

**NEW LONDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2025**

The New London Township Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting convened at 6:00 PM at the New London Township Building, New London, PA. The following Supervisors were present: Mary Anne Steel, Chairman; Dale Lauver, Vice Chairman; and Dale Yates, Supervisor.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Roadwork & Winter Maintenance - Lawn Maintenance - Bid Awards.

Mary Anne Steel opened a Roadwork and Winter Maintenance bid packet from Harlan Construction. A motion was made by Dale Lauver and seconded by Dale Yates to award Harlan Construction the New London Township Roadwork and Winter Maintenance Contracts. The vote was unanimous.

Mary Anne Steel opened a Lawn Maintenance bid packet from Yard Clippers. A motion was made by Dale Lauver and seconded by Dale Yates to award Yard Clippers the New London Township Lawn Maintenance Contract. The vote was unanimous.

Partial Roof Replacement Estimates Review and Award

The Board of Supervisors reviewed estimates from four different contractors for a partial roof replacement. A motion was made by Dale Lauver and seconded by Dale Yates to award Blanks Quality Builders with the roof replacement contract with an additional note to also have Blank repair the Chimney during the roof replacement. The vote was unanimous.

Right to Know Form Update

Mary Anne Steel informed the audience there was an updated Right to Know Form provided by Pennsylvania for the Township to approve and place on the Township website. A motion was made by Dale Yates and seconded by Dale Lauver to approve use of the updated Form. The vote was unanimous.

Kubota Hydraulic Tilt Bed Approval

A motion was made by Dale Yates and seconded by Dale Lauver to approve paying Stoltzfus Farm Service Inc. to install an OEM Tilt Bed on the Township UTV. The vote was unanimous.

Fowl and Short Term Rental Permit Form Approvals

A motion was made by Dale Yates and seconded by Dale Lauver to approve the two new Permit Application Forms. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution to Amend Fee Schedule

A motion was made by Dale Yates and seconded by Dale Lauver to amend the New London Township Fee Schedule to include the new Fowl and Short Term Rental Permit Fees. The vote was unanimous.

Vince Pompo – Forced Main Agreement Amendment

The Board of Supervisors decided to table this decision until the accounting breakdown requested on June 5th by Vince Pompo has been received, reviewed and discussed. The Board requested an executive session be scheduled with Vince Pompo on September 9th or 10th.

West Grove Fire & EMS 2026 Budget Request

The New London Board of Supervisors reviewed the requested budget increase from West Grove Fire and EMS. The Fire contract increase is substantial at 58%. Dale Yates commented that earlier in the year when the Fire Company came in there was no indication the Township should expect an increase this substantial. Audience member Steve Flegal suggested the Township create a specific Fire and EMS tax rather than use the General Fund. Considering the request had just been received, Mary Anne Steel suggested tabling any decisions until a later date.

Avon Grove School District Permit Fee Reduction Request

The Board reviewed a request from Avon Grove School District for a permit fee reduction on a capital improvement project. Dale Lauver explained the permitting process within the school district. The Board of Supervisors did not feel the permit amount was burdensome and opted not to make any motion.

Kirk Farm Subdivision Demo Discussion

The Board Discussed removing a portion of the barn to satisfy requirements in the subdivision plan for the property. Ron Ragan cautioned that a hydrant was in the portion needing demolition. Dale Yates suggested speaking with GeoTech, Michael Corcoran offered to follow up on pricing.

Solitude Lake Management – Pond Issues

Michael Corcoran informed the Board that the monthly testing of the Township pond showed a spike in phosphorus levels and turbidity. Michael asked the Board if their preference was to wait an additional month to see if these changes are an anomaly or if they would like Marth Straus to proceed with requesting solutions from Solitude Lake Management. The Board of Supervisors opted to wait an additional month.

Hedge Apple Hill Road Dedication Resolution

Mary Anne Steel read Resolution 2025-06, provided by Township Solicitor Winnie Sebastian. Michael relayed some additional comments from Winnie; the Township would be unable to add the road to the Liquid Fuels map for 2026. There is no chance for an extension from PennDOT, it is commonplace to receive the lost funds from the developer. A motion was made by Dale Lauver and seconded by Dale Yates to adopt Resolution 2025-06 with a caveat that a maintenance bond is established, and the performance bond be reduced and held until sometime in spring. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Dale Yates and seconded by Dale Lauver to approve the August 4, 2025, Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Dale Lauver and seconded by Dale Yates to approve the August 2025 Financial Reports and the September 2025 bills to be paid. The vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Planning Commission Report

The New London Township Planning Commission Chairman, Ron Ragan, read his report. Ron discussed the scope of work for the planned updating of the New London Township Comprehensive Plan which will be worked on in 2025 and 2026. Ron is waiting on updated plans from Ken Crossan for the Dorsman Subdivision. The Woods Edge Subdivision plan in Franklin Township has been resurrected, approximately 20 lots, the subdivision would have road access in New London Township. Ron requested Michael make sure Franklin Township includes us in relevant communications and updates.

Township Engineer Report

The New London Township Engineer, Ron Ragan, reported the following: Ron stated that there would be a meeting with a member of Econ Partners and Michael Hartman, Carolyn Comitta's Chief of Staff to do site visits pertaining to grant applications Ron and Econ Partners are working on. Ron Ragan informed the Board that we should be receiving an invoice for \$100,000 from RES for Stormwater Load Credits we requested to purchase.

Road Master Report

Gerry Porter reported that Mt. Hope Rd. paving was completed and The Township road banks were mowed. Dale Lauver stated that he would like the road striping repainted before winter. Gerry also informed the audience that the 896 project would begin next year and that PennDOT will have a point person to communicate with the Townships, police, schools etc.

Zoning Report

Michael Corcoran stated that 15 permits were approved in August and two zoning violations were addressed. Gerry Ported commented that a complaint was received about visibility issues on Owenwood Drive. Michael will address this with the homeowner.

Emergency Management

Dave Flad reported that the first AGREM meeting after the summer break would be September 11th.

Property and Building Use Committee

Vice Chairman Dale Lauver stated he would call to schedule a service for the Township Building and the Dorsman House.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

Mary Anne Steel brought up the Tree Lighting Ceremony which will be held December 6th, the owner of local business "Rooted" will be assisting with organizing the event.

Steve Flegal asked if there was anything the Township could do to assist him and his neighbors regarding a vacant home, 7 Shady Lane, which is in the process of a Sheriff's Sale. Michael Corcoran stated he would follow up with Truist Bank regarding the neglected property.

Robert Burns from the West Grove Fire Company thanked the Township for use of the Rodriguez house. 8 firefighters received a state certification from training held there. Mr. Burns commented that they never heard from the office about being able to return and cut the roof for additional training before the demolition. Michael offered to work out the details with Mr. Burns during the week.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannie Efiert, Secretary