

**MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**

1. Call to Order: The September 24, 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 Oettinger, 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:

Bob Mergner of 4940 Applebutter Rd.; Andrew Marcum of 5758 Township Line Rd.; Mike Creighton of 5820 Lexington Dr.; Gene McColligan of 4983 E. Rolling Glen Dr.; Wayne Rankin of 6017 Split Log Dr.; Melanie Bliss of 5749 Belmont Manor; Terry Guld of 5748 Stump Rd.; Tom Ott of 5732 Stump Rd.; Cassandra Brown of 4959 Cabin Run Rd.; Brian Schaffer of 4955 Cabin Run Rd.; Rob Bradley of 5927 Anne Dr.; Terry Froman of 5660 Easton Rd.; Loyd Bush of 5227 Stump Rd.; Katie Mergner of 4940 Applebutter Rd.; Anna King of 4810 Durham Rd.; Ralph Gentles of 5705 Meetinghouse Rd.; and Darrel Tipton of 6195 Potters Ln. all spoke to express their strong opposition to the proposed Bright Feed project at 6124 Potters Lane. The residents voiced their strong concerns over potential odor and noise nuisances, increased truck traffic, and environmental health impacts to could arise as a result of the proposed project.

4. New Business:

4.a. 2025 Budget Snapshot – Public Works, Police, and Related Funds 2026 Projections: In attendance were Public Works Director, Alan Bleam, and Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police, David Mettin.

Ms. Mulholland gave a brief introduction to the General Fund for Government Buildings, explaining the changes to the Utilities, Maintenance, and Real Estate costs, including a large increase in electric costs.

Chief Mettin explained that the added expenses in the proposed budget in the Police funds stem from items like new laptop computers for the patrol vehicles to replace the outdated and failing ones that are currently used. Additionally, an increase in officers, and contracted salary increases are causing an increase in department

expenses. Chief Mettin also stated that the desks in the Police Department need to be replaced soon. Chief Mettin answered the Board's various questions regarding specific software upgrades, accreditation costs, personnel increases, and equipment upgrades.

Ms. Mulholland gave a brief overview of the Public Works General Fund. Ms. Mulholland explained that as the Township transitioned to a new I.T. company, it became evident that the bulk of the I.T. work involved the Police Department, so the allocation of the I.T. expenses has been changed to reflect the percentage of I.T. needs per department. Mr. Blead answered the Board's various questions regarding equipment needs and department expenses. Mr. Given and Mr. Hilferty asked Mr. Blead various questions regarding the possibility of a traffic light solution for the Curly Hill Road, Haring Road, and Easton Road intersection. Ms. Mulholland stated that the 2026 budget will allocate funds to continue the process of working with Pennoni Engineering and PennDOT to establish a solution.

Ms. Mulholland introduced the Park & Recreation General Fund, showing the proposed 2026 budget vs. the 2025 budget. Mr. Blead explained that they are still working on logistics for a bathroom project at Owl's Nest Park. Additionally, Mr. Blead stated that the irrigation system at Hanusey Park for the baseball fields will be repaired as part of this budget, as will the new outlines for a pickleball court at Landis Park. Ms. Mulholland explained that the Parks department will be utilizing new software to assist with scheduling and credit card payments while connecting the payments directly to the Township's accounting software.

Ms. Mulholland went over the Liquid Fuels Fund, showing the proposed 2026 budget vs. the 2025 budget. Mr. Blead explained that one of the changes is a result of the agreement between Buckingham and Plumstead over the maintenance of Landisville Road. Chief Mettin explained that the Police Department will be purchasing two new police vehicles to replace older vehicles. Chief Mettin explained that the cost doesn't reflect just the vehicle, it reflects all the equipment that must be installed in the new vehicles such as lights, radios, and the cage in the backseat. Mr. Bankos inquired about the cost of patrolling Landisville Road as a result of the new agreement. Chief Mettin explained that they are not adding patrols as a result of the agreement, it is just making the existing regulations easier to enforce on the Township line.

Ms. Mulholland introduced the overall Park and Recreation Fund. Mr. Blead stated that a large portion of Open Space expenses come from removal of dead trees. Mr. Blead stated that they are still dealing with the casualties caused by Ash Borers. Additionally, Mr. Blead stated that there are other insects that have begun to attack other species of trees.

Regarding the General Fund Capital Fund, Mr. Blead explained the equipment that will be needed, such as mowers, dump truck, backhoe, and leaf clean-up trucks. Mr. Hilferty asked various questions regarding the way the budget is affected by projects that roll over from one year to another.

Ms. Mulholland explained what the Liquid Fuels Fund is, then went over the proposed 2026 budget vs. the 2025 budget. Mr. Blead stated that the Township is exploring lighted signs at the intersection of Haring Road and Stump Road to help with safety at the intersection, which would come at a cost of around \$20,000. Mr. Blead answered the Board's various questions regarding the possible milling & paving projects that are projected for 2026-2029.

5. Board of Supervisors Comments:

Mr. Bankos thanked the public for coming to the meeting.

6. Consent Agenda:

6.a. Bills List dated September 24, 2025, in the amount of \$653,006.59, subject to audit:

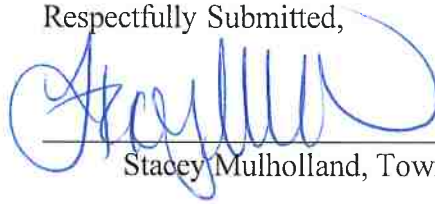
6.b. Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2025, Work Session:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Given, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

7. **Adjournment:** Upon motion by Mr. McComb and seconded by Mr. Hilferty, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:18p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date Approved: 10/30/25



Stacey Mulholland, Township Manager