# PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING November 19, 2025

A regular meeting of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at the Plainfield Township Fire Company, located at 6480 Sullivan Trail, Wind Gap, PA 18091.

Chairman, Ken Field, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

The following Supervisors answered roll call: Chairman, Ken Field; Vice Chairman, Glenn Borger; Supervisor, Nolan Kemmerer; and Supervisor, Jonathan Itterly.

Supervisor, Kenneth Fairchild, was absent.

Also present were Township Manager, Paige Stefanelli; Solicitor, David Backenstoe, Esq.; Township Engineer Representatives, Dave Crowther and Sean Dooley; and Secretary/Permit Coordinator, Amy Kahler.

Approximately 28 members of the public were in attendance.

#### I. FINANCE DIRECTOR - NICHOLAS STEINER

1. Review and Approval of Treasurers Report including Accounts Payable (\$53,014.21)

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Nolan Kemmerer to approve the Treasurers Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$53,014.21. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Ken Field, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

#### II. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPRESENTATIVE - DAVE CROWTHER

#### A. For Consideration:

# 1. Consideration of Approval of Knitters Hill Trail Head Reconfiguration Project Plan

Keystone Consulting Engineers Representative, Sean Dooley, presented 3 options for the Board of Supervisors to review for the Knitters Hill Trail Head reconfiguration project, which included possibly adding in an additional parking lot, rehabilitation of our current parking area, and adding additional safety signs.

Chairman, Ken Field, liked the option with additional parking, and feels that this would help with appropriate parking and reduce the possibility of the parking lot being full at times.

Resident, Millie Beahn, indicated that she does not recall any accidents taking place around that area, and with the additional parking lot, it would give additional parking for large events.

Resident, Robin Dingle, asked if the plans will be going before the Planning Commission for review of the development for the additional parking lot. Did this go out for bid due to the cost. Solicitor David Backenstoe, indicated that he was not sure if it had to go before the Planning Commission but would defer to the Engineers. Mr. Sean Dooley indicated that he was under the impression it would not. Township Manager, Paige Stefanelli, indicated that we are in the planning stages and if items needed to be bid, the appropriate process would be followed.

A Resident asked if a study was completed to see if expanding into an additional parking lot would even be necessary. Mr. Dooley indicated we would be completing the project in 2 phases.

Resident, Robin Dingle, asked how we are justifying the cost of the full project along with obtaining the property utilizing a grant. Township Manager, Paige Stefanelli, indicated that this is for a mini grant in the amount of \$10,000.00. Ms. Dingle, indicated that there seems to be a lot more involved with this property, and maybe it should be reviewed by the Planning Commission and request public comments.

ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Jonathan Itterly to approve option #2 of Keystone Consulting Engineers recommendation letter, to construct the additional parking lot, with rehabbing of the existing parking lot. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Ken Field, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Resident, Alan Gumney, asked what the overall cost would be for the Knitters Hill parking lot project. Township Manager, Paige Stefanelli, indicated we are only in the planning stages and have not received a total cost.

Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

2. Consideration of Revised Land Acquisition Offer to Ronald and Jeanne Achenbach-Parcel No. F8-17-2-9G26

ACTION: Motion was made by Nolan Kemmerer and seconded by Jonathan Itterly to table the request of approval for the Land Acquisition Offer to Ronald and Jeanne Achenbach- Parcel No. F8-17-2-9G26. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Ken Field, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

### III. TOWNSHIP MANAGER - PAIGE STEFANELLI

A. Public Hearing:

1. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 429: The proposed Ordinance of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors would amend the Plainfield Township Zoning Ordinance, as Codified at Section 27-101, et seq. and as amended from time to time, by confirming that the amount of waste disposed at a sanitary landfill shall not exceed an average of 2,750 tons per day over any calendar month and that the maximum amount of waste per any given day shall not exceed 3,000 tons per day

#### B. New Business:

1. Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance No. 429 Amending the Plainfield Township Zoning Ordinance as set forth above

ACTION: Motion was made by Ken Field and seconded by Nolan Kemmerer to adopt Ordinance No. 429, Amending the Plainfield Township Zoning Ordinance. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Ken Field, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

A public hearing was held at this time. Transcripts of this hearing are attached hereto as though more fully set forth at length as "Exhibit A"

Motion Approved. Vote 3-1, with Vice Chairman, Glenn Borger opposed.

