

Moore Township Board of Supervisors
2491 Community Drive
Bath, PA 18014
April 1, 2025

The Regular Monthly Meeting for the Moore Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was called to order on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, by Chairman Daniel Piorkowski at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at the municipal building. Members present were Chairman Daniel Piorkowski, Vice Chairman David Shaffer, Supervisor Michael Tirrell, Township Manager Stephen Nowroski, Township Solicitor David Backenstoe, and Township Engineer Kevin Horvath from Keystone Consulting Engineers (KCE).

WAIVERS & DEFERALS

#25-01 – Planetree Real Estate – 619 Moorestown Drive

260-34(I) – Road improvement and additional ROW dedication

Improve W. Dell Road and dedicate additional right-a-way along the subject property frontage to meet minimum standards for a Type 3A local road (i.e. 28-foot wide cartway, 50-foot wide right-a-way).

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to grant waiver 260-34(I) road improvement and additional ROW dedication

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

260-57(A) – Preliminary Plan requirement

A preliminary plan is required for all major land developments.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to grant waiver 260-57(A) Preliminary Plan Requirements.

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Conditional Preliminary/Final Approval of #25-01P/F

PlaneTree Real Estate Land Development, per the conditions set forth in KVE's review letter dated March 20, 2025, and enter into a holding agreement for the port-a-potty.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to grant conditional Preliminary/Final Approval of #25-01P/F per the conditions set forth in KVE's review letter dated March 20, 2025, and enter into a holding agreement for the port-a-potty.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

SUB-DIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

REGULAR BUSINESS

MINUTES

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve one set of minutes from March 4, 2025.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve the Financial Report

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

General Fund - \$123,414.08, State Fund - \$47,509.84, Open Space - \$13,343.39, Community Days - \$8,181.22

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to pay the bills

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

APPROVE PAYROLL

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve the payroll

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

PRESENTATIONS

Judy from Gilmore & Associates was present and provided an explanation to the BOS and all who were in attendance on the completed Moore Township Comprehensive Recreation and Open Space Plan. This will also be available on the website in the future and to view in the municipal building.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adopt the Moore Township Comprehensive Recreation and Open Space Plan.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Gary West read the March 2025 report.

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Mr. Jason Harhart read the March 2025 report.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hoffman stated that last week they completed their first round of street sweeping and they would do a second round starting April 21st – 25th, weather depending. He also stated he would like to advertise for part-time help at the rec center this year. The ad will be placed in The Home News, roughly 20-25 hours a week. They're hoping for 2 people. The wage would be \$20/hr., based on experience.

FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY (FRCA)

Mulch and compost are available but they both empty quickly over the weekends.

NAZARETH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

No meeting this past month.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Jodi Hartzell stated Playground at the Park dates will be June 13th- August 8th, 2025. On Fridays. The map for orienteering will be presented at next month's meeting.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Tirrell stated they are still working on the schoolhouse, they chose an older style floor they dates to the correct time for the school. They're also working on railroad history in the Township.

LAND & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD (LEPB)

Newsletter

Mr. Shaffer stated he needs articles in by the next week. He'd like to have them mailed out by June 1st.

COMMUNITY DAYS COMMITTEE

Ms. Kerbacher reported there will be a Bingo on the 27th, which will be a landscaping theme. Prices of everything for Community Days have gone up.

ZONING AND BUILDING OFFICER

Mr. Harhart submitted his May report.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

No Report

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Attorney Backenstoe stated he is still working on the documents for the Carpeny Easement.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Scanning- Reynolds Business Systems

This company would scan all the zoning documents and files held within the meeting room and located in the break room near Lois's office. They are a Co-Stars vendor. The price would be \$2,326.62/month which comes to \$27,919.56 a year and is \$22K less than what the township has budgeted this year for the project.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to move forward with the scanning using Reynolds Business Systems, not exceeding \$2,400/month.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Nowroski received a letter from Verisk stating our ISO building code effectiveness is rated as class 4. Meaning the township is doing well. This helps determine insurance rates. Also, Mr. Nowroski informed us that ARPA will also have another filing this year.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-08 Towing Providers

Mr. Piorkowski stated this matter was tabled last month and the BOS are looking for input from the residents of the township.

