

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
June 23, 2026 **Approved Minutes**
6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Al Wright, Vice Chairman
Wilson Lambert, Member
Katja DiRado, Member
Deborah Stoff, Member
Robert Sparr, Member

Township Staff Present

Scott Swichar, Township Manager
Dave Hindman, Township Treasurer
Chad Osborn, Police Chief
Township Solicitor
Mike Crotty

1. CALL TO ORDER, SILENT MEDITATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

2. DISCUSSION

- A. An executive session was held prior to the June 23, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss legal and personnel issues.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 26, 2026 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Supervisor DiRado made a motion to approve the May 26, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Stoff seconded.

VOTE: 5-0.

C. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Vice Chairperson Wright tabled this matter until next month.

D. PRESENTATION:

PRESENTATION BY TOWNSHIP'S SEWER ENGINEER, DAVE PORTER (ACT 537 PLAN AND POTENTIAL FUTURE SEWER SERVICE AREAS)

Mr. Porter discussed the extension of public water and sewer to the Doe Run Elementary School site. Mr. Porter stated the school district has contemplated redevelopment of this site since 2000's. The School District processed the sewage facilities module with the Township after Act 537 Plan update was approved by DEP. Mr. Porter stated that there is potential for homeowners to make connections to public sewer. However, Chapter 18B of the Township Ordinance only requires connection to the public sewer only after written notice is provided to the property owner. The ordinance is written to provide flexibility and discretion for the township to decide whether a homeowner should connect to public sewer. The Township is not required to direct homeowners to

connect to public sewer but could do so if there are issues with their existing sanitary system. Mr. Porter stated there are low interest loans through Pennvest to make a physical connection to sanitary sewer main.

Solicitor Crotty questioned if PA American provides any funding to connect to public sewer. He stated that maybe there is a way to update the ordinance to not force people to connect if they do not have a failing system.

Mr. Porter stated that for a public sewer project that is intended to service existing residential projects, infrastructure costs would be divided among customers, If the bona fide contribution is over \$20,000 depending upon length of sanitary sewer. However, if number comes in under \$20,000, the residents will not have to pay for the physical infrastructure but would only have to pay for connection to the public sewer.

Supervisor DiRado questioned when the Township's Act 537 is up for review.

Mr. Porter stated that DEP wants Townships to review the plan every ten years.

Dennis Crook, Township resident, commented on chapter 26.

Shane Cloyd, Township resident, commented on the pump station.

Supervisor Stoff questioned the difference between designed for and permitted for.

Mr. Porter stated that pump stations are designed to handle more flow than they are permitted for.

Philip Roomet, township resident, commented on the township ordinance.

PRESENTATION BY PENNONI (JOHN RENZO) ON STATUS OF MORTONVILLE BRIDGE

Mr. Renzo, from Pennoni, provided an overview of the Mortonville Road Bridge replacement. The Township's engineer has completed all environmental clearance work in preparation for the joint permit application that will need to be submitted to the DEP. Mr. Renzo stated that structural design work has begun. He stated that he believes it will be 6-9 months before permits are in hand. Once the permits are in hand, the project will be publicly bid.

Supervisor Stoff questioned if construction is limited to specific seasons.

Mr. Renzo stated that construction is not limited to the bridge, but construction will need to be timed for the stream reconstruction.

Supervisor Wright questioned if the bridge could be built before the stream restoration.

Mr. Renzo stated that the bridge replacement could take precedence, however a permit would still be needed. The stream restoration is paramount to the success of the bridge replacement. He discussed options for an emergency permit.

Lynn Poley, Township resident at 321 Martingale Circle, discussed a fire that occurred at her property.

Shane Cloyd, township resident, discussed the bridge project.

Philip Roomet, township resident, discussed the bridge project.

Connie McLaughlin, township resident, discussed the bridge structure.

Supervisor Sparr participated in the meeting remotely via Zoom. At approximately 7:50 p.m., Supervisor Sparr lost his Zoom connection and was no longer present for the remainder of the meeting.

E. FIRE DEPARTMENTS & DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

- 1) May Westwood Fire Company Fire Chief's Report submitted for Board and resident review.
- 2) May Westwood Fire Company EMS Report submitted for Board and resident review.
- 3) May Modena Fire Company Fire Chief's Report submitted for Board and resident review.
- 4) May Modena Fire Company Fire Chief's Report – East Fallowfield Calls Only submitted for Board and resident review.
- 5) May Modena Fire Company EMS Report submitted for Board and resident review.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 1) May 31, 2026 Treasurer's Report

MOTION: Vice Chairman Wright made a motion to approve the May 31, 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented. Supervisor DiRado seconded.

VOTE: 4-0.

- 2) Payment Authorizations.

MOTION: Vice Chairman Wright made a motion to approve the Payment Authorizations for the period of May 27, 2026 through June 23, 2026 in the total amount of \$216,425.01 as presented. Supervisor Lambert seconded.

VOTE: 4-0.

4. TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1) Modena Fire Company – Request for Capital Funding for 2018 Pierce Enforcer Engine

Mr. Swichar stated that the township sets aside \$36,600 every year for each fire department.

Township is served by two fire departments, Modena Fire Company and Westwood Fire Company. These funds come from the Fire/EMS fund. A total of \$73,200 a year is reserved for Fire/EMS capital purchases. Modena is requesting \$23,954.82 this year which represents their 8th installment loan payment on a 2018 Pierce Enforcer Engine.

MOTION: Supervisor DiRado made a motion to pay an eighth loan installment payment of \$20,000 to Modena Fire Company for the 2018 Pierce Enforcer Engine. Supervisor Stoff seconded.

VOTE: 4-0.

