

**LOWHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 12, 2026
MEETING MINUTES**

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Curtis Dietrich. Also, present were Vice Chairman Michael Divers; Supervisor Jack Iannantuono; Township Manager Michael Siegel; Solicitor Thomas Dinkelacker, Esq.; Engineer Dave Alban; and Secretary Jill Seymour.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Curtis Dietrich announced the passing of former Solicitor David Brooman, Esq. Services are in New Jersey; the Board will be sending flowers.

There are no agenda modifications. Michael Divers made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

There was an executive session held on February 12, 2026 for the purpose of discussing legal issues related to the Dollar General Land Development Plan. Also, another held on March 12, 2026 for the purpose of discussing the status of the Lehigh County Authority waterline litigation.

Michael Divers made a motion to approve the February 12, 2026 meeting minutes, as written. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Curtis Dietrich has a question on the Chamber of Commerce Membership invoice with the monthly bills.

Michael Siegel: Met with the Chamber last week. There is interest in securing grants. Attended a meeting at LCCC. Must be a due paying member to get grants, it is a yearly membership. Mike would attend meetings on behalf of the Township.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to pay the yearly membership for the Chamber of Commerce, to be reviewed yearly. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Michael Divers made a motion to pay the monthly bills, as submitted. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Jack Iannantuono gave his treasurer report. Working with Jill Seymour on bank balances for the last 5 years.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Joe Howard – Lowhill Township – Should have an employment tax in Lowhill Township. Concerned about the construction vehicles on Township Roads.

Jill Seymour: We have a local services tax at \$10 per year for all employees that work in Lowhill Township.

There was a discussion on LST and condition of roads with high volume.

Jeremy Schaller: Lehigh County is doing fire training, basic emergency preparedness. For anyone interested, the flyer is up in the lobby and on the website.

Dollar General waiver request: Section 3.202(A) – as it relates to the submittal deadline for placement on the Planning Commission meeting agenda scheduled for March 25, 2026.

Tom Dinkelacker explained why the waiver is needed. Pertaining to some things the Township would like done, not in our SALDO or Zoning Ordinance. We would then waive some things such as curbs, soil testing for second sewage site, these have to be on the plan. Make the building look more suitable to the country setting. The plan is close to approval. Only minor things to be done. We would give a waiver for preliminary/final. They asked to submit late in order to make the Planning Commission meeting for March. I.e.: show reserved parking area, secondary perc site, dumpster enclosure, etc.

Steve Lear – Lowhill Township – if they don't do what they say they are doing, referring to the architectural design, does that get covered?

Tom Dinkelacker, Esq.: No, this has nothing to do with the structural design.

There was a discussion on escrows and letters of credit.

Annette Dadura- Lowhill Township – Concerned about allowing preliminary/final.

Tom Dinkelacker, Esq.: Explained the difference between preliminary, final and combined preliminary/final plans.

Susan McGorry – Lowhill Township – Also concerned about preliminary/final and like the two-step plan.

Michael Siegel – Dollar General has all outside approvals, there is no issue with preliminary/final plans.

Jack Iannantuono – Dollar General has been flexible with us.

Tom Dinkelacker, Esq. – Can't go preliminary without outside approvals. We would have to do conditional upon outside agency approvals.

Dave Alban – They have all needed approvals. Only a few minor issues to address.

Curtis Dietrich – We can't withhold approval, would be conditional.

Tom Dinkelacker, Esq. – They can't change the plan under conditional approval. Would have to come back for further review.

Michael Divers made a motion to approve Dollar General's waiver request of section 3.202(A), to submit no later than March 13, 2026 for the Planning Commission meeting on March 25, 2026. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

The Zoning Hearing Board met for a special meeting on February 16, 2026 and unanimously agreed on Solicitor Marc Fisher from Gross McGinley.

Michael Divers made a motion to appoint Marc Fisher, Esq. from Gross McGinley as Solicitor of the Zoning Hearing Board. Curtis Dietrich second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Michael Divers made a motion to approve the junkyard license for Todd Mordaunt of 7995 Wertman Road. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Jack Iannantuono made a motion to donate \$25 to Northern Valley Ambulance Corp. for a basket to be made for their fund raiser. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Michael Divers made a motion to advertise Ordinance 2026-03 – Environmental Advisory Council for adoption at our April meeting. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Curtis Dietrich explained what the EAC does, they are an advisory council to the Board of Supervisors. We need residents to volunteer their time to be on this council.

Tom Dinkelacker, Esq.; This is a 3-year term. The roll of the Supervisors is to appoint the council and appoint a chairman.

Michael Divers made a motion to advertise Ordinance 2026-01, Property Maintenance, IPMC for adoption at our April meeting. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Portable Storage, Bulk Container Ordinance:

Tom Dinkelacker, Esq. – This will be put as an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, not a stand-alone Ordinance. We will not advertise at this time. Will table until the May Meeting.

Curtis Dietrich made a motion to table the Portable Storage Zoning Ordinance Amendment until the May meeting. Michael Divers second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Tom Dinkelacker, Esq. – The Solicitor report is confidential, if anyone has any questions, I'll answer them.

Curtis Dietrich needs clarity on mandatory water/sewer connections amendment.

Tom Dinkelacker, Esq. gave clarification.

Michael Divers made a motion to cancel the April 9th meeting and move agenda items to April 6, 2026 at 6:30 pm. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

Jill Seymour will advertise the meeting for April 6 and cancel the April 9 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Dave Alban gave an Act 537 update. Putting the survey together for the residents and pamphlets will go out as well. We will put it on the website as well. This information will also be in the newsletter.

Michael Siegel gave an update on the website and also gave his manager's report.

A discussion on a major subdivision on Highland Road was discussed and will come in as a sketch plan.

The road master will no longer need to do an oral report. He will turn in a report on a template provided to him.

Joe Kalusky said the next thing he will be doing is cleaning up anti-skid, pot hole repair and tree trimming.

Recreation Commission Report:

Michael Divers – Night in the Country is going to go cashless this year. Sponsor letters will be going out shortly. Windows at the field need to be fixed.

Michael Siegel – Rocco is looking into our cell tower lease. Attorney Brooman had the cell tower lease folder, hopefully they can find and return it timely.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Wayne Schaffer – Lowhill Township – Does anyone know what started the fire in the Manor?

Michael Siegel – No we don't, it started in the garage.

Michael Divers made a motion to adjourn. Jack Iannantuono second the motion. Roll call: All yes. Motion carried.

The Lowhill Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,