

WALPACK MAYOR AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 27, 2026

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 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 Louis Karp, Clerk Christine M. Von Oesen

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve the November 25, 2025 minutes. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Mayor Maglio. All in Favor.

Communications:

The following communications were acknowledged as received:

FY Letter of Intent – Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder
Statement of Assurance – Governor’s Council on Substance Abuse Disorder
Fiscal Requirement – Governor’s Council on Substance Abuse Disorder

Resolutions:

Resolution R-14-26. A Resolution approving the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder (GCSUD), Alliance to Prevent Substance Use Disorder. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-14-26. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Mayor Maglio. All in Favor.

Resolution R-15-26. A Resolution approving bills and vouchers for payment. Bills list attached. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-15-2026. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Mayor Maglio. All in Favor.

Resolution R-16-26. A Resolution approving the agreement between the Township of Walpack and Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority for Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) to certify the 2025 Annual Recycling Tonnage Report. Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to approve R-16-26. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Mayor Maglio. All in Favor.

Discussion:

Deputy Mayor Bechtold spoke with Paul Macnamara of the Blairstown Rescue Squad regarding the number of Walpack call out they responded to. In 2023, Blairstown First Aid responded to 2 calls in Walpack. In 2024, Blairstown First Aid responded to 2 calls in Walpack. In 2025, Blairstown First Aid responded to 1 call in Walpack.

Blue Ridge Rescue responded to one call in Walpack.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold advised that Mark Miller has cleared the area at the Flatbrookville Fire House, and the building is being used to store a tractor which Mr. Miller uses to maintain the Lower Walpack Cemetery. Walpack Historical Society member Ken Delosa would like to replace the sign.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold obtained a Walpack Historical Society insurance rider covering parking.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold advised that the Fire House security camera was repaired by the Walpack Historical Society.

With regard to the planned Sandyston Township Rescue Squad, the members are First Responders, however, they are not certified. We will, therefore, continue with Blue Ridge Rescue. Blue Ridge had considered becoming a paid squad, but decided against it.

Bill Schwab, per Deputy Bechtold, is seeking permission to enter the school house. A resolution allowing entry and the terms regarding same is suggested. A sign in sheet would be an additional protocol, noting those who enter, date and time, and reason for entering.

In the spring, the Walpack Historical Society will continuing opening Walpack Buildings, such as the museum and the church, for public events. They would like to also open the school house on these days. These events are usually held May through October, once or more per month. Mayor Maglio was in agreement but added that there must be a person to monitor the building while it is open to the public, and, we must confirm that we are insured for these events.

Public Comment:

Mayor Maglio opened the floor for Public Comment.

Bill Schwab advised that he can provide dates for the public events in Walpack and he appreciates that the school house can be included. He suggests two docents at the school house for public events. He agrees with the sign in/sign out log, including name, purpose of visit, and time in and time out.

Don Stead discussed the camera, and images it may provide.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold advises that there have been no break-ins since the alarm was installed.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold advised that roof repairs will probably not continue until Spring.

Deputy Mayor Bechtold asked why there was no Chris Happe bill on the bills list.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Maglio closed the floor to the Public.

Mayor Maglio requested a Motion to adjourn. Motion by Deputy Mayor Bechtold. Second by Mayor Maglio. All in Favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Von Oesen
Clerk
Walpack Township