

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

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 12, 2025

Members Present: William Burba, Ed Freno and Kevin Penrose

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jason Arnold – Glen Campbell Volunteer Fire Department, Patty Goodlin – Montgomery Township Tax Collector, Lee Hanwell, Cody Mumau and Jim Hopkins - Emergency Management Coordinators, Diane Ford – Township Auditor, Jan Arford, Jonathan Smith – Ambulance Authority 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. The Supervisors thanked all Veterans, past and present for their service.

Public Comment (Limited to Agenda Items): None

Request to be on Agenda: Jodie Pearce, did not attend.

Jason Arnold spoke on behalf of the Glen Campbell Volunteer Fire Department. He apologized for the fire department not sending the necessary documents for numerous years. He promised that from here on out that the Township would receive all information required in a timely manner. He also apologized for saying he did not receive the letter that had been sent in June, he said he recently found it in the bottom of his briefcase and felt bad saying he never received it. He is also working to get confirmation of NIMS Certificates from Bucks Community College He answered several questions about how it will be dealt with that the Chief, Jodie Pearce did not follow orders from 911 Dispatch when instructed to stay at the station and instead ordered his crew to go to the fire, the department is having a meeting to discuss a punishment. Jason is going to register members that need to take the first essentials class at Commodore Volunteer Fire Department next month. Jason apologized again for everything that has transpired.

Correspondence: Received a letter from Keller Engineers announcing the retirement of Tom Morisi the Director of Transportation.

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

Amended Treasury Report for September – Ed motion to accept the amended report, second Kevin, carried.

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

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

Old Business:

Update Emergency Medical Services: Jonathan Smith from the from Indiana County Emergency Medical Service. A discussion followed with people in attendance asking questions and expressing concerns. The Board along with the Tax Collector felt to impose a tax of half a mill for the sole purpose of paying for the ambulance service would be a better route to go because then every property owner would pay. Jonathan agreed that would be the simpler way to do it. It was also discussed the way that a fee is being put on business owners, if the business location is at an individuals home and they do not have any employees located at that site why should they have to pay \$100.00 yearly, it is understandable if the business is the same as your home address and you have employees that stay at that location to work then it was felt the fee was reasonable. The next hearing will be held on December 11, 2025 at the Homer Center Junior/Senior High School it will begin at 7:00 pm and from that date the township will have 45 days to stay in or opt out.

Noise Ordinance: The noise Ordinance had been advertised and was reviewed. Kevin motioned to adopt the Ordinance, second Ed, carried.

New Business:

2026 Proposed Budget: The Board reviewed the 2026 budget. Motion to advertise made by Ed, second Kevin, carried

Resolution for New Building: The Board signed a Resolution just in case they are not rewarded the grant for a new building so they can apply for the second round but are hoping they don't have to use it. Motion made by Ed, second Kevin, carried.

Employee Bonuses: Kevin stated that on one site it says you can give employees a bonus and on another it says differently. The Board and the Secretary have been chipping in to give each employee a bonus each Christmas. The secretary was asked to contact PSATS to get an answer.

Dangerous Buildings: Dave Yingling's house In Arcadia has become dangerous with the walls pushing out and it has been hard to track down an owner since it keeps changing hands. The Board instructed the Secretary to send a letter to the newest owner located in Long Beach California Motion made by Ed, second Kevin carried A

Police Report: Police Officer Zach Stump read the report. Officers did patrols on Trick-or-Treat throughout the township. Officers conducted traffic details and checks on open and closed businesses. Speed Enforcement was conducted on 286. Four Traffic stops had been made. Officers dispatched to Benzie Road for a dumping complaint. Officers conducted school bus details. Zach was asked about speed limit signs on Churchill Road, and they had not gotten around to marking the area. It was also mentioned about a side by side with a light bar that is traveling on that road at a high rate of speed. Both of these issues will be looked into.
Hours worked: 50 at \$40.00 per hour for a total of \$2000.00

Announcements

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

Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, December 10, 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

ICMESA Meeting will be held on December 11, 2025 and starts at 7:00 pm at the Homer Center Jr/Senior High School located at 70 Wildcat Lane, Homer City, PA

Public Comment: None

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Burba

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Secretary/Treasurer