

Hamilton Township Board of Supervisors  
Minutes of April 1, 2026 Meeting

The Hamilton Township Board of Supervisors met in a duly advertised business meeting this evening, with Chairman Jeffrey Rockwell calling the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members present, in addition to Mr. Rockwell, were Rich Troup, Patricia Clugston, Ginger Powell, Solicitor AJ Benchoff, Tom Shearer with Strickler Agency, Inc. and Rylan Fox, a student fulfilling a Civics Class requirement. Also, present were Randy Goshorn and Lance Kegerries of Dennis E. Black Engineering, Inc., Dustin Rickabaugh of Affordable Excavating & Hauling, and Alex Sharp, Esq. with Sharpe & Sharpe.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the March 18, 2026 regular business meeting were approved as presented.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LIST – The Accounts Payable List was approved on a motion by Mr. Troup, second by Mr. Rockwell.

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Treasurer’s Report was received and reviewed without comment.

FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT – WARM SPRINGS SOLAR PROJECT – WITHDRAWAL OF NOI LETTER – The office received an email from the Franklin County Conservation District indicating that a request had been submitted to withdraw the Notice of Intent (NOI) letter for the Warm Springs Solar Project. No action was required by the Board.

TOM SHEARER WITH STRICKLER AGENCY, INC. – PRESENT EMPLOYEE INSURANCE RENEWAL & COMPARISON RATES – Mr. Shearer presented the Board of Supervisors with a health insurance plan for Township employees, effective May 1, 2026. The proposed plan offers similar coverage with significant savings in annual premium costs. Following discussion, Mr. Troup made a motion to approve the cost-saving employee health insurance plan. Mr. Rockwell seconded the motion.

PENNDOT RESPONSE FORM – LINCOLN WAY WESY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - At the March 18, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting, this agenda item was tabled for further review. A response form was provided to the Supervisors to submit comments and additional information regarding a PennDOT roadway safety improvement project on Lincoln Way West, extending from the Sollenberger Road intersection to West Side Plaza. The form was completed and, on a Rockwell/Troup motion, the Board directed the Secretary to return the form.

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HERITAGE GREENS, LLC – WHISKEY RUN VISTA – WAIVER – Alex Sharpe, of Sharpe & Sharpe, on behalf of his client Heritage Greens, LLC, submitted a limited waiver request from enforcement of Hamilton Township’s SALDO §412, which prohibits land disturbance activities prior to final plan approval. The Board noted that, in certain cases, preliminary plan approval has been granted to allow developers to proceed with earthmoving and infrastructure installation.

The Board discussed the Whiskey Run Vista preliminary plan and identified two (2) critical items that remain incomplete: the traffic impact study and the emergency access/driveway easement. With both items still outstanding, the Board determined that the waiver request should not be considered at this time. On a Rockwell/Troup motion, the Board voted to permit Heritage Greens, LLC to proceed with timbering activities only at this time.

ADVERTISE FOR MATERIALS BIDS TO BE OPENED MAY 6, 2026 - On a Rockwell/Troup motion, the Board unanimously authorized the Secretary to advertise for materials bids for the 2026–2027 season. Bids will be opened at the May 6, 2026 meeting for the following materials: petroleum products (approximately 25,000 gallons of various types) and double chip seal application on multiple Township roads.

BEAR VALLEY FRANKLIN COUNTY – WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES – Gwin, Dobson & Foreman Engineers, on behalf of their client, Bear Valley Franklin County Pennsylvania Joint Authority, requested a letter of consistency confirming that the proposed water distribution system and water treatment plant upgrades are in accordance with the municipal land use plan, comprehensive plan, and all applicable county and local planning requirements, as part of a PennVEST funding application.

Following review of the plans, Mr. Rockwell made a motion to approve the request and to have the Secretary prepare, sign, and submit the letter of consistency. Mr. Troup seconded the motion.

DISABLED VETERAN REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION – The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs issued a letter to Joni K. Weaverling of 1060 Sollenberger Road verifying that she is totally and permanently disabled as a result of service-connected causes incurred during a period of war or armed conflict. The letter further recommended that Ms. Weaverling be granted an exemption from all real estate taxes on her property.

Based on the information provided, and on a Troup/Rockwell motion, the Board unanimously approved the exemption request for Hamilton Township real estate taxes. The Secretary was directed to notify Ms. Weaverling, the Hamilton Township Tax Collector, and the Franklin County Tax Assessment Office.

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ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Troup, seconded by Mr. Rockwell.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary