



**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Minutes of the Business Meeting

March 11, 2026

**1. Call to Order**

Brian Dunn called to order the first March Business meeting at 6:37 p.m. The meeting was a hybrid with participants attending both in person and via Zoom.

Those in attendance in addition to Mr. Dunn were:

Rajesh Kumbhardare, Vice Chair  
Libby Madarasz, Supervisor  
Pam Gural-Bear, Township Manager  
Jennifer Keller, Operations Manager  
Matthew Deceder, Police Captain  
John Weller, Planning Director  
Caroline Partridge, Finance Director  
Ed Culp, Public Works Operations Manager  
Justin Smiley, Capital & Special Projects Manager  
Todd Greenawalt, Codes Administrative Manager  
Carol Zindel, Public Works Operations Assistant  
Alex Baumler, Solicitor  
Pat Layman, Minutes

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Board of Supervisors met prior to tonight's meeting to discuss matters of personnel and litigation.

For the Love of Bluebirds Presentation given by Nancy Frame – Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Building.

Volunteer Opportunity: Burke Road Clean-up – Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Burke Road Park.

Community Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> promptly at 10:00 a.m. at Boot Road Park.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**PRESENTATION:**

**1. Clover Mill Pump Station Update and Presentation**

Mr. Culp gave a presentation on the rehabilitation project for the Clover Mill Pump Station (CMPS). The station was built in 1970 and last upgraded in 2006. The station handles 2.4 million gallons of sewage flow per day in addition to about 36% of Uwchlan Township's flow, all of which travels to the Downingtown treatment facility (DARA). DARA is expanding its facility to provide an increase in EDU's and flow along with a rate increase.

The project was conducted in two phases with Phase I focusing on electrical (emergency generators, pump controls, new HVAC system) and Phase II focusing on mechanical (new wet well steps, roof & stop gates, bar screen, hoist system).

The original budget for the project was \$2 Million in 2021 with a grant awarded for \$964,000. The cost to date is \$5.5 million with the increase due in part to the pandemic, disruption in supply chains, etc. The annual operating cost for the station is approximately \$170,000 per year, a large portion of which is for electricity and does not include personnel costs.

Mr. Culp explained that they are currently experiencing performance issues with the new pumps, and they are operating below design flow capacity. Staff is working with the pump manufacturer and Carroll Engineering to resolve the problem. Numerous tests have been conducted, and the matter continues to be evaluated. Mr. Kumbhardare suggested Staff find out where similar pumps are operating and see if they are experiencing the same issues.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Mr. Kumbhardare made a motion, seconded by Ms. Madarasz, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of:

- Approval of February 25, 2026, minutes, as corrected by Mr. Kumbhardare
- Resolution 2026-13 Disposition of Media

Mr. Dunn called for public comment, and there were none. The motion was unanimously approved.

**BUSINESS:**

**1. Authorization to Advertise Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the Regulation of Data Centers**

Board members agreed to deny this authorization to provide the Planning Commission with ample time to review the proposed amendment.

Mr. Kumbhardare made a motion, seconded by Ms. Madarasz, to deny advertisement of this matter. Mr. Dunn called for public comment, and there were none. The motion was unanimously approved.

**2. Authorization for Amplified Sound in Township Parks**  
**a. Charity Walk-A-Thon in Albert C. Miller Park**  
**b. Fall Fest in Exton Park**  
**c. Cricket Tournament in Boot Road Park**

Mr. Culp advised that BAPS Charities is requesting the use of sound amplification for a charity walk-a-thon to benefit the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. The HEADstrong Foundation is requesting sound for its Memorial Fund Fall Fest, and the Exton Malayai Association is requesting sound for a cricket tournament. All organizations will provide all necessary equipment and staff and have provided the proper permits and insurance certificates.

Ms. Madarasz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kumbhardare, to authorize the use of sound amplification in Albert C. Miller Park for a charity walk on May 30, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; to authorize the use of sound amplification in Exton Park on October 4, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 PM; and to authorize the use of sound amplification in Boot Road Park for a Cricket Tournament on June 27, 2026, from 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Dunn called for public comment, and there were none. The motion was unanimously approved.

**3. Authorization to Award Traffic Signals Improvement Project Contract**

Mr. Smiley advised that two bids were received for the Traffic Signals Improvement Project at the Ship Road and Lincoln Highway intersection. The lowest bidder was Lenni Electric Corporation. The project includes the installation of three new mast arms and a new controller cabinet.

