

Howe Township
December 4, 2025

The Howe Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Hope Eternal UM Church at 2 Burd Rd, Newport at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2025. Present: Chairman Dale Beaver, Vice Chairman Charles Burd, Supervisor Pat Ibaugh, Secretary Nancy Cangoli, Solicitor Dave Jones, Juanita Zeigler, Christine Campbell, Kathy Campbell, Joanne Johnston, Jeff Rayson, Jerry Gibboney-Burget & Associates.

Chairman Beaver called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance. Secretary Cangoli called the roll. All Supervisors were present.

A motion was made to approve the regular business meeting minutes of November 4, 2025 with the amendment under Road Master repairs were done on Church Rd; Ibaugh/Burd. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills as presented; Burd/Ibaugh. Motion carried.

GENERAL GOOD AND WELFARE

None was offered.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Amanda & Nathan Beamer & Darwin Haines Lot Line Revision Plan was presented to the Board by Jerry Gibboney of Burget & Associates. A motion was made to conditionally approve the plan with the conditions of the plan being it needs signed and sealed, setting of corner monuments and professional fees being paid; Ibaugh/Burd. Motion carried.

There will be a joint workshop December 22, 2025 with the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission to review the draft of the Zoning Ordinance update to include Warehouses and Data Centers at 6:00 p.m. at the Hope Eternal Church. The public hearing December 18, 2025 has been cancelled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission vacancies need to be filled. Openings are posted on the website.

The Canon Image PROGRAF and 2 rolls of paper will be delivered and set up on December 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Township office. Training will be provided by Jennifer Lechner, Business Relationship Manager with Doing Better Business. Nancy and Dale will be attending. Chairman Beaver talked about "Dropbox" versus "Box.com" for large file sharing in conjunction with the Canon Image PROGRAF and will discuss this with Jennifer Lechner.

Chairman Beaver has been attending the Perry County EMS Planning Committee meetings. They are currently working on bylaws and how it will be funded. Bloomfield Borough and Center Township submitted a letter that they will not be joining the Committee.

The Board of Supervisors meeting minutes need posted to the website for September and October including the Budget Workshops. Nancy will take care of sending these for posting.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to adopt Resolution 25-08 setting the Real Estate Tax and Fire Tax for 2026; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried.

A motion was made to adopt the 2026 General Fund budget with revenue of \$197,200 and expenses of \$197,200 and the Liquid Fuel budget with no tax increase; Beaver/Ibaugh. Motion carried.

Chairman Beaver sent a certified letter to 116 Juniata Parkway regarding a noise compliant.

There is a PPL in person meeting December 8, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. regarding pole replacement in the township that Chairman Beaver will attend.

A new delegate will need to be named to the Capital Tax Collection Bureau at the Organization meeting due to Chairman Beaver's term ending January 4, 2026. There are openings on the Executive Committee. A motion was made to authorize Nancy to advertise the 2026 meeting dates for the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission; Ibaugh/Burd. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Supervisor Ibaugh reviewed the meeting minutes for November 17, 2025. There will be no meeting in December. They raised the tapping fee from \$4,000 to \$5,000. Solicitor Jones reported that the Buffalo Crossing property is being sold. He is working with their attorneys on different issues regarding the current plan. Due to employee turn over the current Public Works employees need proper training on HTMA grinder pump swapping or disband the contract. Supervisor Burd suggested having the SEO train them and will reach out to him to see if he can do it.

JUNIATA SEWAGE REPORT

Supervisor Burd reported there was an emergency meeting in November regarding picking a health insurance plan for Herbie. PSTAS has a plan that they voted on. There will be no meeting in December.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Jones was asked if a resolution would be needed to require electronic plans to be submitted. He advised that the SALDO would need to be amended and some Surveyors may not have the ability to do electronic submissions. A per page charge would need to be on the fee schedule resolution. There is a new agenda law that if the majority of the Board votes to amend the agenda the day of the meeting it can be done.

EPREMA

Supervisor Burd reported on the meeting November 24, 2025. They bought a frequency channel for the Board members and is compatible with the County and State communications. Their checking on prices for hand held units. The small container at the truck garage will be removed by Keith Finton if he can use the township trailer to haul it back to Buffalo Township. Approval was given.

ZONING REPORT

CK COG issued a permit to Wendy Brunner for roof mounted solar panels.

ROAD MASTER REPORT

Shirts and hats have been received and will be distributed. A new trimmer was purchased from Smith's Farm Equipment because it was cheaper to replace it than repair the old one. MVRs for the Public Works employees need to be pulled. Annual updates are required. Road Master Beaver reported on the first snow on December 2nd with 3" of snow. RT 22/322 was closed and traffic was diverted on to Acker Rd. Inventory of the truck garage and shop inside and out needs updated with paper forms and photos in January 2026. Messick's Farm Equipment came to the truck garage and gave a training refresher on the putting the plow on the loader.

A motion was made to go into an executive session at 7:06 p.m.; Burd/Ibaugh. Motion carried. A motion was made to return to the business meeting at 7:38 p.m.; Beaver/Burd. Motion carried. The purpose of the executive session was personnel matters.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing was offered.

Supervisor Burd thanked Chairman Beaver for his years of service to the township and the lessons learned. Nancy shared the same sentiment.

Chairman Beaver adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cangoli
Secretary