

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, February 25, 2026 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:	Maggie Rash	Chairman
	Jon Forest	Vice-Chairman
	Mike Bateman	Member
	Dana Cozza	Township Manager
	Daniel Gray	Township Engineer
	Craig Smith, Esquire	Township Solicitor
	Gary Weaver	Township Water/Wastewater Consultant
Not Present:	Luke Rosanova	Bucks County Planning Commission

Mrs. Rash called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Haywood, Ash Road, asked if the Buckingham Township Police are equipped with body cameras, and if so, are they operational. Mr. Forest replied yes, they have state of the art body cameras and are operational. Ms. Haywood asked how long they had been in use, and Mr. Bateman said he had talked with the Police Chief who said they began using them last May. Mrs. Cozza said the township had received a grant for them.

Barbara Rintala, Carversville Road, said at the Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting, a woman had asked Mr. Bateman for details on his accusations made during that meeting, and asked if Mr. Bateman has followed up with her. Mr. Bateman said he had asked the woman to send him an email to tell him specifically what her questions were, but he never received it. Ms. Rintala said an email would then create a private conversation, which removes transparency, which was something Mr. Bateman said previously was important to him.

Ms. Rintala asked if anyone in the township takes the continuing education courses offered by PMPEI as other local municipalities attend. She said it may help Mr. Bateman understand how zoning works as he had claimed the township has outdated zoning. Ms. Rintala said it seems Mr. Bateman stirs the pot, and said she hoped that everyone could work together and that Mr. Bateman would take the time to get in and actually know what is going on and why.

Ms. Rintala asked if a precedence had been set for a supervisor to attend the meeting via Zoom. Mr. Smith said there is a section of the Sunshine Law which deals with public meetings, and in a case the Supreme Court took up 25-30 years ago they decided a person could participate in a public meeting via electronic means (in the prior case a telephone) provided the supervisors, audience members and person participating electronically could all hear each other speak. He said Borough Codes and First Class Township codes say the governing body must meet in person, however there is no such provision in the Second Class Township Code, which is what Buckingham Township is. Ms. Rintala asked if the township has a commitment from our Board of

Supervisors to attend meetings in person? Mr. Forest said it is best to attend in person, and Mrs. Rash agreed. Mr. Bateman said he is unable to be present in person for the March meeting due to work, and feels he needs to participate in any way possible to do his duty to the folks that elected him. Mrs. Rash said they had discussed the zoom during the work session to accommodate Mr. Bateman, adding that we do not want to zoom all of the meetings.

BOARD’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Rash made the following announcements:

- Buckingham’s Show & Tell, celebrating Buckingham Township’s 325th Anniversary, March 6th, 7-9pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
- Easter Egg Hunt at Holicong Park on Saturday, March 28th at 10am.

PAYROLL and BILL LIST

Consideration of approving Payroll dated January 29, 2026 and February 12, 2026 and the Bill List for the meeting of February 25, 2026.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to approve Payroll dated January 29, 2026 and February 12, 2026 and the Bill List for the meeting of February 25, 2026 in the total amount of \$1,037,440.62. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Consideration of approving the draft Supervisor’s Minutes of the January 28, 2026 Work Session and the January 28, 2026 Regular Business Meeting.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to approve, as most recently presented, the draft Supervisor’s Minutes of the January 28, 2026 Work Session and the January 28, 2026 Regular Business Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of accepting for inclusion in the Township records various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bateman, to accept for inclusion in the Township records the various Departmental Minutes and Advisory Body Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS

Consideration of agreeing to the Developer’s Request for an Extension of Time to March 5, 2027, within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Stormwater Facility Development Contract, covering “Antler Drive, LLC”, 3291 Church School Road, Tax Map Parcel # 06-004-074.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to agree to the Developer’s Request for an Extension of Time to March 5, 2027, within which to complete the Improvements as set forth in the Stormwater Facility Development Contract, covering “Antler Drive, LLC”, 3291 Church School Road, Tax Map Parcel # 06-004-074. The motion carried unanimously.

Escrow Releases:

Consideration of approving Escrow Release #12, in the amount of \$516,989.97, for “Fenton’s Corner (aka Feeney Tract)”, Site, Township File SA 2013-03.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to approve Escrow Release #12, in the amount of \$516,989.97, for “Fenton’s Corner (aka Feeney Tract)”, Site, Township File SA 2013-03. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Escrow Release #13, in the amount of \$405,195.00, for “Mill Creek Ridge (Smith-Pfeiffer)”, Site, Township File SA 2001-05C.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bateman, to approve Escrow Release #13, in the amount of \$405,195.00, for “Mill Creek Ridge (Smith-Pfeiffer)”, Site, Township File SA 2001-05C. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS / MANAGER’S ITEMS

Consideration of appointing Lisa Braud to the Park and Recreation Commission filling a vacancy with a term expiration date of January 2029.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to appoint Lisa Braud to the Park and Recreation Commission filling a vacancy with a term expiration date of January 2029. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of authorizing the Public Works Director to prepare and advertise the 2026 Road Improvement Bid.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bateman, to grant authorization to the Public Works Director to prepare and advertise the 2026 Road Improvement Bid. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving the Purchase Order to Witmer Public Safety Group Inc. of Coatesville, PA in the total amount of \$20,716.59 for police department firearms, holsters and flashlights.

