



1. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Lazzini at 6:59 PM at 100 Township Drive, South Fayette, PA 15017.

2. PRESENT: ORAVECZ, POSTUFKA, LAZZINI, SRAY

ALSO PRESENT: Township Solicitor: Chris Seymour; Township Manager: John M. Barrett; Township Executive Assistant: Arianna Lower

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. RECOGNITION OF OFFICER MIKE ZURCHER

Chief John Phoennik presented Officer Zurcher with a plaque and thanked him for his service, totaling 44 years, 26 of which were in South Fayette.

Officer Zurcher expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to work for the South Fayette Township Police Department.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT* - None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A. SOUTH FAYETTE LIBRARY REPORT

B. OAK RIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

C. SOUTHBRIDGE EMS REPORT

Dan Miller, SouthBridge Executive Director – Our report was submitted with the year-end statistics. We made 5,701 calls for the year, which is an increase of 405 from 2024. South Fayette had 3,234 of those calls. We employed 29 people this year, with 20 full-time EMTs and paramedics. We had a payroll budget of \$1.2 million.

We were officially certified by the Office of State Fire Commission under the Voluntary Rescue Service Recognition Program as a Level 4A Swift Water Rescue Team. We are working on securing grants to continue to a Level 3 Boat Ops team.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by ORAVECZ and seconded by POSTUFKA to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2026, regular meeting. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

B. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Barrett – Commissioner Oravec asked about the large bill to Jordan Tax Service. That is for tax refunds.

It was moved by POSTUFKA and seconded by ORAVECZ to pay the January 2026 bills. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

C. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Barrett – There is no real estate tax revenue yet this year, but we did have \$1.1 million in revenues from Earned Income Tax (EIT) and Real Estate Transfer Tax. We had \$1.5 million in expenditures, so we're working with a \$400,000 deficit this first month.

Pat Catena, Assistant Manager – Jordan Tax Service is still working through the delinquent taxes from 2025, so we can expect some of that to come to us in the near future.

It was moved by ORAVECZ and seconded by SRAY to accept the financials. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

D. BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES

Mr. Barrett highlighted the amounts in each fund.

It was moved by ORAVECZ and seconded by SRAY to accept the bank balances. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

8. LIAISON REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY – Commissioner Lazzini – Commissioner Postufka will take over for this, but since he was out of town, I attended in his stead. I attended the South Fayette Fire Advisory Committee meeting. The Fire Services Coordinator has been posted, and the township is receiving applications for it. Interviews are expected to happen sometime this month.

B. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE – Commissioner Sray – No report.

C. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Commissioner Lazzini – I attended the first SHACOG meeting of the year. The Pennsylvania Department of Labor announced new 2026 bidding thresholds, which were the highlight of the meeting.

D. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Commissioner Hondru – Absent.

E. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Commissioner Oravec – I attended the Parks and Recreation Board meeting, where we met with the athletic associations to go over the lines on the multi-purpose fields at Fairview. Paula is working on getting new drawings for the lines. There was a discussion on the center logo being preferred, and the lettering will be on the sidelines and not in the end zone.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS - COMPLETE DEPARTMENT REPORTS ARE INCLUDED AS ATTACHMENTS ON THE AGENDA

A. MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Barrett – We have three contracts we are asking for you to approve for the 2026 Paving Program. We have a \$1.2 million budget for the three contracts. These contracts do exceed that amount, and we will work with the contractors to reduce the amount to reach our budget number.

We applied to the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for traffic signal installation at the intersection of Presto-Sygan and Newbury Highland. The grant was awarded for \$349,000, which should pay for the majority of it. There will be a two-year window to complete the work once we are under contract.

As an update for the 515 Millers Run Road Project, we are running a little behind with the value engineering for the project. We are looking to advertise for the first week of March.

B. ASSISTANT MANAGER’S REPORT

Pat Catena, Assistant Manager – I am still working with Jordan Tax Service on the tax years 2024 and 2025, and working through resident complaints who may not have received their tax bills.

I am also working with the solicitor on some easement issues for West Penn Power for Fairview Park.

I had a discussion with Allegheny Court Records about a legal matter and had it corrected both downtown and with our local magistrate.

C. BUILDING PERMITS REPORT

Mr. Barrett – Not many building permits in January, just seven new townhomes. The South Fayette Township School District’s new bus garage permit has been processed, but we are waiving the fee for that. It’s a large commercial development, but there is no fee with it.

D. COMMUNICATIONS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Andrea Iglar, Director of Communications and Community Development – The winter issue of the South Fayette Connect magazine has been published digitally and will reach homes next week.

We spent a lot of time this month on snowstorm communications. We started advertising our summer and seasonal job positions to start that process. It has been a busy time of year for business meetings and sponsor advertiser meetings, so businesses can make plans for their involvement.

We hit more than 10,000 followers on our Facebook page, which is equivalent to more than half of the township population.

E. ENGINEER’S REPORT

Jason Paulovich, Gibson Thomas Engineering – We worked with Vitali on the Paving Program for this year, specifically with the Hickory Grade Road widening and a few parking lots for the parks.

The contractor on the Fairview Park Ballfields Project has been on a break due to the weather, but they did recently return to finish up the fencing and sidewalks. For the Multipurpose Fields Project, we have been waiting on the county to schedule a pre-application meeting. We have just had that meeting, so that will move into review for the NPDES permit amendment.

