

Montgomery Township
1220 Cush Creek Road, Cherry Tree, PA 15724-7728
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 08, 2025

Members Present: William Burba, Ed Freno and Kevin Penrose

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jan Arford, Patty Goodlin – Montgomery Township Tax Collector 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 the Alice Paul House Fall 2025 Newsletter, Received numerous sales flyers. Received information about pipeline safety. Received the PSATS News Bulletin and information about Regional Forums.

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

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

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

Old Business:

Update Emergency Medical Services: A discussion had been held on billing and cost. A blanket letter is to be sent to every household. The Board will have to decide if they will put an increase of a half a mill or less to cover the cost of the Ambulance or charge \$75.00 per house. The Board expressed concerns that the \$75.00 may end up increasing and still are not sure if this would generate enough money to cover the staff, electric, water and other items for the Authority.

Solar Panels, Cell Towers and Windmill Ordinance: Bill motioned to table, second Kevin, carried.

Noise Ordinance: Ed motioned to advertise the Ordinance, second Kevin, carried

Update on Damage on King Road: This will be discussed when the Police give their report.

New Business:

Request for Town Water in Hillsdale: Gavin Crowe from Hillsdale requested town water be installed in Hillsdale. Bill motioned to table until it is known the procedure from the Municipal Services Agency, second Ed, carried

Trick-or-Treat: The Board set Sunday, October 26, 2025 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm as the day for Trick-or-Treating. Motion made by Ed, second Kevin, carried.

Foreign Fire Relief Association Allocations: Requests had been sent out to Cherry Tree and Glen Campbell Volunteer Fire Departments requesting a spreadsheet be filled out listing all members and the NIMS Certifications each member has obtained. Cherry Tree has returned their information but their portion of the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax had been withheld by the Auditor General for non-compliance with their audit so when the Township received the funding it will be sent to Cherry Tree. The township has not received anything from Glen Campbell and the deadline to return the requested information had been July 09, 2025. Jodie Pearce had called and told the secretary that all of the Certifications had been shredded by the former Secretary of the Fire Department and all members had given her the original copy. The secretary suggested Mr. Pearce contact Commodore Volunteer Fire Department for help in contacting an instructor or Bucks Community College. The Secretary contacted Jim Hopkins a few hours before the meeting to see if anyone from Glen Campbell Fire Department contacted him and his reply had been no. The Solicitor had also been contacted and he advised we have copies of the NIMS Certifications because if an incident occurs the township could be drawn into a law suit. A discussion was held and the Board felt that without proof that the members are Certified through NIMS and since there have not been any reports received from Glen Campbell Fire Department that they are not in compliance with the Real Estate Fire Tax Agreement and the Board felt that if the information that is listed on the Agreement is not received that they are jeopardizing receiving any further funds from the Real Estate Fire Tax. According to the Auditor General's Office, it is up to the discretion of the Board who received the funding from the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax. Ed made the motion to withhold their portion of the allocation from the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax and send it to Commodore Fire Department, second Kevin, carried. The Board instructed the Secretary to send a letter to the Glen Campbell Borough Council and notify them of the ongoing problem the township is having with the fire department, motion made by Bill, second Ed, carried.

Police Report: Police Chief Dave Crawford read the report. Officers conducted traffic details and checks on open and closed businesses. Speed Enforcement was conducted on 286. Three Traffic stops had been made. Officers dispatched to 286 in Cherry Tree for a found animal. Officers investigated damage to township roadway at 27 King Road. Officers conducted school bus details.
Hours worked: 50 at \$40.00 per hour for a total of \$2000.00

Announcements

Food Pick Up List for 2025: October 14, November 11 and December 9.

Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, November 12, 2025 Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building, 1220 Cush Creek Road, Cherry Tree, PA 15724.

Recycling for 2025 is done for the year.

NEICECA Meeting: Will be held on November 19, 2025 at Banks Township at 7:00 pm located at 1870 Hemlock Lake Road, Rossiter, PA 15772

Annual Fall Convention: Thursday, October 16, 2025 at the White Township Recreation Complex, 495, E Pike Road, Indiana, PA 15701 Registration starts at 6:30 Meeting at 7:00 PM

Public Comment: Patty asked if the Ambulance Authority gets sued does the township get sued too.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Burba

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Secretary/Treasurer