

**MINUTES OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MEETING
JUNE 25, 2025**

1. Call to Order: The June 25, 2025, work session meeting of the Plumstead Township Board of Supervisors was held at Plumstead Township Municipal Building, 5186 Stump Road, Pipersville, PA. Chairman, James McComb, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

James McComb	Chair
Daniel Hilferty	Vice Chair
Kenneth Lichtenstein	Member
Gregory Bankos	Member
Matthew Given	Member

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

* Not Present

2. Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. McComb led the Board and Audience in a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McComb read a statement on behalf of the Board of Supervisors thanking the members of the Public Works Department for their hard work during the intense heat of the summer months.

Mr. McComb announced that the Board met in Executive Session on June 25, 2025, to discuss personnel matters.

3. Public Comment: There was no public comment at this time.

4. New Business:

4.a. EMS Update: In attendance from the Point Pleasant Plumsteadville EMS was Chief Mike Tuttle and from Central Buck EMS was Chief Chuck Pressler

Mr. Tuttle discussed the EMS coverage issues in Upper Bucks and explained that those issues have had very little impact on the PPPEMS. Mr. Tuttle explained that his unit could be impacted financially depending on if and where CBEMS takes over coverage in Upper Bucks. Mr. Pressler stated that CBEMS would not move into any location that will negatively impact PPPEMS. Mr. Pressler and Mr. Tuttle stated that they would be attending a meeting in Bridgeton on July 25, 2025, to discuss the Upper Bucks coverage issues.

4.b. Consideration for drafting of Fire Company Services Agreement: In attendance from Pt. Pleasant Fire Company was Chief Scott Fleisher. In attendance from Plumsteadville Volunteer Fire Company was President Mark Banas and Captain Dan Pfeiffer.

Ms. Mulholland stated that an agreement between municipalities and fire companies is something that has

occurred in other parts of Bucks County, and she wanted input from the two fire companies regarding establishing an agreement in Plumstead Township. Mr. Fleisher stated that he has reviewed the proposed agreement and stated that it basically formalizes what they are already doing and would like to review it with his unit and the PVFC. Mr. Banas read a statement from PVFC Chief, Marc Longo, stating that the PVFC has concerns signing an agreement with their current staffing issues.

Mr. Pfeiffer presented the Board with a statistical report outlining the issues at PVFC, stating that there are three main issues: lack of interior qualified firefighters, lack of interior qualified firefighters during the day, and delayed response times. PVFC is about to lose two interior qualified firefighters, leaving them with 11 interior qualified firefighters. The total average per call is 9 people. They average 3 people per truck. Both of those averages are below the National level. Mr. Pfeiffer explained that their average response time is 11 minutes from dispatch to the scene, which is over double the national level. Mr. Pfeiffer continued to explain that overall, PVFC is below the national standard in every category. Mr. Pfeiffer recommended that they need to hire paid daytime crews.

Upon being asked by Mr. Hilferty, Mr. Fleisher stated that he did not have the exact numbers for PPFC compared to the national standards, but he stated that they are most likely below the standard, but better than PVFC. The two fire companies answered the Boards various questions regarding the types of fires and emergencies in Plumstead Township. Mr. Banas stated that Plumstead Township is a very safe municipality, however, the current fire companies just do not have the resources to handle all the calls. Mr. Banas stated that he has toured the Northampton Fire Company, and they are set up to handle 24-hour service, but Plumstead is not close to that stage yet. Mr. Pfeiffer stated that he is a full-time firefighter in Warminster, and they began with three full-time firefighters mixed in with the volunteers, which made a significant difference in daytime response. Mr. Pfeiffer gave a brief explanation of how the hiring process and chain of command work for the full-time firefighters that work alongside the volunteers in Warminster. Mr. Pfeiffer and Mr. Banas gave a brief explanation regarding what costs the townships cover that already have paid firefighters. Mr. McComb inquired about in a perfect world how many firefighters are needed to meet the national standards. Mr. Pfeiffer and Mr. Fleisher stated that 4-5 people would be needed. Mr. Pfeiffer stated that in Warminster, the paid firefighters also handle fire inspections and community events. Mr. Fleisher stated that hiring a few day-time firefighters will speed up the merger process between the two volunteer fire companies. The fire companies answered various questions regarding supporting surrounding communities, coverage areas, and equipment merging.

4.c. Funding Request Update: The Board decided to remove this agenda item from the meeting.

5. Board of Supervisors Comments: There were no Supervisor comments at this time.

6. Consent Agenda:

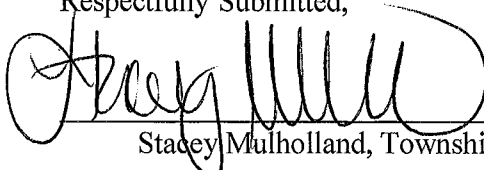
6.a. Bills List dated June 25, 2025, in the amount of \$453,929.37, subject to audit:

6.b. Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2025, Work Session:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Given, seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

7. Adjournment: Upon motion by Mr. Bankos and seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:14p.m.

Date Approved: 7-30-25

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Mulholland, Township Manager