EAST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

DATE AND TIME:	September 2, 2026	6:00 p.m.
ATTENDANCE:	Board Members:	Thomas A. Bennett Carly E. Abbott Robert M. Johnson Darren M. Landis Alex D. Tran
	Township Manager	Cindy Schweitzer
	Asst. Manager:	Diane Garber
	Director of Planning:	Nathanial Sturgis (zoom)
	Director of Public Works:	Andrew Grumbrecht (zoom)
	Chief Fire Official:	John Kottmyer (zoom)

The Board of Supervisors held an in-person and virtual public meeting using Zoom. The in-person meeting was held at the East Hempfield Township Municipal Building, 1700 Nissley Road, Landisville. The meeting was advertised, and the public was permitted to attend in-person or remotely via Zoom (video and audio) along with instructions on how to do so.

Call to order, moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance – Chairperson Johnson called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lancaster Public Library – Jon Heinly, Director of Donor Advising and Jill Westen, Director of Library Services were present to review the past year of activities and explain what the future holds.

Consent Agenda:

a) 350 Richardson Drive (23-01.02) – escrow reduction to zero
b) 1070 Hunters Path SWMP (24-03.02) - escrow reduction to zero
c) 5 Holland Street (24-05.02) – escrow reduction to $26,455 remaining
d) 1185 Enterprise Road (24-04.02) – escrow reduction to $74,814.96
e) Invoices from all funds covering 8/20/26 to 9/2/26 totaling $596,984.57
f) Approval of minutes August 19, 2026

Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Landis, and unanimously carried to accept the consent agenda items a - f, as presented.

Action Items:

a) Curative Amendment-Specific Findings of Substantive Invalidity of the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to Data Centers and the Curative Amendment process
Motion by Mr. Landis, seconded by Ms. Abbott and unanimously carried to approve Resolution #2026-26 setting forth Specific Findings of Substantive Invalidity of the

Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to Data Centers as a part of the Curative Amendment process.

b) Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance related to density in the RM zone, short term rentals and Off Street parking
Motion by Mr. Landis, seconded by Mr. Tran and unanimously authorized staff to prepare submissions to the Planning Commissions and when appropriate, to advertise for adoption consideration proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

c) Lancaster City Large Diameter pipe replacement
Motion by Ms. Abbott, seconded by Mr. Landis and unanimously approved to sign the MOU with Lancaster City allowing the installation of a large diameter water transmission main in the area of Hempland Rd. which will provide redundancy in their system.

d) 2027 MMO – Mrs. Schweitzer reviewed the prepared memo which outlined the Township cost for the pension plans in 2027.
Patty Clark, Cochran Drive inquired about the types of plans. Mrs. Schweitzer explained there is a closed non-uniformed defined benefit plan and that most non-uniformed employees are in the non-uniformed cash balance plan which is 10% of salary. The police uniformed plan is a defined benefit plan which is required under Act 600.
Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Landis and unanimously carried to approve the 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) calculations for the Township Pension Plans including the Non-Uniformed Cash Balance, Non-Uniformed Defined Benefit, Police Defined Benefit.

e) County Act 167 Plan cost sharing – Mrs. Schweitzer explained that staff has been attending these meetings which served to help guide the plan in a favorable direction for the Township. She added that there is the possibility that the contribution could be reimbursed through a DEP grant which the County is applying for.
Motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Tran and unanimously carried to approve the County Act 167 Plan cost sharing request for a commitment of $2,800 (based on population).

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Public Comment (residents or taxpayers of East Hempfield Township)
Carol Gallimore, Speedwell Road requested the Board consider banning single use plastic bags similar to what was done in Lancaster Township. The Board requested that she return with a presentation that includes why and potential impact to area businesses.

Sean Woznicki, Winding Hill Drive thanked the Board for addressing the lack of criteria in the Zoning Ordinance related to data centers.

Manager's Report/Board Group report reviewed

Adjournment - Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cindy Schweitzer, Township Manager/Secretary