MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2026

Call to Order: The October 14, 2026, regular scheduled meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held at Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA. Chairman, Matthew Given, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Given then led the Board and Audience in a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Matthew Given	Chair
Kenneth Lichtenstein	Vice Chair
Daniel Hilferty	Member
Gregory Bankos	Member
Jennifer Moroney	Member

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Township Manager:	Stacey Mulholland
Township Solicitor:	William Oetinger, Esq.
Township Engineer:	Timothy Fulmer, PE
Asst. Twp. Manager:	Steve Hicks

* Not Present

Announcements:

Mr. Given announced that the EAC meets on the first Tuesday; the Veterans Ad Hoc Committee meets on the first Thursday; the Parks & Rec. Committee meets on the second Monday; the LPEAC meets on the second Thursday; and the Historic Advisory Committee meets on the third Monday of each month. All meetings are at 7:00pm at the Plumstead Township Building unless otherwise noted. Residents can check the Township website for the full calendar and updated information.

1. Presentations:

a. Resolution 2026-14 - Recognition of Bishop Family Farm as the BCCD's Fred Groshens BC Farmer of the Year Award Winner:

Mr. Given recognized resident, Josh Bishop, for winning the Fred Groshens Bucks County Farmer of the Year Award and presented Mr. Bishop with a certificate of recognition from the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors.

> **MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2026-14 – Recognition of the Bishop Family Farm and Josh Bishop as the recipients of the Fred Groshens Bucks County Farmer of the Year award presented by the Bucks County Conservation District.**

Public Comment:

Mr. Given reviewed the rules for public comment and reminded the audience of the sign-in sheet.

Resident Kelly McGowan stated that she was streaming the meeting.

Residents Liz Patrick, Kathy Finnigan, and Hank Goldberg expressed their concerns over the Shull Farm and Kingdom Provisions.

2. Department & Advisory Board Reports:

a. Public Safety:

Chief Mettin reviewed the emergency call logs, fire inspections, training sessions, police incident responses, citations issued and arrests made over the last month. Chief Mettin stated that the Police Administrator, Sarah Ferri, taught a class at a Dept. of Open Records seminar to assist other municipalities with the software used by police departments. Additionally, Chief Mettin reviewed the response logs for the newly formed fire department, stating that the volunteers are responding during the daytime to assist the paid crew, providing more firefighters per incident. Chief Mettin also reviewed the response logs for the volunteer fire companies that serve Plumstead, as well as Pt. Pleasant Plumsteadville EMS and Central Bucks EMS.

Mr. Lichtenstein had Chief Mettin review the fire inspection process, specifically how re-inspections were handled.

Mr. Hilferty would like to know what the response times for the fire companies were prior to starting the paid fire department, compared to how it is now, which Chief Mettin stated should be around 1 minute for the paid unit.

Ms. Moroney inquired about whether Chief Mettin saw any crime trends from the statistics. Chief Mettin stated that internet fraud was the biggest issue.

3. Hearings:

a. Ordinance 2026-05 – Time Frame for Municipal Waste and Recyclables Collection Times:

Mr. Oetinger opened the public hearing at 7:23p.m.

Mr. Oetinger explained that the ordinance would establish business hours for trash and recycling pick-up to occur within the Township. Mr. Oetinger stated that the proposed hours would be 6am-6pm.

There was no public comment

Mr. closed the public hearing at 7:25p.m.

Mr. Bankos expressed his support for the ordinance.

Mr. Lichtenstein inquired about whether the haulers had been consulted. Ms. Mulholland explained that she spoke with the haulers that serve Plumstead, and they all stated that they try to get trucks out prior to school buses getting out on the road, and the haulers' bigger concerns are that the landfills close at 3pm every day. If they don't meet the 3pm deadline, the trucks must be emptied the next morning, which can delay pick-up for the remainder of the week.

Mr. Hilferty expressed his concern over unintended consequences.

Ms. Moroney echoed Mr. Hilferty's concern and agreed that we should just be engaging residents and specific

haulers when complaints come up.

Mr. Given stated that he shared the concerns but also believes that people shouldn't be woken up at 3am.

Resident Rob Bradley stated that the information regarding the public hearing should have been made available sooner to educate the residents.

Resident Loyd Bush Jr. supported tabling the ordinance, stating concerns over logistics and unintended consequences.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Bankos, seconded by Mr. Given, to adopt the proposed ordinance, however, the Board unanimously opposed the motion for adoption.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Given, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously tabled the proposed ordinance until a later date when the Board decides it is a needed ordinance.

4. Engineer's Report:

a. Hey Dude Partners, LLC – Land Development – Preliminary Plan: In attendance for the applicant was

Mr. Fulmer realized that the applicant was not in attendance.

