

Newberry Township Board of Supervisors December 16, 2025

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM

The December 16, 2025, Newberry Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Supervisors held an executive session at 5:45 PM prior to the meeting to discuss legal matters regarding the Church Road subdivision that was turned down and some real estate transactions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion made by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the meeting minutes of November 25, 2025, seconded by Supervisor Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT & SUBDIVISION PLAN REVIEW

The Board discussed reapproval of the Final Subdivision for Finazzo at 1055 Yocumtown Road for recording purposes. It was noted that reapproval was necessary because the plan was not recorded within the required 90-day timeframe.

Motion made by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to reapprove the Final Subdivision for Finazzo at 1055 Yocumtown Road for recording purposes, seconded by Supervisor Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Public Safety

Chief Steve Lutz provided information about upcoming Santa runs:

- York Haven's Santa run will be on Christmas Day, starting at 8 AM
- Goldsboro's Santa run will be on Christmas Eve, starting at 6 PM
- Newberry's next Santa run will be on December 20th at approximately 11 AM

Police Report

Chief Lutz reported that for November, the department handled 1,144 calls, including:

- 13 thefts
- 6 drug offenses
- 4 DUIs
- 5 simple assaults
- 5 harassments
- 12 other offenses

Additionally, they responded to 1,099 other calls for service, including 30 domestic incidents and 27 accidents. Officers issued 96 traffic citations, 155 warnings, and 13 non-traffic citations, and made 22 misdemeanor and/or felony criminal arrests.

Chief Lutz also announced that Officer Arena was sworn in as a police officer on November 10th, and Officer Jordan Sellers graduated from the police academy on December 10th and was sworn in on December 15th. Both officers will undergo 16 weeks of field training before handling calls independently.

Finally, Chief Lutz informed everyone that the annual "Shop with a Cop" event will be held at Walmart on Thursday, December 18th, with approximately 8 families participating.

Supervisors Report

Supervisor Gonzalez expressed concerns shared by residents regarding the potential development of a Love's truck stop in the township across from Newberry Elementary where 382 Auto is currently located. Her concerns included traffic issues, like those at Strinestown in the morning rush hours, as well as potential for human trafficking and prostitution that can be associated with truck stops.

Supervisor Kirkpatrick responded by suggesting that residents should visit Love's truck stop on Route 283 toward Lancaster to observe its operation, noting it's "one of the cleanest operating truck stops in the country."

Supervisor Kirkpatrick also mentioned that this would likely be his last meeting and expressed appreciation to Manager Schwartz for his work on meeting agendas and to the highway and sewer departments for their efforts over the past six years. He requested the Township Manager investigate an Ordinance from Derry Township that adds a percentage fee to building permits that goes directly to the fire department, suggesting the incoming Supervisors consider implementing a similar fee to benefit the township fire departments.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve to Advertise 2026 Meeting Dates

Manager Schwartz explained that for 2026, they've scheduled a workshop every month on the second Tuesday, with the main Board of Supervisors meeting on the fourth Tuesday. This change will save on advertising costs for special meetings, as they can simply cancel workshops when not needed.

Motion made by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve advertising the 2026 meeting date, seconded by Supervisor Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting

Motion made by Supervisor Gonzalez to approve the Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting for January 5, 2026, at 5:30 PM, seconded by Supervisor Kirkpatrick. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Auditors Reorganization Meeting

Motion made by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve the Board of Auditors Reorganization Meeting for January 6, 2026, at 5:30 PM, seconded by Supervisor Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment Application for Pleasant Road Bridge

Motion made by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve Payment Application No. 4 to CriLon Corporation for Pleasant Drive Bridge in the amount of \$5,089.13, contingent upon the engineer's approval, seconded by Supervisor Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously.

Certificates of Appreciation

Certificates of appreciation were presented to the two outgoing Board of Supervisors members, Dave Kirkpatrick and Clair Wintermyer, for their six years of service.

Resolution 2025-47 Setting the 2026 Millage Rates

Manager Schwartz noted that there would be no tax increases for 2026. He also explained that due to holiday publication deadlines, the budget approval would be delayed until a special meeting on December 22nd at 5:00 PM.

Motion made by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to adopt Resolution 2025-47 setting the 2026 tax millage rates, seconded by Supervisor Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to approve payment of bills, seconded by Vice Chair Harkins. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Kirkpatrick to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Gonzalez. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Aaron Schwartz, Secretary

