

DERRY TOWNSHIP MID-MONTH MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Mid-Month Meeting, Monday, May 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., Municipal Building, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown.

Present:

Chairman	Ronald E Napikoski	Manager	Kelly J. Shutes
Vice-Chairman	Don Warntz, II	Solicitor	Timothy Searer
Supervisor	John T. Sipe	Park Manager	Joshua Garver

R. Napikoski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Minutes May 5, 2025 Regular Township Meeting. R. Napikoski stepped from the chair and seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-8 extending appreciation, posthumously, to Murray W. Laite for over twenty years of service to his community as a Township Supervisor and numerous other boards and committees in the Township and Mifflin County, including his service as a Mifflin County Commissioner. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: D. Warntz, aye, R. Napikoski, Aye., J. Sipe, aye. Motion carried 3 - 0.

SOLICITOR:

The Township Solicitor prepared an Order to Comply to be filed in the Common Pleas Court against Cody and Jamie Hunter for the junk vehicles, rubbish and to fill the abandoned basement pit that was left on their property. D. Warntz made a motion to direct the Solicitor to file the order. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Discussion was held on adopting the International Property Maintenance Code to address blighted properties in the Township. R. Napikoski suggested holding a workshop with the Township and Planning Commission.

PARK MANAGER:

Josh Garver reported that 99% of the new playground is completed and 95% of the new restroom is done. He also said that the Youth Trout Tournament is scheduled for June 14, 2025 from 8 am to 12 noon.

VISITORS:

The Board of Supervisors gave a Proclamation recognizing the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating the Emergency Medical Services Week from May 18 – 24, 2025. The Proclamation was presented to Pat Shoop of Fame EMS.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Zubler announced that the Lewistown Borough Council will hold a Rental Ordinance Workshop on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lewistown Community Center. He also announced the passing of Jon Zimmerman, the founder of Downtown Lewistown, Inc. and who served on many other civic organizations in the community.

OLD BUSINESS:

J. Sipe made a motion to accept the quote presented by Mike's Landscaping and Excavating in the amount of \$21,888.00 to demolish the properties at 545-547 Woodland Ave. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0. Two other quotes were received from G & R Excavating for \$23,700 and John Claar Excavating, Inc. for \$37,246.00.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the purchase of a Compact Excavator from Cleveland Bros. on the COSTARS contract in the amount of \$79,815.00. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve advertising the Fire Escrow Ordinance for adoption. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Warntz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-9 approving the Final Subdivision Plan for the Juniata Valley Group/Pleasant Acres West 16th Addition contingent on obtaining satisfactory financial security for the plan. Roll Call Vote: D. Warntz, aye, R. Napikoski, Aye., J. Sipe, aye. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-10, approving application to the DCED Greenways, Trails and Rec Program Grant for the Kish Park Walking Trail Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$250,000. Roll Call Vote: D. Warntz, aye, R. Napikoski, Aye., J. Sipe, aye. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to direct the Township Manager to move \$600,000 to the PLGIT Term account to receive a better interest rate. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Chief French congratulated the Board on its efforts to provide security for the Township and Police building. He requested that the Board funds the necessary computer equipment and electrical wiring to provide the police barracks with access to the security cameras surrounding the building. D. Warntz made a motion to approve the quote by M & L Business Services, LLC in the amount of \$2,435.65 to complete the project. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to exonerate the Tax Collector from collecting the Per Capita Tax in the amount of \$475.00 on his report dated 5/6/2025. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to apply for volunteer accident insurance to cover volunteers doing work or services for Derry Township. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to send a letter to Senator Judy Ward and Representative David Rowe asking for support to request permission to remove the trees and brush in the PennDOT owned Right-of-Way on the eastbound and westbound side of US Highway 522 off and on ramps, stating that area businesses are willing to foot the costs for the clearing. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

The Supervisors reviewed and reconciled the April bank statements. D. Warntz made a motion to approve the April bills as presented. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

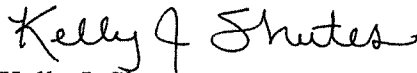
D. Warntz made a motion to add to the agenda the decision on the Lewistown Moose Land Development plan first presented and tabled at the Derry Township Planning Commission meeting held September 5, 2024, and granted an extension for approval to June 2, 2025. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to deny approval of the Lewistown Moose Land Development Plan. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Dan Kochenderfer, Derry Township Planning Commission asked for an executive session with the Board of Supervisors. D. Warntz made a motion to call an executive session at 5:55 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Executive session ended at 6:00 p.m. and there being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by D. Warntz and seconded by J. Sipe.

DERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Kelly J. Shutes
Township Manager