

WALPACK TOWNSHIP MAYOR AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 28, 2025

Opening Statement: Mayor Maglio stated, "This remote meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, having been duly advertised."

NOTE: The system employed by the Township of Walpack for conducting its remote public meeting affords the public the opportunity to both listen to, and participate in, the meeting by means of a simple dial-in process which has been made known to the public via an announcement on the Township website since the first remote meeting was announced.

Roll Call: Mayor Victor Maglio, Deputy Mayor Ken Bechtold, Committeeman James Heigis, MCFO Ashley Kannaley, Attorney Glenn Kienz, Clerk Christine M. Von Oesen

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve the September 30, 2025 Mayor and Committee meeting minutes. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Committeeman Heigis. All in Favor.

Resolutions:

Resolution R-35-25. A resolution approving bills and vouchers for payment. Bills list attached. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-35-25. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Committeeman Heigis. All in favor.

Resolution R-36-25. A resolution to approve the Amended Shared Services Agreement for Shared Municipal Court of Frankford, Lafayette, Sandyston, Montague, and Walpack. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-36-25. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Committeeman Heigis. All in favor.

Discussion:

Mayor Maglio asked MCFO Kannaley to speak regarding Best Practices. CMFO Kannaley explained that there are 70 questions, 50 of which are graded. There are 43.5 available points, and Walpack scored 38. If a municipality scores 32 points or less, the State begins to withhold funds. Regarding the lead remediation section, Walpack has none to report, as there are no rentals. Mayor Maglio added that many of the Best Practices questions are difficult to respond to for Walpack because of our size and resulting governing structure. The questions are fine and applicable to the overwhelming majority of municipalities, but not so for our Township.

Mayor Maglio asked Deputy Mayor Bechtold to speak regarding updates on the roof and repairs. Deputy Mayor Bechtold offered that Steve Belton, a roofer from Blairstown, is submitting a quote for removing slate from the roof and covering it with plywood, and replacing same with a metal roof. He will also submit a proposal for repairs to the cupola, the fascia, and the chimney.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold added that the Walpack Historical Society could help remove bricks from the chimney. While not a replacement reflecting the historical slate currently there, the metal roof being proposed by Steve Belton should be expected to last 60-65 years.

Mayor Maglio offered that it does not seem unreasonable to see repairs to the fascia, cupola and chimney, and the replacement of the roof as separate projects. The former three are independent maintenance items which need to be addressed apart from any work on the roof replacement.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold asked if we have a contract with Suburban Propane for cleaning. CMFO Kannaley advised that we do have such a contract. Deputy Mayor Bechtold will call Suburban Propane and arrange for a cleaning.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold advised that the fire inspector will be checking the buildings. The Walpack Historical Society is paying the service charge of \$55 and the \$6 or \$7 dollars for fire extinguisher maintenance.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold anticipates meeting with NPS advocate Timothy Leonard. Sandyston Mayor George Harper and Sandyston Clerk Amy Lobban have expressed concern regarding Old Mine Road and Route 615 conditions, which have resulted in closure of same for several years. Deputy Mayor Bechtold will also show Mr. Leonard the landslide by Flatbrook Bridge. Mayor Maglio stated that the Main Street bridge is under the authority of the Federal Highway Administration, but Deputy Mayor Bechtold will show Mr. Leonard the area as well.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold will attend the court meeting.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold will drop off the audit to Clerk Von Oesen to notarize.

Public Comment:

Mayor Maglio opened the floor to Public Comment.

Bill Schwab would like Steve Belton to be shown the cupola and soffit. He states that the soffit may be a problem, and that in order to protect it, it is currently covered. Deputy Mayor Bechtold will share this with Mr. Belton.

Hearing no further Public Comment, Mayor Maglio closed the meeting to Public Comment.

Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to Adjourn. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Committeeman Heigis. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Von Oesen
Clerk
Walpack Township