

**LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
Special Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Zurl
Dave Connors
Eric Sipple

STAFF PRESENT:

Kenneth Battin, Township Manager
Dawn Maciejczyk, Asst. Township Manager
LaRain Catoia, Secretary

18 Audience Members

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Zurl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESS RELEASES/FUTURE MEETINGS

Mr. Zurl also announced the next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., the meeting agenda deadline is Wednesday October 7, 2026 at noon.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Zurl asked for public comment on the agenda items. There were none.

II. FIRST BUSINESS

2027 MMO - Municipal Authority PMRS Pension Plan

Mr. Battin spoke and stated these memos are standard each year to allow the Township to pay into the pension plans for the employees. A motion was made by Mr. Connors to approve the 2027 Municipal Authority PMRS Pension Plan. Seconded by Mr. Sipple and approved by a vote of 3-0.

2027 MMO – Township PMRS Pension Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Connors to approve the 2027 Township PMRS Pension Plan. Seconded by Mr. Sipple and passed with a vote of 3-0.

Interviews of Candidates for Supervisors

Mr. Zurl gave a quick thank you to the candidates that showed interest in the two open positions. He asked if any of the candidates had questions for the Board Members. There were none. Mr. Connors thanked the applicants and explained that the role was more than most people thought but after reviewing all of the applications he felt all of the candidates were qualified for the position.

Wayne DiFranchesco introduced himself giving a background of his service to London Grove Township and why he is interested in the Board of Supervisors Position. Mr. Tim Frazier spoke to indicate that although he is now a horse farmer his background is in engineering, building codes and construction. Mr. Yeatman spoke and indicated his pleasure in seeing the amount of applicants that were interested in the position. He stated he would be willing to help out if needed. Deborah Rosenfeld introduced herself and stated she moved to the area from California and this community has been wonderful for her family. Mr. Connors interjected and gave some of his background and the longevity of his running on the Board. He indicated the fiscal situation of our township is good due to responsible management of the funds and budget planning. He

suggested becoming involved in the other Boards and Commissions to be able to learn the process of local government. Mr. Andrew Bowman inquired about the bridges in the township and how the inspections worked. Mr. Battin gave a quick synopsis of how often they are maintained and inspected. That gave Mr. Zurl an opportunity to speak regarding the issues the Board has been dealing with for getting approval for the bridge replacements that are needed in the Township. He stated the difficulty of dealing with the Federal Government and getting the approval due to the Wild & Scenic involvement. Mr. Charlie Owens asked the Board Members what they would be looking for as they picked the new appointments. Mr. Zurl indicated he was looking for someone that would be helpful in filling in a spot that the already elected members might be a little weaker in. Ms. Kristen Barnello spoke and indicated she felt her skill set to help the Board would be as a communicator. She is in the education field and deals with a wide range of people. Mr. Todd Pawlowski indicated that he is currently serving of the Planning Commission and would like to take the next step to ensure the work that the planning commission is doing will be taken through to the Supervisor level. Mary Schlachter spoke from the audience and indicated that there was a need for volunteers on the other Boards and Commissions. Mr. George Hundt spoke and indicated he would like to serve in order to help preserve the area. Mr. Bains gave his background in grant writing and working with Delaware County. Indicated he could serve the board with that knowledge. Mr. Brian Campbell stated he has been in the area for 12 Years and is very interested in the future and would like to serve on this committee.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Candidates for Supervisor

Mr. Steve Zurl gave a list of items that the Board is dealing with at this point and have been ongoing. Mr. Connors added the involvement with Inniscrone Golf Course and the Fire and EMS responsibility that the Board holds to provide for the residents and to pay for this service. He indicated the stress of the position but it is also rewarding. Mr. Sipple stated the reward of winning an elected position and the need for the candidates that are appointed to be willing to run in the next election cycle.

Mr. Jerry Lamastra interjected from the audience and inquired about the length of the appointment. Steve stated whomever was appointed would need to run in the mid-term of 2027. Mr. Lamastra asked if any of the candidates were qualified. Mr. Connors spoke and informed him that the Board members had the resumes and all were qualified.

Mr. Zurl asked if all candidates were living in the township. He asked if everyone was registered to vote and could legally run for office in London Grove Township. All answered yes.

Mr. Sipple recommended Ms. Kristen Barnello for the first open position. He felt her back ground in education and public service was a necessity for this board. Seconded by Mr. Connors. Passing with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Connors recommended Mr. Todd Pawlowski. He suggested his background with the planning commission would be critical in being up to speed with how the Board of Supervisors conducts business. Seconded by Mr. Sipple and passed with a vote of 3-0.

Ms. Dawn Maciejczyk swore in both candidates

XII. PUBLIC NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Zurl asked for public comment of non-agenda items. Mr. Charlie Owens inquired about the open seat on the Planning Commission. He was told there was an applicant for that position.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Sipple to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. Connors and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

LaRain Catoia
Township Secretary