Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
December 11, 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, and Christina Hafer.

Guests: Keith Shuman (Road Foreman), Dan Miller, Fire Chief at Blandon Fire Company, Anthony Spero, Donna Culp, Aaron Rogers, Connie Cammarano, Nancy Runyon, and other guests.

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

An Executive Session was held after the November 13, 2025, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm for personal matters.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

David Franke motioned to approve the December 11, 2025, Agenda, Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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

David Franke motioned to approve the November 18, 2025, Budget Meeting Minutes. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

Donna Culp, Main Street, Blandon, asked about the recycling bid submitted by Jax Disposal. Mr. Meck stated they did not meet the criteria of the bid.
Al Degenaro from J.P. Mascaro was present at the meeting and introduced himself. He said, "Thank you" for letting them service the Township for several years. Mr. Meck stated he was appreciative of the service, and when issues arise, they are taken care of promptly.

Heidi Fiedler, East Wesner Road, Blandon, asked about the Melrose stormwater issues and asked if the Township owns property in Melrose. She stated that the Township owns other property that has stormwater issues that are not being addressed. Mr. Meck said we have gone through this subject in previous meetings. Her second comment asked if it was a requirement for the recycling bid from the other bidders. Mr. Meck answered that it was correct. Mr. Frey stated the vote is conditioned on the solicitor's review of the bid documents to confirm they complied with the requirements.

Charles Voorhies, Genesis Drive, Blandon, questioned whether Jax Disposal would be allowed to comply with the requirements after the opening of the bids. Mr. Frey said some items are curable, but not for the other requirements.

REPORTS

Northern Berks Regional Police – Joshua Meck reviewed the Northern Berks Regional Police Activity Report. Chief Keiser is retiring and actively reviewing applications. There are two positions for patrol officers due to retirement.

Engineering & Zoning Reports – **Pamela Stevens**
Consideration of Final Plan approval for Crossings at Maidencreek. Time extension submitted until February 13, 2026, if the plan is not approved.
Ms. Stevens stated that the Planning Commission was notified that hydrant testing should be performed due to concerns about water pressure and recommended the time extension.

David Franke motioned to approve the Crossings at Maidencreek time extension until February 13, 2026. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.
Ms. Stevens said they received a pre-scoping application for the Gables at Willow Creek proposing an entrance off of Schaeffer Road and an interconnection to Damascus Drive and Hope Drive. The Commission recommended sending the development traffic to Faith Drive.

Ms. Stevens said it was an honor serving with Mr. Franke and thanked him on behalf of SDE, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Diane Hollenbach clarified that the Township did not get an official plan submittal for the Gables at Willow Creek, SDE has the scoping application, and there is nothing at the office for the residents to look at. Mr. Voorhies asked about the type of homes to be built. Mrs. Hollenbach said they will possibly build single-family homes.

No Zoning Report

Solicitor – Eric Frey, Esq.
Action on the eminent domain proposal.

David Franke motioned to authorize signing with an appraiser and to start eminent domain proceedings for the property. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Mr. Frey said he went to court in October for 320 Main Street, and the judge gave them 30 days to start a payment plan. He will follow up with the judge to see the outcome.

Public Works – Keith Shuman –

Action on fuel tanks and related accessory purchases. **TABLED**

Keith Shuman stated they extended the leaf pick-up for another week. He and Mr. Meck met with DEP about the Yard Waste Site and were pleased with the site. The road crew also connected the trails at the Community Park.

Park and Recreation – Aaron Rogers
Aaron Rogers said they had a planning meeting for the semiquincentennial, but selecting a date has not been achieved. It will revolve around the Community Park on a Saturday. The Christmas Decorating Contest with a submission end date on December 20th. The Park and Recreation Board will participate in the Blandon Fire Company, with Santa Claus riding on the fire truck.

Manager – Diane Hollenbach
Action to approve a change in dental insurance from Delta Dental to United Concordia. Policy is through the trust, and 100% of employee dentists accept United Concordia. 3 of 7 employees are dentists who accept Delta Dental.

David Franke motioned to approve the switch of the employee dental insurance to United Concordia starting January 1, 2026. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Hollenbach said the Township received the first check from the insurance company for the repair of the traffic signal that was hit in an accident at Park Road and Excelsior Drive. The Township is waiting for the permanent replacement quote with the insurance company covering that as well.

