

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUNE 11, 2026
MEETING MINUTES**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Curtis Dietrich. Also present were Vice Chairman Michael Divers; Supervisor Jack Iannantuono, Manager Michael Siegel, Solicitor Thomas Dinkelacker, Esq., Engineer David Alban and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Michael Divers made a motion to approve the agenda. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Roll call, all yes. Motion carried. Michael Divers made a motion to approve the May 14, 2026 meeting minutes, as written and the June 1, 2026 meeting minutes with the following change of wording of motion to ratify. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call, all yes. Motion carried. Michael Divers made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Jack Iannantuono read his treasurers report. He explained PLGIT funds and CD's and is working on interest earnings for the July meeting.

Curt Dietrich said our assessed value is 271,879,000.

Jack will report on real estate tax and where we are percentage wise at the July meeting.

Dave Alban – Specialty Cars is looking for a \$185,707.78 reduction. No maintenance is needed and recommends release.

Michael Divers made a motion to release all funds for Specialty Cars 2945 Corporate Court, Orefield, PA. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Adam Luybli – 6443 Game Preserve Road was present to discuss an indemnification agreement.

Michael Siegel – There is a shared driveway that is grandfathered from the 1970's. PennDot has since adopted HOP's. Mr. Luybli applied for permits, we can't issue due to no HOP from PennDot. PennDot refuses to issue the HOP due to site distance issues. We worked out an agreement that he would accept responsibility. Mr. and Mrs. Horn also share the driveway and have concerns.

Tom Dinkelacker, Esq. – Has just seen the agreement for the first time today. If PennDot isn't allowing the HOP, that is not a Township issue. Not our concern on issues with neighbors using a common driveway. PennDot requires a low volume driveway permit and it doesn't meet the site distance. Can we issue a permit if PennDot did not issue the HOP? Concerns on us issuing and not sure why we are considering an indemnity agreement. Do we have authority to issue permits without an HOP?

Mike Siegel will check with Barry Isett and Associates if we can issue the building permits without an HOP from PennDot.

Adam Luybli – Rocco Beltrami – Township Solicitor agreed to an indemnity agreement. Do we not need it?

Thomas Dinkelacker, Esq.- He is not saying we don't need it. He doesn't know at this point. The homeowner is responsible to do everything needed to get that permit. Not sure if we can issue without an HOP or if we need to wait.

Adam Luybli – Still working with PennDot to get the HOP.

There was a discussion on PennDot, Indemnity agreement and building permits.

Jack Iannantuono – Does the indemnity agreement hold harmless the township?

Thomas Dinkelacker, Esq. – Not sure indemnity does anyone any good.

Curtis Dietrich – We will look into this a little more closely.

Thomas Dinkelacker, Esq – Our code enforcer signed off on the permit. Wants to know if Barry Isett & Associates knows PennDot hasn't issued the HOP. Wants to know if it is contingent upon or if outside agency approval is not needed.

Thomas Dinkelacker, Esq. explained why the current driveway is a change of use.

Adam Luybli's father spoke about the property and asked why the Horn's can use the driveway and Adam can't.

Thomas Dinkelacker, Esq. – The township doesn't have an issue with the driveway, PennDot has the issue.

Curtis Dietrich – We will research on our end. If we can issue the permit, we will. If it needs township action, it will have to wait until next month.

Thomas Dinkelacker, Esq. – A permit being used or not isn't a board decision.

Jack Iannantuono – We should drop the issue until Barry Isett & Associates clarifies.

Curtis Dietrich – We will get it resolved.

Thomas Dinkelacker, Esq. suggested Mr. Luybli speaks with PennDot, as they are preventing you from using the property.

Deanna Niechwiadowicz – Resident – is concerned about tractor trailers using very windy roads. Their GPS is taking them on back roads. Can the township put up signs, restricting the size of trucks?

Curtis Dietrich – Understand the concern, as he has seen the same.

Michael Divers – Wishes we could control that, but we can't.

Deanna Niechwiadowicz – Looking for signage, it could possibly help.

Curtis Dietrich – Will look into it, not sure on placement.

Jack Iannantuono spoke on the township pension. Every plan has regulations for eligibility and allocations. Recommending amending the plan, so we get accurate allocations. Currently have 501 hours eligibility, which is low. The state has 35 hours per week, 910 hours. To amend, it would cost \$500. Jack Iannantuono made a motion to amend the pension plan to the state provisions and eligibility to maximize state funds for pension. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Dave Alban is still working on Weathered Vineyards. Cottage Gates – Next month for security release. Received emergency permit for the Farrier Road culvert replacement. Act 537 is still moving forward. 100 properties have successfully been completed, 91 haven't answered, will follow up with them and randomly select until we have our target of 180 inspections needed to make the 20%.

Curt Dietrich would like the planning commission to discuss existing sewage and disposal and our future needs.

Dave Alban can look into truck studies for signage. Truck restrictions on these roads are easy to get. Can give some recommendations.

Mike Siegel gave his managers' report for May.

Curt Dietrich asked what Mike's role is in permit issuance.

Jill Seymour – Mike reviews for zoning approval and Barry Isett reviews for UCC approval.

Curt Dietrich asked what the time line is for Farrier Road.

Joe Kalusky – Possibly a week. Needs to order the pipe.

Mike Divers gave the recreation report – All is in line for Night in the Country and the parking lot. Night in the Country is going to be cashless.

Mike Siegel will contact CC Holdings about the current lease.

The floor was opened for public comment. Mark Burkitt from Specialty Cars thanked the Township.

Mike Divers made a motion to adjourn. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,