Mr. Smiley said temporary signals will be in place while the new mast arms are being installed. Mr. Smiley will get more information on this to inform the public as to when this will occur and what they can expect.

Ms. Madarasz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kumbhardare, to award the contract for the Traffic Signals Improvement Project at the Ship Road and Lincoln Highway intersection to Lenni Electric Corporation, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$307,345.26, and authorize the Township Manager to execute the necessary contract documents. Mr. Dunn called for public comment, and there were none. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4. Approval of Contract with Safe City Solutions to Conduct Chief of Police Search**

Ms. Gural- Bear advised that with Chief Benson's upcoming retirement, the Township will be conducting a search for a new Police Chief, and Staff recommends the services of Safe City Solutions.

Ms. Madarasz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kumbhardare, to approve the contract with Safe City Solutions to provide services for the recruitment of the next Chief of Police, at a cost not to exceed \$21,000, excluding the costs of the background check, and authorize the Township Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the Township. Mr. Dunn called for public comment, and there were none. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **5. Approval of Stormwater Agreements**

- a. 503 Sunset Lane**
- b. 606 Brookhill Road**

Mr. Greenawalt advised that a building addition at 503 Sunset Lane and a deck and patio project at 606 Brookhill Road both received variances from the Zoning Hearing Board with the condition that a Stormwater Operation & Maintenance Agreement be required to address maintenance responsibilities. Mr. Greenawalt noted that the Agreement has been revised to be more home-owner friendly but still requires an annual report be submitted to the Township.

Mr. Kumbhardare made a motion, seconded by Ms. Madarasz, to approve the Stormwater Management Facilities Operation & Maintenance Agreements for the following homeowner-based projects: 1. 503 Sunset Lane – Building addition 2. 606 Brookhill Road – Deck and patio installation. Mr. Dunn called for public comment, and there were none. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **6. Approval of Township Payment Report for March 11, 2026**

Staff answered questions from Board members.

Mr. Kumbhardare made a motion, seconded by Ms. Madarasz, to approve the March 11, 2026, Township Payment Report. Mr. Dunn called for public comment, and there were none. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **7. Township Commission Updates from Board Liaisons**

Mr. Kumbhardare reported that the Planning Commission reviewed a sketch/concept plan for the Weston tract proposing the same number of residential units as a previous plan, but with more open space and relocation of the historic train station to an entrance feature. Mr. Kumbhardare felt it was a better design and retained more woodlands but will require a zoning amendment to the cluster development regulations which could create unintended consequences as any amendment would also apply to existing cluster developments.

Ms. Madarasz advised that the Historical Commission continued its review of window replacements for the ongoing rehabilitation of the historic Joseph Price House. The Commission also reviewed and approved exterior renovations (door, window and chimney) for the historic home at 651 E. Boot Road. While not on the Historical Commission agenda, Ms. Madarasz advised that Mr. McCormick noted that the log cabin/garage structure on Whitford Road is currently for sale.

Mr. Dunn reported that the Public Services Commission hosted an open house that included a sprinkler demonstration allowing the public to see first-hand the positive impact of sprinkler systems and the importance of keeping them in good working condition.

## **8. Operations Reports – Capital and Special Projects**

The Capital and Special Projects report was presented to the Board and was included in the meeting packet materials posted on the website. Board members had no questions.

Mr. Smiley confirmed that the Township received a \$1.5 million grant for a trail connection to Exton Park. While the grant is for construction only, he advised that the Township will be applying for a grant (due at the end of this month) for the engineering of that project.

## **9. Staff Updates**

Captain Deceder advised that the Police Department's transition to Pathfinder is going well with 27 years' worth of data being transferred to the new web-based system. Officers can now access information from their vehicles. Additionally, Sergeant Matthew Nissan has been accepted into the Northwestern School of Police Leadership which he will be attending two weeks each month from April through September. The Police Department is also moving forward with agreements with BODE regarding DNA collections. Traffic contacts for the first two months of this year are up 30% due in part to an increase in Officers on the street. Finally, condolences to State Police and family of Corporal Timothy O'Connor who recently lost his life in the line of duty.

Ms. Keller advised that Staff is planning many events for Local Government Week (April 20-24), including hosting a legislative breakfast to discuss shared challenges and collaboration; a mock Board of Supervisors' meeting for school students, and the hosting of a business networking event with the Exton Chamber of Commerce.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pam Gural-Bear  
Recording Secretary