OLD BUSINESS
Motion to reject the Jax Disposal Recycling bid for failure to include a signed bid bond, failure to include a letter from a surety company willing to issue the Performance Bond, failure to make the performance guarantee, and failure to provide proof of an acceptable disposal method of recyclables.

David Franke motioned to reject the Jax Disposal Recycling bid for failure to include a signed bid bond, failure to include a letter from a surety company willing to issue the Performance bond, failure to make the performance guarantee, and failure to provide proof of an acceptable disposal method of recyclables. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Motion to award the 2026/2027 Recycling contract to JP Mascaro for $305,952/$314,820.

David Franke motioned to award the 2026/2027 Recycling contract to JP Mascaro for $305,952.00 and $314,820.00, and the solicitor confirmed all requirements are compliant. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Resolution 25-2025 Setting the Real Estate Tax Rate.

David Franke motioned to adopt Resolution 25-2025 setting the 2026 Tax Rate for General Purposes at 2.6000 Mills, Fire Purposes at 1.0000 Mills, and Ambulance Purposes at 0.5000 Mills. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Motion to adopt Resolution 26-2025 Setting the Recycling Fee.

David Franke motioned to adopt Resolution 26-2025 Setting the Recycling Fee at $110.00 per residential unit. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Motion to adopt Resolution 27-2025 approving the 2026 Budget.

David Franke motioned to adopt Resolution 27-2025, approving the 2026 Annual Budget. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Motion to advertise the Reorganization meeting for Monday, January 5, 2026, beginning at 5:00 pm.

David Franke motioned to advertise the Reorganization meeting for Monday, January 5, 2026, beginning at 5:00 pm. 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.

Motion to release $235,000 to Northern Berks EMS from the EMS Tax account.

A motion was made by David Franke to release $235,000.00 to Northern Berks EMS from the EMS Tax account. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Richard Demming, South View Road, asked the Board about the right-of-way when a utility company digs in someone's yard. Mr. Frey said that as long as the utility company is in the right-of-way, they have legal rights. If they go out of the right-of-way, permission would have to be granted by the resident.

Mr. Meck said that Frontier should be putting door hangers on all residents who would be affected by the work being done in the right-of-way. He also addressed issues the Township has had with the company. They will be responsible for any damage made to the resident's property. The number for Frontier will be on the Township website.

Mr. Demming asked about the swale near the Community Park. Mr. Meck explained that the Township will be working on it in the spring, and the road crew checks the area periodically.

Nancy Runon, Lindbergh Ave, asked if the Township will be putting the gate up in the park. Mr. Meck said they will also be working on it in the spring.

Charles Voorhies, Genesis Drive, stated that the District Justice does not seem to be enforcing the noise ordinance. Mr. Meck said this was discussed at the Northern Berks Regional Police Commission Meeting. The Commissioners submitted the documents to the police chief and forwarded them on to the District Justice. Mr. Franke said the police officers were making the stops, but the jake brake was a safety issue. The violations are an inspection issue due to the modified exhaust system. The District Justice will issue fines on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Voorhies asked if the Township will have three different internet services. Mr. Meck said that is correct, stating that Service Electric is established, and Comcast and Frontier will also be available.

Heidi Fiedler, East Wesner Road, questioned whether the police officers are citing drivers for violating the noise ordinance. Mr. Franke explained that the police officers would need a device to cite drivers for the noise ordinance. Mr. Frey said they are enforcing the compression release engine brake ordinance, not the noise ordinance. The officers are using two hours a night to enforce the ordinance. Ms. Fielder asked how many citations for the jake brakes had been given, and the Board continued to explain that they cannot break down how many citations for each specific ordinance.

Joshua Meck presented a certificate from PSATS, congratulating David Franke for serving as a Maidencreek Township Supervisor.

Mr. Franke spoke about his time as a supervisor, law enforcement, firefighter, and EMS. He thanked everyone for their support throughout the years and for the opportunity to serve Maidencreek Township.

Eric Bauman spoke about his interactions with David Franke and thanked him for his support as a supervisor for Maidencreek Township.

The Board thanked everyone for coming out tonight for the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Franke and seconded by Eric Bauman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer
Township Secretary