

August 11, 2025

MINUTES

A joint meeting of Dover Borough Council and Dover Township Supervisors was held at Dover Community Building, 3700 Davidsburg Road on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Borough Representatives present were President Joseph Sabold, Vice-President Lori Koch, Council members Cynthia Snyder, Paul Neiman, Secretary Brenda Plowman, Zoning Officer Brittany Reed, and Borough Solicitor Andrew Herrold. Dover Township Representatives present were Chairman Stephen Stefanowicz, Supervisor's Stephen Parthree, Charles Richards, Mike Cashman, Manager Laurel Oswalt, Secretary Brooke Scarce, Public Works Director Chris Hamme, Recreation Director Chalet Harris, Planning Director John McLucas, and Township Solicitor Christian Miller. Chairman Stephen Stefanowicz called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dover Township reviewed their work session minutes and board of Supervisor minutes from July 28, 2025. Mr. Parthree made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Richards. All were in favor.

Dover Township reviewed their expenditure warrants. Mr. Cashman made a motion to approve all three warrants listed. Mr. Richards seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Public Comment – None

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chalet Harris gave an update on the Peer-to-Peer Grant project. Peer-to-Peer is to be a joint effort between Dover Township, Dover Borough and the Dover Area School District to regionalize recreation. A copy of the Peer-to-Peer rough draft was included in the meeting packets. Mrs. Harris explained what regional recreation is. There are several municipalities that have regionalized recreation. Since the Dover School District recently named a new superintendent, they will resume conversations about being a part of this when the assistant superintendent is named. It has been decided the project needs to keep moving forward, so the school district can join at a later time if they are interested. Mrs. Harris named the steering committee and executive committee members are. The committees did an analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and risks. They also discussed benefits and detriments of regionalization and the impact it could have with students in school. When Dover Borough and Dover Township were working on their joint comprehensive plan a question was asked of the community if they were supportive of the Borough, Township and school working together with recreation. Of those responding, 96% said yes! There are a lot of ideas on how recreation and the school can work together. Example cited were adult programs, before and after school programs which can help students make good choices for themselves, cooperation with the CTE program, and environmental education. The draft agreement lists Dover Borough, Dover Township and Dover School District as participants. A board will be established and the new name for the regionalized recreation will be Dover Area Recreation which has already started being used. The Borough would disperse yearly funds; the Township would reimburse the school district for facility use and non-residents would have a fee. Ideally if everything is worked out in time for budgets, the program could begin in 2026. President Sabold states the

Borough Council can review the agreement for their September meeting.

TOWNSHIP PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT – The report submitted by Mr. McLucas covered various updates including community preservation, economic development and housing. He had nothing to add and there were no questions for him.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT – In addition to Mrs. Oswalt's report she added since the school district has a superintendent now, she wants to hold a CTE committee meeting to see how they can assist the school district. Mrs. Oswalt introduced Justin Eberly, the new fulltime EMC for the Township. Mr. Eberly will be holding quarterly meetings with emergency services per the joint comprehensive plan.

TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

- Chris Hamme gave an update on the joint stormwater project by the Norma's Ridge development. This is out for bids due on September 17th. He expects the project to be completed by December 31, 2025.
- In 2026 the blue house at the intersection of E. Canal Road and Fox Run Road and its foundation will be removed. The Township will backfill the hole.
- The Butter Road widening project started today. This is expected to be completed in a few weeks.
- The water and sewer project north of the Borough, they are starting to mill this week and have final paving done next week. This is set to be completed by August 15th.
- All of Dover Township paving for the year has been completed. This includes Kunkle Mill Road, Tower Drive and Hilton Avenue.
- Mr. Sabold inquired about the timeline on the bridge over the Conewago. Mr. Hamme reports it will run from fall 2025 to late summer/early fall 2026.
- Mr. Hamme is aware that York Water gave a presentation to Dover Borough. President Sabold explained the Borough initially had 6 wells and are now down to one well and also have an interconnect with Dover Township. The Borough is at a place where they are exploring different options of where to go in the future. President Sabold says we can continue on until we can't, we can buy solely from the Township and even have them take over the Borough system or can go solely with York Water and/or have them take over the system. He asked for a discussion on this. Mr. Hamme asked several questions about the age of the system and if we did the lead line report. Mrs. Koch believes the system started in the 1950's. There was a little discussion in reference to the PUC and a water authority. If York Water were to come into the Borough, they would need to run their lines through Dover Township and have permission for this. Mr. Hamme would rather not have them do this since he has had some difficulty dealing with them. Several in attendance

mentioned they have York Water and how the cost is more than Dover Township. Duane Hall from 2220 Locust Road asked if the only connection is at Park Street and if another connection can be put in if something were to happen to Park Street. There is another connection that can be reconnected. Mr. Hamme has some technical questions that he will email to Mr. Grim. Dover Township is putting two more wells online.

Chairman Stephen Stefanowicz shared that he attended a roundtable with Senator Dawn Keefer. Some of the topics were about warehouses and data centers and necessary ordinances for them. Apparently, data centers use a lot of water, power and are noisy. They make a lot of money so to make themselves attractive to municipalities, they say they will put lots of funds into the schools. Volunteer Fire and EMS was another topic along with eliminating property taxes, proposing replacing them with increases in sales tax and income taxes. Regionalization was discussed and when should Borough's do this. At what point is it better for everybody? Mr. Cashman shared that regional police are much better and cost effective than municipalities having private police. There will be another roundtable coming up. Mrs. Oswalt introduced the assistant Manager Christina Rogers.

Public Comment – None

With no further business between the Township and the Borough, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Plowman
Secretary/Treasurer