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SOMERSET TOWNSHIP

January 28, 2026

A regular meeting of the Somerset Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at the Township Municipal Building. The Chairman called meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Supervisors Jim Bockstoce Mark Lohr Paul Myers David Wiltrout Absent David Kearns, Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Lohr, to approve agenda. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

REPORT ON EXEC. SESSION, ROAD DEPT. WORKSHOP, LSA MEETING JAN. 15, TAR/CHIP

Myers advised executive session held today with Solicitor from 1:45 to 2:00 regarding personnel and litigation matters, we are moving forward with LSA grant, and we are working on the list of roads for tar and chip and paving.

CORRESPONDENCE

Myers spoke on each item listed stating People's Gas is requesting our road projects for 2026 in order for them commence work around them, Engineer KLH request to schedule intro meeting regarding MS4 reporting, letters of interest for Recreation Board, House of Representatives grant seminar request, Range Resources road bond update mining company notice to post regarding emergency procedure.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Pollock asked if minutes will be on website and Myers advised they have been placed on our website.

Kathy Kennedy stated she gave information regarding vigil and dinner to Myers and asked board to approve her list of Recreation Board members.

Bill DeBlasio asked if Myers shared Kathy Kennedys request with other Supervisors and he replied, yes. He also asked if Lohr was plowing for someone at the gas station.

Greg Spridik asked for minutes to be read aloud, the minutes are not on website and meetings should be televised.

MINUTES

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Lohr, to approve minutes of January 5, Organization Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF UNPAID BILLS

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Lohr, to approve payment of January unpaid bills. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAID BILLS

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Lohr, to approve payment of January paid bills. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE SCHEDULE OF FEES

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Lohr, to approve 2026 schedule of fees. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE UPDATED EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL/TIMESHEET APPROVAL/CALLOUTS

Motion: Lohr, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve updated employee policy manual. Motion passed unanimously.

TRUCK BIDS

Motion: Lohr, 2nd: Myers, to approve purchase of a one (1) ton dump truck. Motion passed. Bockstoce voted no.

Motion: Myers, 2nd: Lohr, to table the purchase of a second truck to February 11 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

DELEGATES FOR PSAT's CONFERENCE APRIL 19-22

Motion: Myers, 2nd: Bockstoce, for Board to decide on Delegates to attend. Motion passed unanimously.

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY AREA – MEMBER UPDATE

Motion: Myers, 2nd: Lohr, to amend member Cole to Farmer Representative and Myers to Supervisor Representative.
Motion passed unanimously.

RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Lohr, to table item to February 11 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASE ORDER NUMBERS

Motion: Myers, 2nd: Bockstoce, to appoint Wiltout as Purchase Order Coordinator. Motion passed unanimously.

MS4 REPORT – APPOINT SUPERVISOR AS LEADER

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Lohr, to appoint Kearns as MS4 Report Leader. Motion passed unanimously.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GRANT SEMINAR JANUARY 29

Motion: Lohr, 2nd: Myers, to approve Lohr and Engineer DeiCas to attend seminar as representatives of the Township.
Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS – ADDED ITEMS**RUN FOR ALEX**

Motion: Lohr, 2nd: Bockstoce, to approve Run for Alex road closure June 6. Motion passed unanimously.

GRANT FUND USE UPDATE

Motion: Bockstoce, 2nd: Lohr, to request American Spirit Grant be used for purchasing playground equipment.
Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

TRUCKING BUSINESS - Item was directed to Zoning Officer.

PAVILLION GRANT – JULY 2026 – The Township was not awarded the grant.

STATE PUBLIC WATER GRANT – The Township is continuing to research grant opportunities.

REPORTS

Municipal Consulting Service – on file

Animal Control – on file

Hard Surface Requirements – update in progress

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Kathy Kennedy stated that she wants the November 2025 minutes revised, she did not say that about dogs, she does not hate dogs, and she has received negative commentary because of what the minutes state she said. In addition, she said the recreation board members should be appointed.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Myers adjourned the meeting at 2:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ann Dotson
Secretary