

CLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2025

The Supervisors of Clay Township met on an advertised meeting date of February 25, 2025, at 7:00 AM at the Clay Township Municipal Office, 870 Durlach Road, Stevens, Pennsylvania, at a time and place duly established to hold such a meeting and advertised and posted in accordance with the Second-Class Township Code and the Sunshine Law. The meeting agenda was also posted in accordance with the Second-Class Township Code and the Sunshine Law.

Supervisors present were Timothy Lausch, Chairman, Keith Martin, Vice President and Luke Rohrer, Secretary.

Bruce Leisey, Township Manager, Wendy Hackman, Administrative Assistant, Robert Lynn, Hanover Engineering and Jennifer Mejia, Mejia Law Group were present.

Tim Lausch called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM.

Meeting Minutes

Luke Rohrer made a motion, seconded by Keith Martin to approve the January 28, 2025 meeting minutes. * The motion was unanimously approved.

Visitors

1. Rochelle Lawrence – Seglock Road

Rachelle Lawrence asked to address the Board to report what she believes to be an environmental concern on her mother-in-law's (Cheryl Lawrence) property at - 1205 Seglock Road. Ms. Lawrence reported what she believed to be over fertilizing occurred on the property and she is concerned that it caused damage to the immediate environment and killed domestic animals and possibly protected animals such as the bog turtle.

Ms. Lawrence mentioned that Jay Lloyd Wise works the farm, but she does not believe that he applied the fertilizer.

The board said it would reach out to the Lancaster County Conservation district to investigate. When asked, Ms. Lawrence acknowledged that she is not a Power of Attorney for property owner Cheryl Lawrence. As a result, Jennifer Mejia, solicitor informed her that the Township would treat the information as a report by a Township resident but that future communications and any action would need to be authorized by Cheryl Lawrence or her legal representative.

Finally, Ms. Lawrence stated she felt she and her family were being harassed. She has been in contact with NLCRP and she was told that is the appropriate agency.

2. James Martin – Sunnyside Road

Mr. Martin shared a notice of an Agreement reached with Sugar Grove Township Authority to resolve allegations that the Township violated the right of Amish residents under the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) by requiring Amish residents to hook up to public sewer which required the use of electric grinder pumps and by prohibiting privies for permanent residents.

The Board thanked Mr. Martin for the information. Jennifer Mejia stated that the Sugar Grove case is not applicable to Clay Township because the Township does have a privy ordinance in place and does not require the use of electricity as was at issue in Sugar Grove.

Bruce Leisey recommended Mr. Martin contact his engineer to determine which type of system will best serve his needs and prepare a submission to the Township for review.

Engineer’s Report

1. Mark & Lorraine Martin – Final Land Development Plan

Bob Lynn reviewed the deferral request with the Board of Supervisors. Mark & Lorraine Martin have requested a deferral of planning from Clay Township to allow the processing of a land development plan to be done by Ephrata Township. The farm is located in Ephrata (24.845 acres) and Clay Township (1.793 acres). The farm is located at 1601 Lincoln Road, Litz. There is an existing dwelling at the NE corner of Wood Corner Road and Lincoln Road. The existing dwelling is situated in both Township’s. The plan is to construct an accessory farm dwelling on the portion of the lot south of Lincoln Road, located entirely in Ephrata Township. Ephrata Township requires a land development plan be approved for the construction of a second dwelling.

Keith Martin made a motion, seconded by Luke Rohrer to defer the planning process to Ephrata Township of the plan. * The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Daniel Esh, 415 Indian Run Road – Review Berm Design

Bruce Leisey reviewed the proposed berm design to control stormwater on his property. Mr. Esh has worked with TeamAg on the berm design.

Bob Lynn suggested the diversion berm be discharged to a level spreader onto the stabilized area and the berm be keyed into the existing ground and seeded matting placed over the top.

Bruce Leisey will follow up with a letter to Daniel regarding the additional items.

Luke Rohrer made a motion, seconded by Keith Martin to approve the berm design to be included with his existing Ag E&S plan. * The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Approve Resolution to Destroy Records

Bruce Leisey reviewed the list of records to be destroyed under the 2008 Municipal Records Manual.

Keith Martin made a motion, seconded by Luke Rohrer to approve and execute Resolution #022525 to destroy municipal records. * The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Approve Request for Fire Police to Provide Traffic Control at Penryn Fire Co Mud Sale on March 15, 2025

Bruce Leisey reviewed the request with the Board of Supervisors.

Luke Rohrer made a motion, seconded by Keith Martin to approve the assistance of Durlach Mt Airy Fire Police at the Penryn mud sale on March 15, 2025. * The motion was unanimously approved.

3. LCCD – Review and Execute Memorandum of Understanding

Bruce Leisey informed the Board of Supervisors that the Lancaster County Conservation District (LCCD) is celebrating a 75th anniversary this year. For about a quarter of that time, they have maintained a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with their Municipal partners to outline the scope and scale of responsibilities and expectations between the two organizations. The 2025 Municipal MOU will become effective May 2, 2025.

Keith Martin made a motion, seconded by Luke Rohrer to approve and execute the 2025 MOU with LCCD. * The motion was unanimously approved.

Bills to Be Paid

None

Executive Session

Keith Martin made a motion, seconded by Luke Rohrer to enter into Executive Session at 8:07 AM to discuss potential litigation and personnel issues. * The motion was unanimously approved.

Keith Martin made a motion, seconded by Luke Rohrer to exit Executive Session at 8:49 AM. * The motion was unanimously approved.

No decisions were made.

Adjournment

Keith Martin made a motion, seconded by Luke Rohrer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 AM. * The motion was approved unanimously.

Clay Township Board of Supervisors

Timothy Lausch, Chairman

Keith Martin, Vice Chairman

Luke Rohrer, Secretary