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### 2. Consideration of Approval to Advertise for Public Works Director Position

Township Manager, Paige Stefanelli, advised that based on the lengthy process and the approval of the 2026 budget, we would like to proceed with advertising the Public Works Director position.

ACTION: Motion was made by Jonathan Itterly and seconded by Nolan Kemmerer to approve advertising for the Public Works Director. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Ken Field, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

3. Consideration of Approval to Advertise for Ordinance No. 431 pertaining to Working Supervisors

Township Manager, Paige Stefanelli, indicated that we are requesting approval of this ordinance to prevent any conflict between positions and responsibilities.

ACTION: Motion was made by Ken Field and seconded by Nolan Kemmerer to approve to advertise Ordinance No. 431 pertaining to Working Supervisors. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Ken Field, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.

Resident, Paul Levits, asked if the Municipalities Planning Code would allow for this Ordinance to be in place. Solicitor David Backenstoe, indicated that the position of working supervisor does not fall under the Municipalities Planning Code, it is determined by the Board of Supervisors.

Resident, Robin Dingle, asked if this would preclude a supervisor from being a part of other boards, committees, or liaisons. No, this Ordinance is just so they are not in a paid position with the Township.

Resident, Joe Colosi, asked why this Ordinance would be put into place. Chairman, Ken Field, indicated to prevent conflict.

Resident, Jane Mellert, indicated that this ordinance should have been reviewed at a public meeting prior to approval of advertising. Chairman, Ken Field, indicated that this was completed and presented by the Township Manager and presented to the Board of Supervisor members for review. Resident, Jane Mellert, suggested that all members and staff should attend the Township Supervisor Conference, there is a lot to learn, there are positive things that could be learned, and you could have conflict with any staff member.

Motion approved. Vote- 4-0.

### IV. CITIZEN'S AGENDA/NON-AGENDA

(Only persons who have signed the Sign-In Sheet by 6:15 PM will be allowed to speak. There is a 3-minute time limit for speakers)

### Joseph Colosi

Resident, Joseph Colosi, indicated that you should take a look at who won the election and how that speaks a lot. Mr. Colosi stated that Supervisors should represent the residents and what we stand for, rezone the land back to Farm & Forest.

# • Glenn Houck

Resident, Glenn Houck, expressed his concern about the Supervisors, and that if they were for Waste Management, should go and work for Waste Management.

#### Christine Houck

Resident, Christine Houck, indicated that there has been an extreme change in truck traffic. Ms. Houck expressed her concern when speaking with other residents and how they feel in regards to Plainfield Township, and it is not good and that is before the expansion, what are people are going to say about Plainfield Township after the expansion is approved. Please reconsider and rezone the area to Farm & Forest.

# Kevin Wyatt

Resident Kevin Wyatt, asked if there was any information on Hahn Road. Township Manager, Paige Stefanelli, indicated that we have received information and should be on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for December 10, 2025.

### • Paul Romano

Resident, Paul Romano, indicated that everyone is complaining about the traffic, but how do you think our food gets delivered to the grocery store, stone to place it in your driveway, wood, so you can build what you want, all these items are brought in on trucks. When you ask the Board of Supervisors to rezone the property back to Farm & Forest, you are having them look at all the other properties that have been rezoned.

### V. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS

#### Kenneth Field

Nothing to report.

# • Glenn Borger

Nothing to report.

#### • Nolan Kemmerer

Nothing to report.

# • Jonathan Itterly

Supervisor, Jonathan Itterly, indicated that he is proud to live in Plainfield Township, and hopes to continue after retirement. Mr. Itterly, provided information about a recent article released about cancer clusters found in 15 other PA Counties, that he found very interesting.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Jonathan Itterly to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kahler Secretary/Permit Coordinator Plainfield Township