> **MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the Board unanimously tabled the agenda item until the applicant could attend a later meeting.**

b. Public Sewer EDU Request – 4783 Landisville Rd.:

Mr. Fulmer explained that the current on-lot system is failing. The property is within the service area, and the facilities needed to make the connection are on Landisville right in front of the lot. Mr. Fulmer stated that the lot is vacant but has a riparian buffer which would make it difficult to have room for a sand mound.

Mr. Hilferty inquired about whether the BCSWA would allow the connection. Mr. Fulmer stated that the applicant will need to purchase a CBSII EDU, but otherwise, there are no restrictions.

> **MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the Board unanimously authorized the allocation of 1 EDU to serve 4783 Landisville Rd.**

5. Solicitor's Report:

a. Terence Froman ZHB Application – 5821 Easton Rd.:

Mr. Oetinger explained that the applicant has requested to be removed from the agenda so they can submit a sketch plan prior to going to the ZHB.

> **CONSENSUS: Upon General Consent, the Board removed the Froman ZHB Application from the meeting agenda.**

b. Fire Services Agreements:

Mr. Oetinger explained that these agreements outline how the Township's paid department and the volunteer fire companies will work together. Mr. Oetinger and Chief Mettin explained that volunteerism has always been crucial for the Township, and that hasn't changed now that there is a paid crew. Chief Mettin explained that the

agreements show the training needed, command structure, the equipment that can be used by the paid unit, and overall, how everyone will work together. Chief Mettin praised Fire Chief Wiegman for working with the volunteers to get the agreements executed. Mr. Bankos questioned whether the Township has right of first purchase or any say in the sale of fire equipment. Chief Mettin stated that the Township would be able to bid on the equipment. Ms. Mulholland stated that if a VFC dissolves, the Township would have right of first refusal to purchase the equipment.

Ms. Moroney questioned the ability to modify the agreement as needed. Mr. Oetinger confirmed that the agreement can be modified at any time as needed. Mr. Oetinger stated that the agreements set rules for everyone to follow, and as the needs of the Township changes, so can the agreements. Chief Mettin confirmed that the agreements would be live documents that must be amended as needs change.

Mr. Given thanked Ms. Mulholland, Mr. Oetinger, and Chief Mettin for their hard work on getting the agreements created. Chief Mettin stated that while the discussion was regarding the fire companies, he wanted to recognize Pt. Pleasant Plumsteadville EMS for their cooperation.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Given, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously authorized the execution of the Fire Services Agreement that outlines roles, responsibilities, and standards applicable to all fire services serving Plumstead Township.

6. Administrative Report:

Ms. Mulholland gave a brief overview of what LSA grants are and how the application process works, stating that the application deadline is Oct. 30th, but the awards won't be handed out until the State passes the budget, which means the recipients won't hear prior to Fall 2027. Ms. Mulholland stated that the Township cannot be reimbursed for any work that is done prior to the grant being awarded.

a. Resolution 2026-17 – Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Application, Plumstead Township:

Ms. Mulholland stated that this grant application would be for AV equipment in the Board meeting room.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. Given, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2026-17 authorizing the Township Manager to apply for a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant from the Commonwealth Finance Authority for meeting room AV equipment.

b. Resolution 2026-18 – Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Application, Plumstead Township Fire & Rescue Dept.:

When asked by Mr. Hilferty, Ms. Mulholland confirmed that hose and equipment would be used by the volunteer fire companies in addition to the Township.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2026-18 authorizing the Township Manager to apply for a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant from the Commonwealth Finance Authority for Fire Hose and Rescue Equipment.

c. Resolution 2026-19 – Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Application, Plumstead Township on behalf of Pt. Pleasant Plumsteadville EMS:

Mr. Oetinger stated that only municipalities can apply for the grants, but they can do so on behalf of emergency organizations.

Resident Loyd Bush questioned whether the ambulance would be ready to use immediately.

A representative from PPPEMS who was in the audience said, when asked by Mr. Bankos, that a new ambulance would be used to expand the depth of their service and prevent service limitations if an existing ambulance is down for service.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Given, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2026-19 authorizing the Township Manager to apply for a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant from the Commonwealth Finance Authority on behalf of the Point Pleasant Plumsteadville EMS for an ambulance.

d. Resolution 2026-20 – Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Application, Plumstead Township Park & Recreation Dept.:

Ms. Mulholland explained that the grant would be for $120,000 for a splash pad in Landis Park. Mr. Bankos expressed his desire to have a conversation about the future plans for the parks system. Ms. Mulholland stated that the Parks Department chose a splash pad in Landis Park to attract more visitors to the park. Ms. Mulholland stated that the tot lot in Cabin Run needs to be repaired or removed per the risk assessment by the insurance company. Mr. Bankos stated that the demographics are changing and there are not as many young children in the township.

Mr. Given stated that a bigger picture view of the park system should be taken prior to applying for the grant. Mr. Given suggested increasing the requested amount to cover more projects.

