

WALPACK MAYOR AND COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
APRIL 29, 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 meetings affords the public the opportunity to both listen to, and participate in, the meeting by a means of a simple dial-in procedure 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 J. Maglio, Deputy Mayor Ken Bechtold, Attorney Glenn Kienz, MCFO Ashley Kannaley, Clerk Christine M. Von Oesen

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve the April 29, 2025 Mayor and Committee meeting minutes. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Mayor Maglio. All in Favor.

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Bechtold has a list of items that were recently found in the old school house closet while he and others were checking the building for leaks. He has sent that list of Mayor Maglio and Clerk Von Oesen. He asks if the items might be put on display for the Walpack Memorial Day event to be held on June 22, 2025 at 1 pm at the church in Walpack. Sharon Spandenbergh is the lead for this event. Mayor Maglio thinks that this is a very good idea.

Clerk Von Oesen states that nearly all FDS forms have been submitted.

Mayor Maglio opened the floor for Public Comment before a vote authorizing Ordinance #02-25. Hearing no Public Comment, Mayor Maglio closed the floor for Public Comment.

Ordinance:

Ordinance #02-25. Second Reading. An Ordinance to authorize the execution of an interlocal agreement establishing a joint court to be known as "The Frankford Joint Municipal Court." Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve Ordinance #02-25. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Mayor Maglio. All in Favor.

Resolutions:

Resolution R-24-25. A Resolution approving bills and vouchers for payment. Bills list attached. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve, R-24-25. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Mayor Maglio. All in Favor.

Enter Committeeman James Heigis.

Resolution 25-25. Mayor Maglio opened the floor to the Public for discussion prior to approving the Resolution for Adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget. Hearing no Public Comment, Mayor Maglio closed the floor for Public Comment. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve the R-25-25 approving the Adoption of the 2025 Municipal Budget. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Committeeman Heigis. All in Favor.

Resolution 26-25. A Resolution of the to accept The Walpack Inn Conflict Resolution. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R 26-25. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Mayor Maglio. All in Favor. (Committeeman Heigis, owner of The Walpack Inn does not vote.)

Comment:

Mayor Maglio opened the floor to Public.

Mayor Maglio has discussed currently delinquent Walpack taxes with Attorneys Keinz and Karp, as well as Tax Collector Theresa Schlosser, regarding delinquent taxes. Ms. Schlosser had sent reminder letters regarding delinquent taxes and interest on same. Tax sale requires 50 day notice and is usually done in the fall. Mayor Maglio will send friendly reminder letters to those owners who have not submitted their tax payments by May 11, 2025.

Bill Schwab asked Deputy Mayor Bechtold if he could offer an update on the roof. Deputy Mayor Bechtold advised that the roof was tarped, and the tarp looks good. However, the chimney/roof area and cupola needs repair before the roof can be repaired. The structural aspects need to be checked, although both interior and exterior look good.

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

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Deputy Mayor Bechtold contacted NJ State Police after the last Walpack Mayor and Committee meeting to confirm which jurisdiction has authority in Walpack. It was determined that the Park Police are not allowed on private property, only the NJ State Police are allowed on private property.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold stated that on May 3, from 10-12, volunteers will be sprucing up the schoolhouse and Walpack Center area.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold will be looking at roof estimates and continuing to investigate funding options.

Hearing no further 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