

Avery Township Regular Monthly
Meeting minutes
January 7, 2025

Thom Seymour called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Thom Seymour, Liz Culham, Becca Smith, Gary McMurphy, Bernard Yantz,
Deputy Clerk- Cynthia Damoth, Zoning admin.-Kathy Podzikowski
GUESTS: Kirk Damoth, Bruno Wojcik

MINUTES: From Dec.3, 2024 meeting approval Bernard motioned, Liz 2nd motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Liz. Becca motioned; Gary 2nd motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Approval motioned by Gary, Becca 2nd motion carried.

ARPA FUNDS REPORT: Motion to finalize. Liz motioned, Gary 2nd motion carried, all info to be filed in April 2025.

MASTER PLAN FUNDS REPORT: No new information as of this meeting. Per Becca planning commission secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bruno Wojcik from Montmorency Road commission reciprocated the favor of Bernard attending the road commission meeting. He gave an update on various items that were happening. McMurphy road from M-32 to Airport Road is going to be resurfaced in 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bernard Yantz, Trustee had issued an email to a person outside the Avery Township Board, that appeared to be representing the full board, and not just for himself. It addressed His concern about Our Assessor and if some procedures are legal and how can they be addressed and about firing Our Assessor and any County assistance to take over Our assessing. The Board told Him in no uncertain terms that they did not approve of this and that he must send any other emails with His questions/concerns as a resident and not as an Avery Township Board member.

SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION: Liz reported that she is still working on this.

POVERTY EXEMPTION: Gary motioned and Liz 2nd to approve Resolution 01-2025 for Poverty Exemption. Roll call vote All-Aye No-none.

PARK GRANT: Liz motioned and Bernard 2nd to approve Resolution 02-2025 to apply for \$5,000.00 grant from Par Plan for the mulch/barrier at the Park. Roll call vote All- Aye No- none

SALARIES: Liz motioned and Gary 2nd to approve Resolution 03-2025 for a 2.5% increase for Board members and Deputies. Roll call vote All- AYE. NO- none

BOARD MEETING DATES: Liz motioned and Bernard 2nd to keep the Board meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. If an election is on that date, the Board meeting will be the following night. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk reported to the board. Mileage increased \$.70 per mile effective Jan 1, 2025.
Thom advised the Board that Advanced Assessing Berg had turned in the notice to no longer be our Assessor as of March 31, 20225. Thom has reached out to another Assessor in our area but had not made contact prior to this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

AIRPORT INSURANCE: Liz reported that airport just paid their own insurance. Deputy Clerk will follow up on this as the Township paid as well.

AIRPORT INTER LOCAL AGREEMENT: Avery and Briley Twps to meet Jan.28 @ 6:00. At Briley to review agreement

JOINT BOARD OF REVIEW: The agreement is ready and our attorney stated that he will act as the moderator if any meetings would need to be held. At this time both Avery and Briley have the required number of BOR members needed.

MTA Local Chapter: dues increase denied by another Twp so they will be staying at \$100.00 per year.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE REPORT: Liz reported last property Airport needs air rights to is not communicating with the State or Airport at all.

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Did not have regular meeting because no quorum. Meeting held via conference call on Dec. 30,2024 to approve business.

BOARD OF REVIEW: 1 property exemption was filed in Dec 2024 and denied for no supporting documentation being submitted.

FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT: Loud Twp. Truck was tested and found to be good. No repair or replacement needed.

ZONING ADMIN: Kathy Podzikowski submitted the 2024 year end report. 16 permits were issued. 1 violation went to district court and is still being worked on.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Becca Smith, Clerk