Mr. Hilferty echoed Mr. Given and Mr. Bankos' desire to have a larger look at the park system. Ms. Mulholland stated that she can work with the insurance company on the risk management assessment to come up with a larger plan for the parks.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Moroney, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2026-20 authorizing the Township Manager to apply for a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant from the Commonwealth Finance Authority for materials for park improvements.

e. Meeting Room Audio/Visual Quotes:

Mr. Hicks explained that over the past few months, the Township had meetings with and received quotes from multiple AV firms in an effort to update the aging sound system in the Township's meeting room. Mr. Hicks stated that the proposed upgrade would include new microphones, new speakers, new control panel, and the inclusion of a camera so the Township could stream the Board meetings. Of the firms that the Township met with, Mr. Hicks stated that he believed Haverford Systems would be the best option. Mr. Hicks stated that the original quote included a two-camera system, however, Mr. Hicks requested that the Board approve a quote revision to go from a two-camera system to a one-camera system, which is industry standard for surrounding municipalities.

Resident Loyd Bush Jr. inquired about whether the Township was seeking a grant for the AV system. Ms. Mulholland stated that the Township would be applying for an LSA grant but will also be budgeting for this project.

Resident Kelly McGowan inquired about being able to add to the system. Mr. Hicks stated that Haverford's system can be added onto in the future as needed.

Mr. Hilferty and Mr. Bankos expressed their desire to wait to see if the Township is awarded the LSA grant

instead of budgeting for the system. Mr. Bankos questioned whether this project should be tabled until the grant awards take place.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Given, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board voted 3-2 to authorize the Township Manager to contract with Haverford Systems for the installation of new audio and visual recording equipment, subject to reducing the proposed system from a 2 camera system to a 1 camera system in an amount not to exceed $50,890.88. Mr. Hilferty and Mr. Bankos opposed.

f. HRG Utility Valuation:

Mr. Lichtenstein stated that given the recent events with the water system this past Summer, it would be a good idea to get a valuation of assets performed.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Ms. Moroney, the Board unanimously authorized the Township Manager to contract with HRG for $18,000 for a valuation of the Township Water System.

g. Municibid Sale Public Safety Department & Public Works Department:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. Hilferty, the Board unanimously authorized the sale of a 2020 Ford Interceptor police vehicle to Matthew Rogers of Leonardtown, MD, for the final bid of $5,700.00.

MOTION: Upon motion by Ms. Moroney, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously authorized the sale of 1995 international 6-wheel dump truck with salt spreader and snowplow for the amount of $4,600.00.

h. 2027 Budget Presentation Date:

Ms. Mulholland explained that due to the length of the budget presentation, she requested a special meeting date reserved for the budget presentation to take place on Monday, November 9th at 7:00pm.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hilferty, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously authorized the advertisement of the Budget Presentation meeting for Monday, November 9, 2026, at 7:00p.m.

7. Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes: September 9, 2026:

b. Bills List: October 7, 2026, in the amount of $473,746.78, subject to audit:

CONSENSUS: Upon General Consent, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

8. Other Business:

9. Public Comment:

Resident Rob Bradley expressed concern over the unintended consequences of passing an ordinance regulating trash pick-up times.

Resident Loyd Bush Jr. stated that he believes the residents should be provided with budget updates during the year without needing to submit a Right To Know request.

Resident Kellie McGowan expressed concern over the timeliness of zoning hearing board notifications.

Resident Bob Kuhn suggested that the Township use the App to gather questions from the residents to answer in the meetings.

10. Supervisors' Comments:

Mr. Bankos suggested putting all meeting packet documents on the website for the residents to look at prior to a meeting.

Mr. Lichtenstein stated his desire to increase communication with the residents. Mr. Lichtenstein thanked Chief Mettin and Chief Wiegman for their work with the fire agreements.

Mr. Hilferty stated his desire to have further enforcement of the open space areas as it relates to mowing. Ms. Mulholland stated that the Board should think about the Township's limited enforcement resources; stating that the Township only has one zoning officer, and zoning is only one part of his job at the Township. Mr. Hilferty stated that some of the Open Space delineators have fallen into disrepair and Public Works should take a look. Mr. Hilferty stated that the Veterans Day Celebration will take place on Nov. 7th at 9am at the Plumstead Christian School. Mr. Hilferty expressed his disappointment that the Township's Facebook page posted about a holiday that was not the official federal government holiday. Additionally, Mr. Hilferty stated that during his meeting with the farmers, one of the farmers suggested looking into forestry on some of the wooded Township lots. Ms. Mulholland suggested that the Township Arborist look into that.

Ms. Moroney thanked Ms. Mulholland for working on the budget. Ms. Moroney expressed her disappointment at people being upset over the Facebook post.

Mr. Given read an email from a resident on the intersection of Old Easton and Sawmill thanking the Township for the Public Works project that added barriers at the intersection.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Mr. Lichtenstein, seconded by Mr. Bankos, the meeting adjourned at 9:17p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date Approved:_____

Steve Hicks, Asst. Township Manager