Jeremy Korpics, 2980 Whitetail Deer Drive. He was born and raised in Moore and has been a resident of the township for the last 10 years. He also has known the Arthofer's his whole life. He feels Arthofer's has treated Moore Township as their primary for a long time and they do a great job. Barry Bickert has a business in the Township, and he believes that the township should keep services within the township businesses. John Hofacker, 2484 Community Drive. He feels that Arthofer's treats the Fire company well with responding to the car accidents and is concerned on how the wait times would change. He mentioned how Bath must wait for response times, even though they're State Police. He thinks keeping within the township is the best and maybe have a second company should Arthofer not be able to make it. They also provide the fire company with Speedy Dry and allow them to train on vehicles. Although it is the responsibility of the tow companies to use the speedy dry on accident calls. Mr. Shaffer stated he doesn't want anyone to think the BOS is against Arthofer's, the township was approached by interest in being a towing provider and the BOS feels they should have more than one provider. Mr. Tirrell also stated when the ordinance was created there were 4 towing providers. It was also stated that Bushkill Twp has a Primary and Secondary tow provider. Lorin Arthofer Jr. also stated how doing a rotation could mean they go their time without any call. Mr. Piorkowski also stated that they're looking at decreasing the radius from 5 miles to 2 miles. Mr. Tirrell would like possibly to open to a bidding type process, yearly.

Arthofer stated he wouldn't mind being the primary with a secondary but feels the rotation will affect their business. Lorin Arthofer Sr, 2686 Buss Rd. He stated he started this business over 30 years ago. The township started a rotation with 3 other companies. He also stated how cars would be brought to their property, and issues would arise on how they were getting paid for these vehicles being there. They have had multiple times cars had to be let go with no payment, or they had to try and scrap them which they stopped doing without titles, they had to become a salver. He also feels that they have more and better equipment to handle big accident calls. He feels they should be a primary tower because others may come into the business and realize it's not cheap and it's not glorious. Nick Chech, 909 Wood Rd. owns Hoss towing, he's been in business for many years. His drivers live in Moore Township along with him. He meets all the requirements the township is looking for. As far as the speedy dry, he provides that, he's never had a fire company want some to do that part of the job, he takes care of it. He's not trying to step on toes, but he would like an opportunity to tow for the police since he lives here. Travis Jacoby, 558 Moorestown Drive. Certified on all levels, they keep being talked about as an outside company but there will always be two trucks in the township. So, waiting times wouldn't be an issue. He feels there would be enough work for everyone, but if not, a company can't rely on just police calls to stay operating. Kristy Arthofer 2686 Buss Rd. Stated this is not a competition but more so keeping business inside the township. Arthofer's has respected Moore Township for many years and they're just asking for the same respect back. Chief West stated he has nothing awful about the working relationship with Arthofer. This situation started 5 years ago when Labarre Towing approached him, and he had to turn them away due to the resolution. It arose well over a year ago when Hoss Towing came asking to be on the list. The Township Manager and Chief West started looking at the resolution and it was created 22 years ago when 4 tow providers were available, no there's only one. The same thing occurred in Bushkill Township. The resolution is old and needs to be updated. Labarre and Hoss towing are interested, and he feels there's no reason to not move forward with the rotation like it was years ago. If a tow provider cannot follow response times as stated, they would simply be removed from the list. Ricky Knecht from Upper Nazareth PD stated they use Labarre towing and Fast Lane on a rotation with no issues. John Hofacker questioned

the call volume and if that could play a role in the rotation working for them. Mr. Piorkowski stated the subject will be tabled again until next month after more review.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to suspend Resolution 2025-8 and revert to the resolution from 2002 until further review.

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

Nick Chech of Hoss towing questioned that this would eliminate him completely. Mr. Shaffer explained the resolution from Feb. should have gone into effect by now, so it is just being suspended until it's figured out for everyone.

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMOS

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

John Hofacker thanked everyone for their patience with the burn bans lately.

Erik Resch explained the fire company is no longer a polling station. Due to interfering with their bingo night and producing revenue, the County decided to move it to the church across the street.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM

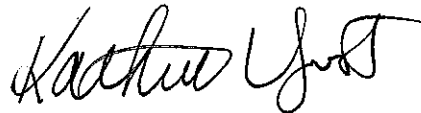
Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine Yost
Township Secretary

Not intended to be word for word, but a synopsis of the meeting.