

Moore Township Board of Supervisors
2491 Community Drive
Bath, PA 18014
February 03, 2026

The Regular Monthly Meeting for the Moore Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was called to order on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, by Chairman David Shaffer at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at the municipal building. Members present were Chairman David Shaffer, Vice Chairman Daniel Piorkowski, Supervisor Michael Tirrell, Township Manager Stephen Nowroski, Township Solicitor David Backenstoe, Township Engineer Kevin Horvath.

Mr. Shaffer stated the BOS held two executive meetings, Jan. 22nd and Feb. 3rd, regarding personnel.

WAIVERS & DEFERALS
SUB-DIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

REGULAR BUSINESS
MINUTES

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve one set of minutes from January 5th, 2026

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve the Financial Report

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

General Fund-\$156,152.87, Liquid Fuels - \$60,067.68, Open Space-\$592.50, Community Days-\$57.00

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to pay the bills

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

APPROVE PAYROLL

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to approve the payroll

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Gary West read the January 2026 report.

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Mr. Jason Harhart read the January 2026 report.

Request for ordinance to charge fees- tabled.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. David Tashner stated thanks to Stephen for the phone and tablet, so he can utilize them being EMC. He also stated he needs to meet with Gary to prepare a response guide for the township, the fire company guide is almost complete. He is still working with Sullivan and Hickory Hills on finishing theirs. Mr. Tashner is also speaking with churches about becoming emergency shelters.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Craig Hoffman requested that employees David Flick, Stephen Markley, and Spencer Tacker all be promoted from an Operator to a Technician, with a wage of \$30.10/hr.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to promote David Flick, Stephen Markley, and Spencer Tacker from Operator to Technician

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Nowroski discussed the topic of an executive session meetings on Jan 22nd and tonight, there was a termination of employee #395

Mr. Piorkowski made motion to terminate employee # 395 as of 1/23/2026

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Interviews have been conducted to fill the open position, a candidate has been found, and they are requesting to be able to extend an offer to as an operator with a starting salary of \$26/hour, once acquiring their class A CDL they will be promoted to technician at the BOS meeting following class A licensure. The candidate has 10+ years of experience.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to offer conditional employment to employee # 396, in passing background checks

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY (FRCA)

No organization meeting will be in February

NAZARETH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

Organization meeting and discussion on a America 250th event being held in Nazareth at the Whitfield House, contact would be Tina Smith from Northampton County.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Ms. Jodi Hartzel is requesting to replace the swing set over by the McCandless field, it would be \$4,405.00 and \$2,900 for installation and take down. After installing the last one it was discovered it is not to standard. Total being \$7,094 for option B.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to continue with the replacement of the swing set by McCandless with option B at the cost of \$7,094.00

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Jodi also discussed the possibility of making designated areas for smoking so they could bring in the Young Lungs Program, but rules need to be in place. As of right now there are no rules for the recreation center as far as where smoking can/cannot be. The program would provide signs; they do not provide recommended wording. Attorney Backenstoe stated the Rules and Regulations would have to be amended since there is an ordinance. Jodi will research wording on the restrictions and bring it back to next month's BOS meeting.

The commission would like to change the field requests and fees. Times of requests will be added and possibly a fee for extra work such as cleaning up after rentals. The fees would go up \$25/ to \$225 full day, adding in \$275 full day/lights. Practice and games up \$5 from \$35 to \$40 and then with lights \$60. Jodi will send the documents to Stephen, and a resolution will be made. MTA agreement is being reviewed and will be shared at the next BOS meeting.

Mr. Shaffer stated with everyone resigning from the Community Days committee, the township is looking to delegate it to Recreation Commission temporarily. Attorney Backenstoe will look into what needs to be changed as far as ordinances with the committees.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Tirrell stated the organization meeting will happen in February, also the committee wants to speak with Stephen on creating a section of the website to post information on the history of the township.

LAND & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD (LEPB)

Mr. Roberts stated Scout Logan from Troop #33 has completed his Eagle project of the bat and owl boxes, along with QR codes to explain the uses and project information. Mr. Romano has stepped down as Chairman of the board after roughly 16 years and is now Vice Chairman. Mr. Shaffer added that newsletter articles are due April 1st.

