

Montgomery Township  
1220 Cush Creek Road, Cherry Tree, PA 15724-7728

**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday December 10, 2025

**Members Present:** William Burba, Ed Freno and Kevin Penrose

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Jan Arford, Patty Goodlin – Montgomery Township Tax Collector, Ed and Diane Anthony, Chuck Mattis, Cody Mumau, and Officer Zach Stumpf – Cherry Tree Borough Police Department

**Meeting Called to Order:** William Burba called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment (Limited to Agenda Items):** None

**Request to be on Agenda:** None

**Correspondence:** Received a letter from Comcast announcing a rate increase. Received notice that the estimated Liquid Fuels allocation for 2026 will be \$129,069.13 and the Turnback will remain at \$7,920.00 for a total of \$136,989.13. Received Christmas Cards from Keller Engineers, Thomson Cemetery Association and The Alice Paul House.

**Minutes:** Ed motioned to accept the Monthly Meeting Minutes, second Kevin, carried.

**Treasury Report:** Kevin motioned to approve the Treasury Report, second Ed, carried.

**Payment of Bills:** Kevin motioned to pay the bills, second Ed, carried.

## Old Business:

**2026 Budget:** Ed motioned to adopt the budget with no tax increases, second Kevin, carried.

**Update Emergency Medical Services:** A discussion was held expressing the concerns with remaining in the Authority. The Township Solicitor has the same concerns. At present they have no office space, no employees, no way of collecting delinquent payments. With so many townships and boroughs that have left the Authority already the estimate of them collecting 1.8 million changes and there is concern that the price of \$75.00 will increase significantly and there is no improvement in getting an ambulance into the township any quicker. Bill and Patty will attend the meeting tomorrow night Bill motioned that the secretary is to contact the Solicitor to see if we have enough time to advertise leaving the Authority and if then to advertise a Special Meeting on December 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM to discuss what happened at the Authority meeting and to vote, second Ed, carried.

**Employee Bonuses:** The Secretary contacted PSATS and employee bonus checks are allowed to be paid from the General Checking account but they must be a payroll

check with taxes deducted. Kevin motioned to give the employees a bonus check and the secretary was instructed to get it as close to \$100.00 as possible after deductions, second Ed, carried.

**Dangerous Building Update:** The secretary called and left several messages but has not received a return call. Patty suggested she get on to Realtor.com and message through them.

**Glen Campbell Volunteer Fire Department:** No NIMS Certificates have been received as of this date. Only 3 or 4 members of the Department are even qualified to enter a burning building. Kevin motioned to request Jason Arnold to attend the Special Meeting on December 17, 2025 to find out what is going on, second Ed, carried.

## **New Business:**

**Plans for Clean Up Day:** The Board is planning to have a clean up day in the Spring of 2026 for township residents. Further information and a date will be announced at a later time.

**Police Report:** Police Officer Zach Stump read the report. Officers did patrols on Election Day. Officers conducted traffic details and checks on open and closed businesses. Speed Enforcement was conducted on 286. Two Traffic stops had been made. Officers dispatched to King Road for a traffic complaint. Officers dispatched to conduct a welfare check in Hillsdale.  
Hours worked: 50 at \$40.00 per hour for a total of \$2000.00

## **Announcements**

**Food Pick Up List for 2025:** December 9.

**Reorganization and the Regular Monthly Meeting** – Monday, January 05, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building, 1220 Cush Creek Road, Cherry Tree, PA 15724.

**Auditors Reorganization Meeting** - Will be held on Tuesday, January 06, 2026 at 7:30 PM at the Township Building, 1220 Cush Creek Road, Cherry Tree, PA 15724

**Public Comment:** Jan asked about the Cell Tower Ordinance and was told that the ambulance has taken up their time so it is on hold until they get the ambulance situation figured out.

**Adjournment:** Kevin motioned to adjourn the meeting, second Ed, carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paula Burba*

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Secretary/Treasurer