

**MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2026**

1. Call to Order: The August 26, 2026, work session meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held at Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA. Chairman, Matthew Given, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Given 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

Mr. Given announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the Work Session meeting on August 26, 2026, to discuss litigation matters. Additionally, Mr. Given stated that another executive session would take place immediately following the Work Session to discuss real estate matters.

2. Public Comment:

Resident Kelly McGowan announced that she was recording the meeting.

3. Pt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Company Funding Request: In attendance from PPVFC were Chief Scott Fleischer and President Beth Carroll.

Chief Fleischer explained that the PPVFC has requested funding for a new generator for the fire station. Chief Fleischer stated that the existing generator was purchased used from a hospital and has now reached the end of its usable life. Chief Fleischer stated that they have requested \$100,000 from the Township to assist with the cost of the generator.

Mr. Bankos expressed concern over allocating such a large amount of money to an organization that has been experiencing leadership concerns. Mr. Fleischer and Ms. Carroll explained that leadership changes are a part of any organization, but the organization will continue regardless of the leadership in place, so the generator would still be a necessity. Ms. Carroll and Mr. Fleischer stated that the department would be buying the generator no matter what, but they would appreciate assistance with funding.

Mr. Lichtenstein expressed his support for the funding request.

Mr. Hilferty shared some of the concerns expressed by Mr. Bankos, specifically on the future of daytime service.

Ms. Moroney inquired about the capacity of the generator. Ms. Carroll stated that the new generator would be able to power the entire fire station, which the current generator cannot do.

Mr. Given inquired about the budget impact of this request. Ms. Mulholland stated that the funding was already accounted for in the budget. Mr. Given confirmed with Chief Fleischer and Ms. Carroll that the PPVFC will always open their building to the residents in the event of an emergency where people need access to shelter with power.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. Given, the Board unanimously approved the funding request for the Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$100,000.

4. Plumstead Township Water Department Overview & Budget: In attendance from the Water Department was Public Works Director, Alan Blead.

Mr. Blead provided the Board members with an overview of the inspection history and the issues that eventually led to the boil water advisory in July. Mr. Blead stated that many of the issues involved record-keeping and regular maintenance issues. Mr. Blead stated that now that the Board terminated the contract with the previous maintenance provider and is now contracted with the North Wales Water Authority, those issues should be resolved. Mr. Blead stated that the Township had a contract with PUE to handle the water system maintenance for a number of years, however, PUE was suddenly bought out by ARRO, and the maintenance program shifted from PUE to ARRO. Additionally, Mr. Blead stated that one of the Public Works employees has been taking classes to get certified in various parts of the water system. Mr. Blead additionally went into detail regarding the testing processes.

Mr. Blead answered the Board's various questions regarding the past violations, safeguards being put in place to prevent them, and staff-level certifications. Mr. Oettinger had Mr. Blead provide some details regarding what maintenance provider was in place at the time of the violations, with Mr. Blead stating that ARRO had taken over at the time of the violations.

Mr. Blead explained that the PENNVEST funding application has been submitted for the Summer Hill interconnection project. Ms. Mulholland stated the PENNVEST would be reviewing the application in October. Mr. Blead stated that Gilmore & Associates are ready to start work, they are just waiting on the PENNVEST approval. Mr. Blead additionally stated that they are starting to get feedback on the newly implemented rate structure and stated that he would like HRG to augment the water rate study to ensure that the water department remains financially stable.

Regarding the budget, Mr. Bankos questioned Mr. Blead and Ms. Mulholland regarding the current and projected revenues for the Water Department. Mr. Bankos also questioned the price difference between ARRO and NWWA. Mr. Blead stated that the Township has yet to receive a bill from NWWA, so the cost remains unknown at this time. When asked by Mr. Bankos, Ms. Mulholland explained that the labor costs for the Water Department is split across multiple line items.

Mr. Hilferty raised questions regarding the water billing revenue with the current billing structure. Mr. Given stated that those questions should wait until the third quarter billing numbers are available, stating his concern that there has not been enough data accumulated to make a judgement. Mr. Hilferty stated that his main concern was that the current revenue is below the projected figures.

Ms. Moroney asked how infrastructure needs and the big-picture items are being evaluated. Mr. Blead stated that the lack of long-term planning was one of the issues the State had with the Water Department. Mr. Blead stated that the Township has started working with a company called Moonshot to start looking towards the future needs

of the Water Department.

Mr. Lichtenstein stated that there should be further conversations regarding the rate study and the long-term plans.

Mr. Bankos inquired about the PFAS status. Mr. Bleam stated that well in Summer Meadow can be taken offline during the interconnection project; in Cabin Run, the well with the highest numbers had already been taken offline. When asked by Mr. Hilferty, Mr. Bleam stated that the well with the highest numbers in Summer Meadow is not located near the other wells.

5. Bills list dated August 26, 2026, in the amount of \$259,655.68, subject to audit:

Ms. Mulholland stated that there is an addendum in the amount of \$1,255.66, to be added to the bills list.

CONSENSUS: Upon General Consent, 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.

6. Board of Supervisors Comments:

Mr. Bankos and Mr. Lichtenstein thanked Mr. Bleam and all the members of the Public Works Department.

Mr. Hilferty stated that his ongoing conversations and meetings with local farmers were progressing well. Ms. Mulholland stated that an Agricultural Information section was added to the Township website.

Ms. Moroney stated her desire to circulate the newly adopted Comprehensive Plan to the committees to get feedback on action steps to implement the plan.

Mr. Given thanked the Public Works Department and the Parks Committee for their work putting on concert and movie events. Mr. Given thanked Mr. Hilferty for his work with the farmers.

7. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment: Upon motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the meeting adjourned at 8:18p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date Approved: 9/23/26



Steve Hicks, Asst. Township Manager