Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
November 13, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Attending: David Franke, Joshua Meck, Eric Bauman, Diane Hollenbach, Eric Frey, Esq. of E. Kenneth Nyce Law Office, Pamela Stevens of Systems Design Engineering.

Guests: Keith Shuman (Road Foreman), Dan Miller, Fire Chief at Blandon Fire Company, Donna Culp, Anthony Spero, Aaron Rogers, Dawn Geschwindt, Lynn Houghton, Chris Bratner, Kevin Manmiller, Gregg Bogia, Lee Turner, David Tranquillo, Nancy Runyon, Linford Weber, Greg Young and other guests.

Joshua Meck called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

David Franke motioned to approve the November 13, 2025 agenda. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

David Franke motioned to approve the October 9, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

Kevin Tobias of Wyatt Drive questioned what the budget looked like.

RECYCLING BIDS

	Manual 2026/2027	**Automated 2026/2027**
Good's Disposal	$800,000/$840,000	
Jax Disposal	$277,884/$279,372	
JP Mascaro	$305,952/$314,820	$343,452/$352,320
Waste Management		$446,400/$466,488 plus $80 per cart

David Franke motioned to accept the recycling service bids and award the contract to the apparent low bidder, Jax Disposal, pending the solicitor's review. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

FLEETWOOD LIBRARY – Lee Turner updated the Board on the Fleetwood Library circulation numbers and programs. Ms. Turner told the board that libraries are still important, and they provide programs to our most valuable resource – our children. She requested an additional $2,000 to maintain County funding which requires municipalities to pay a certain dollar amount per capita.

REPORTS

Northern Berks Regional Police – Joshua Meck read the police report. There were 388 calls in October for Maidencreek Township, 43 citations and 32 crashes. Mr. Meck announced that Chief Keiser would be retiring in February. Heidi Fiedler asked if the percentages were changing. Mr. Meck stated that Ontelaunee and Leesport had already finalized their budgets, but percentages would be discussed in the future. Charlie Voorhies asked if current officers would be allowed to apply for the Chief position. Mr. Meck said anyone could apply.

Engineering & Zoning Reports – Pamela Stevens

Crossing at Maidencreek – Plans will be submitted for the Planning Commission's review at their December 3rd meeting.

Revision to the Meadowbrook Subdivision Plan of Record/140 Sandhurst Blvd

A motion was made by David Franke to grant conditional approval to the Revision to the Plan of Record Meadowbrook Subdivision Phase IV, Subdivision of Lot #37 conditioned upon completion of the items outlined in the Systems Design Engineering, Inc.'s November 7, 2025 review letter which is incorporated by reference. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Escrow Release Maiden Creek Associates

A motion was made by David Franke to approve release #2 in the amount of $1,265,395.75 to the Maiden Creek Associates Letter of Credit. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously. Charles Voorhies questioned how much money would remain. Eric Frey explained that the township will receive another letter of credit at the end of the project that will be 15% of the original amount which will be held for eighteen months after the final inspection.

No Zoning Report

Solicitor – Eric Frey, Esq.

Eric Frey updated the Board on court proceedings on the fine for 320 Main Street. The property owner did not appear on their court date and now has 30 days to appear, or a bench warrant will be issued.

Public Works – Keith Shuman

Keith Shuman stated the road crew is doing leaf pick up and preparing for winter operations.

Park and Recreation – Aaron Rogers
Aaron Rogers stated he attended the Fleetwood Borough meeting on the 250th anniversary. Maidencreek is planning a children's parade, pie and watermelon eating contest, water ballon toss, and maybe a bounce house, band, dog costume contest, and a six-to-eight-week scavenger hunt with a historical theme.

Veteran's Memorial – Thirty-two residents have already responded with interest to the veteran's memorial flyer.

Manager – Diane Hollenbach
Diane Hollenbach reported that the month was spent developing a balanced budget.

NEW BUSINESS
Resolution 24-2025 Celebrating the Blandon Lions Club 70th Anniversary.

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt Resolution 24-2025 celebrating the Blandon Lions Club 70th Anniversary. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Budget Workshop – A Budget Workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, November 18 at 6 p.m.

Phone System

A motion was made by David Franke to purchase a cloud-based phone system through Galco Communications at a cost of $2,232.00. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Municipal Office – The estimate for the municipal building was higher than the board planned. The Board would like to look at renovations of the existing building instead. Heidi Fiedler asked if the Authority plans to stay. This has not yet been discussed with the Authority.

A motion was made by David Franke to terminate discussion on the new municipal building. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL MATTERS
Approval of the bills and acceptance of the Treasurer's Report as presented.

A motion to approve the bills and accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by David Franke and seconded by Eric Bauman. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

David Tranquillo of 616 Walnut Tree Drive, Blandon spoke against the idea of having a fire substation on the Well 6 and 7 property.

Donna Culp of 51 Mtn Spring Rd, Blandon wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Charles L Voorhies of 284 W Walnut Tree Drive, Blandon spoke about hiring additional officers for enforcement of the jake brake ordinance. Mr. Franke spoke about budget constraints in all three municipalities and the court being unwilling to find anyone guilty under the jake brake ordinance because jake brakes were viewed as a safety feature.

Heidi Fiedler of 432 E Wesner Road, Blandon spoke about storm water and stream erosion in the Willow Creek. Mr. Meck commented that the township does not own the stream as it is owned by the Commonwealth of PA.

Charles Voorhies asked what the Authority bond was used for. Nick Volk explained it was for the development and construction of Wells 6 and 7. The well will hopefully be completed by spring. The Authority is currently waiting on issuance of an NPDES permit.

A representative of JP Mascaro spoke about serving the township as it's recycling company for fourteen years, small haulers going out of business and asked that the township make sure the winning bid is in order. He also spoke about automated collection service not being a good fit for the township.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Franke and seconded by Eric Bauman. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Hollenbach
Township Manager