



HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PA
Regular Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of Hopewell Township met on July 6, 2026 at 7:00pm. The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. It was announced that the meeting would be recorded.

Present: Ed Hoover, John Cover, Ted Diehl, Bedrudin Becirovic, Jenny Hart, Jamie Kensinger

No agenda public comment was received.

Old Business:

Supervisor Diehl raised concerns with the June 1, 2026 minutes.

Motion was made to table the June 1, 2026 minutes. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Reports:

Treasurer Report – Jenny presented the Account of Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending June 2026.

Motion was made to approve the Account of Revenues and Expenditures and authorize payment of bills. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Jenny recommended distributing the remaining gas project funds.

Motion was made to distribute the remaining gas project funds to the Humane Society Animal Police, the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter, youth baseball, and the library – all 501(c)(3) organizations. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Zoning/Permits Report – Jamie reported that five zoning and land use permits were issued during the month.

Fire Department – No representative present.

Shippensburg EMS – No representative present.

Park & Recreation – No representative present.

Newburg Hopewell Joint Authority – No representative present.

Landfill – No representative present and no inspection conducted.

Planning Commission – Sue Heberlig reported that the Commission met on June 18, 2026, and reviewed the subdivision associated with the proposed boat launch. The Commission recommended approval of both a waiver of the preliminary plan requirement and the final subdivision plan for the JLO Trust.

New Business:

Boat Launch Subdivision – Motion to waive the preliminary plan requirements for the final subdivision of the JLO Trust plan. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Motion to approve the final subdivision of the JLO Trust plan. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Boat Launch Grants – Grant application was submitted. The project is projected to be finalized in the spring of 2027. A public concern was raised regarding motorized boats on the creek; the Board clarified that the launch is designed exclusively for non-motorized watercraft such as kayaks and canoes, and that the township has no authority over activity on the water itself.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution: The Cumberland County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution was read, which is renewed every five years as required by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Motion to adopt the Cumberland County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

DCED Grant Resolution – Updated figures for the previously approved Greenway Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant resolution were presented to include total project costs for speed hump installations within the township park.

Motion to accept the updated changes to the DCED grant resolution. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Trunk-or-Treat – The Board discussed holding the annual Trunk-or-Treat event in co-sponsorship with the Newburg First Church of God. Proposed dates were October 17th or 18th, 2026. A budget figure and final date will be confirmed at a subsequent meeting.

Motion to approve Trunk-or-Treat preliminarily for October 17th or 18th, 2026, with a final date and budget to be determined. Passed unanimously (Ed Hoover, John Cover, and Ted Diehl aye).

Handbook – The Board discussed the ongoing employee handbook revision and the need to provide full-time employees with clarity regarding their leave benefits for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year. Three individual letters confirming vacation and sick/personal leave allocations for Jamie Kensinger, Jenny Hart, and Eric Hockenberry. Hart and Hockenberry's letters are effective immediately and valid through January 2027, pending completion of the updated handbook. Kensinger's stands from prior agreement.

Motion was made to approve and issue the three letters confirming full-time employee leave benefits. Passed 2–1 (John Cover and Ed Hoover aye; Ted Diehl nay).

General Public Comment:

Several residents addressed the Board. David Elliott commented on conduct at the prior meeting, liability concerns related to uninsured equipment operators, a personnel matter involving a former employee, and the condition of township roads following recent storms. Richard Dillie raised concerns regarding alleged EPA and DEP violations stemming from roadside tree removal work performed by the township near his property on West Creek Road, and read into the record a compliance inspection letter from the Cumberland County Conservation District. Resident Nikki Urban announced that a meeting with State Representative Barb Gleim regarding food processing residuals and biosolids has been scheduled for July 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township building, conducted via video call.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Parks & Rec. Board Meeting** – No Meeting in July
- **Planning Commission Meeting** – July 16 at 6:30 p.m. (Pending New Business)
- **BOS Meeting** – August 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- **BOS Workshops** – Every Monday at 7:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

John motioned to adjourn.

Ted seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Signature _____

The Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Vice Chair Signature _____

Minutes compiled by Jamie Kensinger.

Roadmaster Signature _____