

**SOUTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2026
AGENDA**

SUPERVISORS: Brianna Gadani, Daniel Stanek and Robert Leibhart

TOWNSHIP MANAGER: Tyler Linck

SOLICITOR: James Jeffries

POLICE: Chief William DeForte

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Fred Hutson

VISITORS: Wesley Frazee, John Betancourt, Danielle Falcioni, Arnold Falcioni, Matt Fetchko, Vickie Group, Caitlyn Group, Christopher Chadwick, Adam Hovanec, Don Painter, Kelly Painter, Marcia Johnston, Martha Klinedinst, Wayne Cobb, Stan Myers, Terrie Myers, Jackie Hovanec, John C. Tarnik Sr., Jeff Swart and Jim Mcelhaney

CALL TO ORDER: 4:30PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion by Stanek, 2nd by Leibhart to approve meeting minutes from Board of Supervisor's meeting held on July 7, 2026.

TREASURER REPORT:

Submitted for review

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Gadani apologized for the letter that went out as it was not written by the Township. Also, no comments will not be made or taken on pigs by others in attendance.

Don Painter asked why agenda was not posted online. Solicitor Jeffries stated that it was posted online.

AGENDA:

John Betancourt & Danielle Falcioni- Emotional Support Pig in R-2 District

Falcioni spoke about having Ollie for 10 years. He is potty trained like a dog. Has a condition of anxiety and decided to get an emotional support animal (ESA). He is not 250 pounds but closer

to 180 pounds. Has been certified for over a year and a half before moved into the Township. Some of the neighbors didn't even know a pig was living there. He goes outside to use the bathroom and his waste is composted. She did not have any issues while living in a duplex in Moon Township. He is neutered, sees a vet, and a farrier to tend to his tusks. The slander of the letter is causing more anxiety for her and her family, who has a special needs. Falcioni can present all legal documents to the Township. He is also trained like a dog and uses training buttons and bells.

Mrs. Hovanec went through same issue with chickens. They went door to door, love the neighborhood and hope they do not feel discouraged for living in the neighborhood.

Falcioni said she was not even given a chance to prove that the ESA was not and is not a nuisance.

Hovanec's stated they are on her side.

John Tarnik referenced the letter to state that he doesn't fully trust the government even though he knows it did not come from the Township. States that the letter was fearmongering and never had any issues living next to chickens in the city. He is in support of allowing the ESA.

Falcioni apologized for not coming to the Township to get proper authorization. Gadani says she should have come to the Township prior to purchasing the home and that the legal certification is not legal in the state of Pennsylvania. Jefferies referenced court case farm animal classification that could be incompatible with zoning and neighborhood. Attorney Wayne Cobb stated they will submit proper application and paperwork to proceed. Gadani stated that this is the Township law and must be followed. Jefferies can help through the process.

Tarnik asks about ordinance that is governing. It is local township law. He asks if it will be considered to be changed. Gadani explained previous issue with chickens and how the judge ruled in the favor of the Township ordinance.

Mr. Hovanec stated that the way to change the ordinances is to get rid of the Supervisors.

Nothing has been filed with the magistrate.

SOLICITOR: All legal matters are in order.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT:

Submitted for review

GREENE WASHINGTON REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief DeForte - Monthly Report submitted and presented. Will be posted online. Has been a quiet summer so far.

Answered questions about ebikes, mini bikes, and other smaller motorized vehicles. PD has been trying to crackdown on dangerous riders. Can address issue right away as needed but doesn't want to turn into a hardline department.

Falcioni wanted to clarify that if these vehicles aren't being nuisances, then they won't be nitpicked on by the PD. Chief agrees.

SOUTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Monthly Report submitted and presented by Chief Hutson. Will be posted online. Always looking for new members.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PLANNING COMMISSION: None

PARK AND RECREATION:

Car Cruise August 16th from 11a-4p- added Louie G's of Pittsburgh

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Municipal garage

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Leibhart to remove all names except for Carol Schilinski from PNC Tax Collector Account, 2nd by Stanek. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Stanek to approve change order of \$8,728.48 for the relocation of vault pit due to gravity line conflict in the Patterson Pump Station, 2nd by Leibhart. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Leibhart to approve change order of \$5,534.77 for the completion of access road to the Patterson Pump Station, 2nd by Stanek. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Stanek to approve change order of \$7,138.00 for installation of new riser and water vault pit for the garage project, 2nd by Leibhart. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Leibhart to approve Pay Apps 1-3 for the Patterson Pump Station project, 2nd by Stanek. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Leibhart to approve Ten Mile Paving quote of \$12,985.50 to repair the driveway at 3081 Dividend Driveway after repair of stormwater pipe, 2nd by Stanek. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVE INVOICES AND CHECKS FROM:

Motion by Stanek to approve payment of invoices from July 1- July 28, 2nd by Leibhart. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Leibhart to adjourn at 5:13PM, 2nd by Stanek. Motion carried 3-0.

NEXT MEETING:

Planning meeting – Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 4:30p

Board of Supervisors meeting – Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 4:30p