

SHESHEQUIN TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting Minutes November 17, 2025

Chairman Lafy opened the meeting at 6:30pm: Attendees, Chairman Kurt D. Lafy, John Smith, member and Vice-Chairman Joe Richter were present. Also, present was secretary, Lori Kepner. There were four members of the public present, Rebecca Peterson (Expand Energy), Brandy Smith, Aiden Oldroyd and Laura Hewitt. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited: Mr. Oldroyd was present to introduce himself and explain to the board that if there was an empty position in the elected auditors; that he would be more than happy to fill that position. The Board explained they thought the positions had been filled with write ins but they will not know until they are notified by the Election Board. They will keep his email and information on file. Rebecca Peterson provided additional information for a new water withdrawal project through Expand Energy (Ahern water withdrawal). Lafy, explained our Solicitor was in the process of reviewing the 2014 Flood Plain Ordinance which supersedes the 2008 Flood Plain Ordinance, Ms. Peterson was referring to. Lafy explained that there may not be a need for a variance from the Township, but that they have to wait until their Solicitor returns from Vacation for him to give them guidance.

Approval of Minutes: The October 20th, Regular Meeting minutes, November 6th, 2025 Budget meeting, and the November 12th, 2025 Budget meeting were motioned by Smith; seconded by Richter and all agreed.

Reports: The Road Master provided a written report which will also be posted on the Township Website. There was nothing new with the EMC, or the Website. We had not received a new **SEO Report** before this meeting. There was nothing new to report on permits.

New Business: Kepner explained she would not have enough time to get proposal out for an LSA grant for new equipment by the deadline of November 30th, 2025; but she will keep it in the file for next year. The board received an updated proposed budget from Lafy to review. After a lengthy review of the proposed 2026 budget; Richter and Smith were not ready to accept the figures on the budgets that Lafy proposed. Richter wanted more time to review along with Smith. Lafy made a motion to schedule a Budget meeting on November 21st, 2025 at 3:30pm. Richter seconded and all agreed. At this meeting the drafted proposed budget was tabled until the Special Budget meeting on November 21, 2025.

Old Business: Lafy provided a sample of the **Solar Ordinance** he has drafted for the board to review; the board had not reviewed it to make comments prior to this meeting. There is nothing new with the Employee manual.

The financials were received and reviewed by the Board. A Richter/Smith motion passed to accept the Treasurer's Report and approve bills.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm by Richter.

Next Township Regular Meeting is December 15, 2025

Minutes prepared by Secretary, Lori Kepner