traffic safety rules when sharing the road with farm tractors.

Mr. Bankos stated that he went on a road tour with PennDOT to look at potential future road projects. Mr. Bankos stated his concern over the potential additional turning lanes for the office/shopping center on 313 in New Britain.

Mr. Lichtenstein thanked everyone who presented at the meeting.

9. Public Comment:

Resident Kelly McGowan expressed her concern with the timeframe in which Zoning Hearing Board notices are sent out to residents. Ms. McGowan also stated that there is concern from some neighbors along Potters Ln. that the delivery trucks from Fred Beans warehouse are creating a lot of noise in the early hours. Ms. McGowan stated that she contacted Asst. Manager, Steve Hicks, prior to the meeting to express the concerns to him as well.

10. Adjournment: Upon General Consent, the meeting adjourned at 9:23p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date Approved: 10/28/26

Steve Hicks

Steve Hicks, Asst. Township Manager