

**Morgan Township
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**MINUTES OF MORGAN TOWNSHIP
May 5, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: At 4:00 p.m. Jeff Sholtis, Chairman, called the regular monthly meeting of the Morgan Township Supervisors to order in the municipal office building located at 1019 Third Street Extension, Mather, Greene County, Pennsylvania. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Supervisors Jeff Sholtis, David Harshman and Kolby Kendall were present. Also attending the meeting were several residents (list attached) Code Enforcement Officer Mark Gordon, Solicitor Dennis Makel and Secretary/Treasurer Relda Litten.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Harshman, with a second from Mr. Kendall to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026 meeting and the motion carried with all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Saunders asked if the township needs a skid loader and why was it purchased before the meeting. Mr. Sholtis stated he did not even know the skid loader was coming that day until a Jefferson Township supervisor told him., although the purchase of the skid loader had been discussed among the three supervisors before and all agreed to purchase it. A discussion was then held on the purchase. Mr. Makel said it was a legal use through the COSTARS program. He had previously sent an email to all three supervisors regarding the purchase of a skid loader outside of a public meeting. He said the township is able to purchase a skid loader through the COSTARS program, and if the item was purchased outside a public meeting, the Sunshine Act compliance can be cured at the next public meeting. He also sent a copy to the three supervisors of a PA Commonwealth Court decision regarding the same.

Ms. Milliken asked if the skid loader purchase is even necessary. She also asked if the township can go to the vacant lot where the apartments were in Mather and dump dirt using township equipment. The township does give residents dirt if they need it when cleaning ditches.

Ms. Zebro asked Mr. Sholtis to stop carrying stories to Lavern's and said you do not tell township business outside. She asked the supervisors if the Mather voting precinct could once again be back here at the office. She also stated the supervisors have one year to get their CDL's and asked if anyone is going for a Class A or has a Class A. Charles Caldwell is the only employee that has a Class A. Also, she mentioned that quads are on the roads. It was stated that the state police need to be notified.

Mr. Blaney stated Mr. Sholtis voted against the Auditors doing the audit and then asked the supervisors if they could clean a ditch that is blocked on Kennel Road.

Ms. Harshman asked Mark and the supervisors if they would consider someone going on another person's property to clean it up, like the property at 126 First Street. Mr. Makel stated a lien can be placed on the property and you would need a warrant to go on private property.

Mr. Brichetti wondered why there is garbage all over the roads lately. He also mentioned that the lot where the apartments were has been mowed.

Ms. Golden asked if the township could pay the fee of \$59 the county is charging over parcel 17-04-107-G. It was tabled till next month for further research can be done.

Ms. Semonick stated that Mr. Blaney is not qualified to do the township audit and when he said he could get a CPA stamp for the records that is wrong. She then talked about the sewage issue at County Club Estates at the Held property that is being sold. Mr. Sholtis will notify the Sewage Officer, Keith Golden to check out the situation. Act 537 states the township is ultimately responsible for the sewage. She also stated she would like the supervisors to be more accountable.

Ms. Saunders asked about procedures the township has and if the township has a handbook. Mr. Makel stated the appointed auditors set the wages of the supervisors and have opted to use a CPA to audit the books for years and have no handbook.

Ms. Smitley would like to have more stop signs in Mather to help stop all the speeding through town. Mr. Sholtis stated a road study needs to be done before stop signs can be put in.

Ms. Shrader mentioned she is still having issues with Ken Cline on Circle Street in Mather and the junk he is hauling in. Mr. Gordon will notify her when his court case comes up and she can go testify as to what is going on.

Mr. Saunders asked if something can be done to the Buskirk property as it is looking bad.

Ms. Tedrow mentioned that the dumpster at the vacant lot where the apartment building was is full and smelling and there is a junk car there as well. Mr. Sholtis stated he has been trying to get the garbage company to come get it and someone pick up the car.

Ms. Sholtis asked why the wages and benefits of the Right to Know request obtained from Lower Ten Mile Sewer was put on Facebook and stated that was not right. Mr. Harshman stated he did not put the request on Facebook, but he did the Right to Know request as people were asking him when he got elected as to why the sewage was raised to \$72 a month and he did his job inquiring from Lower Ten Mile the justification. She also asked Mr. Harshman why if he gets a clothing allowance for the year is he buying T-shirts? And she questioned why he is changing tires for a resident at the shed on township time. He stated he was only trying to help him out and would help others if they needed it.

REPORTS: Roadmaster: Mr. Sholtis gave the report for the month of April. A meeting was held at the Conservation District regarding the slip on Homeville Road. The township has applied for a grant from Harshman Group to update the Comprehensive Plan. Anti-skid has been delivered, ditching and cold patching have been done, dead trees have been removed from township roads, and they helped with the Food Bank. All three supervisors attended the state convention in Hershey. At Clean Up Day, all three supervisors were there, along with the workers. Jeff Coneybeer and Lance Sahady from Jefferson Borough also helped and Heather Wise and Mr. Lindsay's wife Darletta provided food. They filled up 4.5 dumpsters in the two days. And they also attended a meeting with the fire company.

LEGAL: Mr. Makel sent a resolution to be adopted next month regarding the Tax Collector and the fees she can charge.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Mr. Gordon gave his report for the month. He has issued five citations, attended one hearing, and investigated one complaint.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND LOT SPLITS: The Storage Container Ordinance was again tabled.

A motion was made by Mr. Harshman, seconded by Mr. Kendall to adopt Resolution 03 of 2026 to apply for a grant for the development the of Mather Park and the motion carried with all in favor. A motion was made by Mr. Harshman, seconded by Mr. Kendall to approve the match of funds for the project and the motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made to approve the Robison/Hobbs Lot Split subject to the owner providing the appropriate documents and/or a non-building lot waiver and the motion carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The cameras for the office have been tabled again but cameras have been installed at the township shed.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Mr. Harshman, seconded by Mr. Kendall to approve the purchase of a Caterpillar Compact Track Loader from Cleveland Brothers for the price of \$114,805.27. A roll call vote on the motion was: Mr. Sholtis- no; Mr. Harshman -yes; Mr. Kendall-yes and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Harshman, seconded by Mr. Kendall to approve the sale of the 2009 GMC dump truck for \$28,000 and the motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Harshman, seconded by Mr. Kendall to approve the purchase of fireworks, along with Jefferson Borough and Jefferson Township, for the JVFC July 4th celebration, not to exceed \$4,000, and the motion carried with all in favor.

Mr. Sholtis has obtained a phone number for a contact on the Buskirk property and the issue was tabled till next month.

Mr. Harshman made a motion, with a second from Mr. Kendall to approve oil and chipping five roads in the township and the motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Harshman, seconded by Mr. Kendall to pay ¼ of the payment of the JVFC's property insurance and equipment and the motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Harshman, seconded by Mr. Kendall to add to the agenda the request for the Mather precinct to vote once again here at the office building. A motion was made by Mr. Harshman, seconded by Mr. Kendall to vote on the motion and it was passed unanimously to allow this.

BILLS AND PAYROLL: A motion was made by Mr. Harshman and seconded by Mr. Kendall to pay all the payroll for the month of May and the motion carried with all in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Milliken asked if the agenda was posted on the township web site. It was not, but will be in the future.

ADJOURNMENT: Being no further business, the meeting continued at the call of the chair at 5:15 p.m.