For the Planning Commission, we will discuss the LaFayette 180 Project. They made substantial changes to the previously approved project, so they need an additional approval. That should be back before you in March.

The Stonegate Project is expected to break ground in the coming weeks, which will begin phases three, four, and five. We are expecting Bass Pro Shops to break ground in the coming weeks as well.

F. FACILITIES REPORT

Mr. Barrett – Vitali investigated a Return on Investment for the solar panels, which is 17 years.

Also, Vitali would like to purchase a properly sized generator for the Municipal Building. As of right now, the generator we have does not power the heating and cooling on the second floor and does not completely power the building. He is looking at engaging an engineer to size it appropriately.

Commissioner Lazzini – Does the current generator meet the criteria for the police?

Mr. Barrett – It does. When we lost power last year, the police were able to stay fully functional. The second floor was not, and this would look to correct that.

G. PARKS & RECREATION REPORT

Mr. Barrett – There was a meeting with the Conservation District on the multipurpose fields. Permits are being submitted.

Mr. Paulovich – We are looking to get the modifications approved quickly since those can be constructed this winter and early spring. Hopefully, those fields will be playable this season.

Mr. Barrett – Paula did get a successful extension on the grant for the baseball fields.

H. POLICE REPORT

John Phoennik, Chief of Police – Our Citizens Police Academy registration is closed, and we have 29 applicants.

Our police applications will open on Monday, March 16, and we will be accepting applications for a month. Testing will be completed on March 24.

We partnered with the 12 Months of April, and they outfitted all our vehicles with sensory kits to help kids with autism in a crisis situation.

I. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Dan Dernosek, Director of Public Works – We dealt with a lot of snow this month. We had 12 callouts with 6 overtimes. We had two 18-hour days. We are currently working on hauling the snow piles out of the neighborhoods. We are good on salt for now. We have not received a shipment in about two and a half weeks. We get our salt through American Rock Salt.

The parks department pulled down all the winter decorations and worked on clearing the snow in the parks and at the municipal building.

We have a new employee starting on March 1.

Our mechanics have been working on our plows. They had to rebuild two of our plows. They put new brakes on the forklift.

J. REQUEST TRACKER

Mr. Barrett – We had a large request tracker output this month, mostly snow, ice, and trash complaints.

10. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER S-09-2025 SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, PRELIMINARY AND FINAL MINOR SUBDIVISION / CONSOLIDATION APPLICATION, PARCELS 327-E-1 & 404-C-1, ZONED CD-1, CONSERVATION.

Mr. Paulovich – This is for the School District campus. The proposed primary school would cut across a parcel line. They decided to consolidate the parcels. The Planning Commission and the county have approved it. There is one modification that they are seeking relief. Township ordinances require spot elevations to be shown on the drawings. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

It was moved by POSTUFKA and seconded by SRAY to approve S-09-2025 South Fayette Township School District, Preliminary and Final Minor Subdivision / Consolidation Application, Parcels 327-E-1 & 404-C-1, Zoned CD-1, Conservation with the modification of 215-13.L.6. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

B. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A MOTION TO APPROVE AWARDDING MORGAN EXCAVATING LP THE CONTRACT FOR THE MILL AND FILL PAVEMENT ROAD PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,125,147.50

It was moved by ORAVECZ and seconded by SRAY to approve awarding Morgan Excavating LP the contract for the Mill and Fill Pavement Road Program in the amount not to exceed \$1,125,147.50. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

C. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A MOTION TO APPROVE AWARDDING PAVEMENT TECHNOLOGY, INC THE CONTRACT FOR THE REJUVENATION PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$71,250.00

It was moved by ORAVECZ and seconded by POSTUFKA to approve awarding Pavement Technology, Inc., the contract for the Rejuvenation Program in the amount not to exceed \$71,250.00. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

D. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A MOTION TO APPROVE AWARDDING RUSSELL STANDARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE CAPE SEAL PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$199,750.00

It was moved by SRAY and seconded by ORAVECZ to approve awarding Russell Standard the contract for the Cape Seal Program in the amount not to exceed \$199,750.00. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

E. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2026-2, APPROVAL OF ACT 537 PLAN REVISION FOR ROBINSON RUN INTERCEPTOR

Mr. Paulovich – This is from the Municipal Authority. The township has no maintenance or ownership liabilities or obligations, but it is a requirement to be a sponsor of the program.

It was moved by POSTUFKA and seconded by SRAY to approve Resolution 2026-2, approval of the Act 537 Plan Revision for Robinson Run Interceptor. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

F. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A MOTION TO EXTEND A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO RYAN WINGERTSAHN TO THE POSITION OF DRIVER / LABORER WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It was moved by SRAY and seconded by ORAVECZ to approve a motion to extend a conditional offer of employment to Ryan Wingertsahn to the position of Driver / Laborer with the Public Works Department. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

12. SOLICITOR’S REPORT – No report.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT* - None.

14. BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Barrett – We are unable to establish a quorum for the scheduled March meeting on the 11th. So, we will move the meeting to the 18th, a week later.

15. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by ORAVECZ and seconded by SRAY to adjourn at 7:38 PM. All members present voted AYE to the motion.

John M. Barrett, Township Manager

Chuck Lazzini, President

Date

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