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Consideration of approving the adjusted Purchase Order to RCP Shelters, Inc. for a New Pavilion at Holicong Park in the amount of \$58,351.00 (original quote) plus \$12,730.60 (additional cost of required materials not included in the original proposal), for a total amount of \$71,081.60.

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Consideration of approving the request by Covenant Church to waive the park usage fee for the “Shred The Debt 5K & Fun Walk” to be held at Holicong Park on May 2, 2026.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bateman, to approve the request by Covenant Church to waive the park usage fee for the “Shred The Debt 5K & Fun Walk” to be held at Holicong Park on May 2, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of approving Ordinance 2026-01, an Ordinance Increasing the Indebtedness of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, by the Issue of a Guaranteed Revenue Note in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$865,853.00 for Purposes of Installing PFOA/PFOS Treatment Systems for Cold Spring Water System Wells CS-3 and CS-4, Feeding the Cold Spring Water System, to Comply with New Federal Standards: Fixing the Form, Dates, Interest, and Maturity Thereof; Making a Covenant for the Payment of the Debt Service on the Note; Providing for the Filing of the Required Documentation with the Department of Community and Economic Development to Incur and Exclude Additional Debt of the Governmental Unit; Providing for the Appointment of a Sinking Fund Depository for the Note; Providing for the Authorized Signatories and Authorizing Execution, Sale and Delivery Thereof.

7:00 p.m. Mrs. Rash opened the hearing.

Mr. Weaver explained that the treatment system to be installed will remove all PFOA/PFOS before it goes into the water system wells, so that it won't be a concern about wastewater treatment in the future. He explained that the township received a \$2 million dollar grant from PennVEST, and a \$800,000.00 loan that needs to be paid back after the project is complete.

Ms. Lutzi Fisher, Lower Mountain Road, asked what is PFOA/PFOS? Mr. Weaver explained they are “forever” chemicals that are found in anything waterproof, such as Teflon, plastic and fire retardant objects. Ms. Fisher asked if it is in private wells. Mr. Weaver said it does get into the groundwater and consequently private wells as it is in the atmosphere, in the rain. Ms. Fisher asked if a UV light on the well would remove it. Mr. Weaver said no, however a whole house carbon filter installed where the water enters the house would be the best solution.

Mr. Tom Ciacciarelli, Jennifer Court, asked if reverse osmosis would work? Mr. Weaver said yes, but the problem is that for every 100 gallons the well pumps out, 75% would go through reverse osmosis and 25% would be rejected as concentrated PFOA. He said the filters get vacuumed out, a high temperature burns out the PFOA/PFOS and the filter is then reinstalled.

Mr. Ciacciarelli asked about ionic exchange, and Mr. Weaver said that process may be installed at the Buckingham Water Company, adding that upfront costs are more expensive and long term use is less than the filter system.

Mr. Forest asked if one could install a carbon filter on the sink faucet for the tap water, and Mr. Weaver replied yes, such as a Britta. Ms. Stephanie Weisser, Amberton Way, said the carbon filters are easy to install on the sink faucet.

7:14 p.m. Mrs. Rash closed the public hearing.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to approve Ordinance 2026-01, an Ordinance Increasing the Indebtedness of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, by the Issue of a Guaranteed Revenue Note in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$865,853.00 for Purposes of Installing PFOA/PFOS Treatment Systems for Cold Spring Water System Wells CS-3 and CS-4, Feeding the Cold Spring Water System, to Comply with New Federal Standards: Fixing the Form, Dates, Interest, and Maturity Thereof; Making a Covenant for the Payment of the Debt Service on the Note; Providing for the Filing of the Required Documentation with the Department of Community and Economic Development to Incur and Exclude Additional Debt of the Governmental Unit; Providing for the Appointment of a Sinking Fund Depository for the Note; Providing for the Authorized Signatories and Authorizing Execution, Sale and Delivery Thereof. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2681, A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Buckingham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Buckingham Township Water Funds used to Construct Improvements to its Cold Spring Water System Wells CS-3 and CS-4 with Funds Received from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority.

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Mrs. Rash announced the Board would continue the Work Session following this meeting, and would also have executive session to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation matters.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 25th day of March, 2026.

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors

Maggie Rash, Chairman

Jon Forest, Vice-Chairman

Mike Bateman, Member

Attest:

Dana S. Cozza, Township Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.