COMMUNITY DAYS COMMITTEE

No current committee

ZONING AND BUILDING OFFICER

Mr. Harhart submitted his January report.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Mr. Horvath stated 622 Monocacy Dr. is requesting a waiver for isolation distance requirement for treatment tanks to surrounding properties. The property is not large enough; it would be roughly 12 feet instead of 50 feet. There are no other properties to pose a threat to, it only effects 622 Monocacy Dr. The treatment tank has a leak and needs to be replaced. Mr. Horvath finds no issue with this if the property owner enters an indemnification agreement.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve the isolation distance waiver for 622 Monocacy Drive per KCE letter dated January 29th, 2026

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Horvath also discussed the Sacred Heart Developers Agreement. It was a subdivision plan recorded back in the early 2000s. Nothing has ever been done with these parcels, no improvements were made that were once required, presently after review there are no improvements that need to be made. Mr. Horvath recommends the money that has been saved on account of these improvements be returned to Sacred Heart Church and termination of the developer's agreement.

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion to terminate the Sacred Heart developer's agreement and return the \$30,000+ money back to Sacred Heart

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Attorney Backenstoe discussed the Water's Edge Appeal update; the commonwealth concluded that the ZHB was correct on the man-made steep slope issues pertaining to the warehouse. They also stated the township cannot require improvements to the entirety of Jones Road, only the side contiguous with the property. And lastly, they felt the ZHB did not provide the last finding of the deterrent to the community if the variance was granted. The matter has been sent back to the ZHB, still waiting on the attorney of the developer and what their stance is. There is still a complicated process left to this matter that could possibly take another year or two. It was questioned if there was ever a traffic study completed for the warehouse, Mr. Horvath stated there has been as required by PennDOT standards, and nothing detrimental was found.

Attorney Backenstoe spoke of the Animal Maintenance Ordinance; there has been work by many on putting this together to explain personal to commercial livestock guidelines for the township. From amount of property needed, to the fencing to the shelters, it will cover every aspect. Attorney Backenstoe will continue gathering information and create a draft for next meeting.

Lastly Attorney Backenstoe discussed the Data center ordinance, he explained his revised ordinance after speaking with the Planning Commission. He discussed the possible uses and zoning districts they could be classified as, as well as the differences between them and the processes they would go through for approval. Mr. Shaffer stated he feels the process should stay uniform to that of warehouses and remain conditional use. Mr. Zeitner added that most surrounding municipalities are also keeping them as a conditional use. More research will be done on these centers and added as needed.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Mr. Stephen Nowroski requested approval to create an RFP for a supplier of Fuel oil and Diesel fuel. Currently there is no contract between those who deliver these fuels and the township, service has also been an issue.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to move forward with the Fuel oil and Diesel fuel RFP

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Nowroski also received an MOU from Northampton County about this building being used as a polling place. They are not offering any consideration for the use.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to accept the MOU from Northampton County to keep the township as a polling place

Mr. Piorkowski seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMOS

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Zach Zeitner stated the ZHB had their organization meeting, and the positions are as follows: Zach Zeitner- Chairman, Jeff Deloglas- Vice Chair, Tama Rigler, Lyle Woodward, Randy Silfies all voting members. Kim Talipan, Matt Flower, Victoria Valentine are all alternates.

Jodi Hartzell also mentioned that the Rec Commission had an organization meeting and there were no changes in positions.

Nick Chech -2679 Community Dr, Hoss Towing. Questioned if the board has more than one towing company on the records for 2026. Chief West stated another did apply but he is not in compliance with the ordinance. Mr. Chech stated he has done everything he possibly can to be complaint with Moore Twp and asked if there's any consideration for going back to the original plan when they changed it and redacted it and it would have included Hoss Towing as a possibility. Hoss Towing is in Moore Twp, and he lives in Moore Twp but his pen for vehicles is in Bath about a mile away. He's looking to see if they're willing to go back and expand the radius for towers. Mr. Shaffer stated he feels the ordinance should possibly be abolished and the police be the ones who will be dealing with the towing companies. The issue will be discussed further by the board and with the Police Chief on a decision.

Jay Martyn- 557 Donna Drive made a complaint about the way snow was being removed in the development. He requested Mr. Hoffman talk with the crew about which direction to plow the snow going further and not plow it towards the residents' driveways.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM

Mr. Piorkowski 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.