2) Resignation of Members from Municipal Building Committee

MOTION: Vice Chairman Wright made a motion accepting the resignation of Wilson Lambert from the Municipal Building Committee with the term ending 12/31/2026. Supervisor DiRado seconded.

VOTE: 4-0.

Vacant	Member 2026 to 2026	1-year term
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Katja DiRado	Member 2026 to 2026	1-year term
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John Ionata	Member 2026 to 2026	1-year term
Jerry Dickinson	Member 2026 to 2026	1-year term
Chuck Argue	Member 2026 to 2026	1-year term
Scott Swichar	Advisor	

3) Appointment of Members to the Municipal Building Committee (3 vacancies)

Note: Applications received from Eric Ramoth, John Humenick, Joe McCormick, and Shane Cloyd

MOTION: Vice Chairman Wright made a motion to appoint Eric Ramoth, John Humenick, and Joe McCormick to the Municipal Building Committee with the term ending 12/31/2026. (7 members maximum). Supervisor Stoff seconded.

Connie McLaughlin, township resident, discussed an alternate position.

VOTE: 4-0.

Eric Ramoth	Member 2026 to 2026	1-year term
John Humenick	Member 2026 to 2026	1-year term
Katja DiRado	Member 2026 to 2026	1-year term
Joe McCormick	Member 2026 to 2026	1-year term
John Ionata	Member 2026 to 2026	1-year term
Jerry Dickinson	Member 2026 to 2026	1-year term
Chuck Argue	Member 2026 to 2026	1-year term
Scott Swichar	Advisor	

4) Consideration of One-Time Bonus for Sue Sereditch

MOTION: Vice Chairman Wright moved that the Board of Supervisors approve a one-time bonus in the amount of \$2,500 for part-time employee Sue Sereditch in recognition of her exceptional service and willingness to assume additional responsibilities outside of her regular job duties during the extended medical leave of a full-time employee, thereby assisting in maintaining Township operations and services. Supervisor Lambert seconded.

Shane Cloyd, township resident, commented on the bonus.

VOTE: 4-0.

5) New Business: none

5. LEGAL

1) Statement of the Board of Supervisors regarding Federal Immigration Enforcement Activities

Solicitor Crotty stated that the board voted on this item last month however, when they reviewed the minutes, they did not hear a definitive motion and second.

MOTION: Supervisor DiRado moved that the Board approve and authorize issuance of the 'Board Statement on ICE enforcement' as presented. Supervisor Stoff seconded.

VOTE: 4-0.

2) Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-02 Updating Service Credit Calculation Formula for Volunteer Service Credits Pursuant to Act 172 of 2016

Solicitor Crotty stated that the county updated its ordinance, so we want the township to update its ordinance to match the county criteria.

MOTION: Vice Chairman Wright made a motion directing the Township Solicitor to draft and advertise 2026-02 amending Ordinance No. 2026-01, which established a volunteer service credit program for volunteer fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services pursuant to Act 172 of 2016, to update the service credit calculation formula. Supervisor Lambert seconded.

VOTE: 4-0.

3) Consideration of Proposed Residential Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance (Discussion Only)

Solicitor Crotty stated that the Planning Commission brought up a residential rental and inspection ordinance. The proposed ordinance is in the board's packet for review. The next step would be for the Board to authorize advertisement of the ordinance for possible adoption.

4) Easement Agreement for the Sewage Conveyance along Doe Run Road

Solicitor Crotty stated that the agreement is being updated by their office and is not ready for adoption.

5) Zoning Hearing Board Variance Application Received for 1640 Goosetown Road (Informational)

Solicitor Crotty stated that there is a variance application for a pool. A pool is treated as impervious surface for stormwater management.

6) New Business

6. ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (EAC)

- 1) Vice Chairman stated a decision was made on the Official Federal name for an unnamed creek which will now be called Schist Creek (Informational).

Dennis Crook, township resident, commented on the draft residential rental ordinance.

Philip Roomet, township resident, commented on the draft ordinance.

Solicitor Crotty stated that the township fire marshal brought up the draft residential rental ordinance noting there was a strong need for it.

Connie McLaughlin, township resident, commented on the draft rental ordinance.

7. PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

- 1) Report Submitted
- 2) Teri Dickinson stated that the 2026 America 250 Freedom Fest event is on Saturday, June 27, 9:00-3:00pm. (Informational)
- 3) Vice Chairman Wright stated that the next 2026 Summertime Music concert event is July 17 (Informational)

8. PLANNING COMMISSION

- 1) Report Submitted

9. POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 1) May Police Report submitted for Board and resident review.
- 2) Purchase of Body Worn Cameras from Motorola Solutions

MOTION: Supervisor DiRado made a motion approving the purchase of 6 body worn cameras and related accessories from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$11,534.84 from the Township's Capital Fund. Supervisor Lambert seconded.

VOTE: 4-0.

10. PUBLIC WORKS

- 1) May Road Department Report submitted for Board and resident review.

2) HISTORICAL COMMISSION

- 1) No Report Submitted
- 3) OLD BUSINESS: None

- 4) NEW BUSINESS: None

5) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Shane Cloyd, township resident, commented on right to know requests and permit software.

Sandra Simmons, township resident, commented on a sink hole in her yard. She thanked the manager and road crew for repairing the drainage. She thanked the Board of Supervisors.

Philip Roomet, township resident, commented on protected speech.

Connie McLaughlin, township resident, commented on Park Avenue Bridge closure in Valley Township.

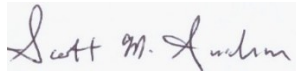
Dennis Crook, township resident, commented on Act 537 Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice Chairman Wright made a motion to adjourn the June 23, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting at 8:34 pm. Supervisor DiRado seconded.

VOTE: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott M. Swichar", is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

Scott Swichar,
Township Manager/Secretary