

January 5, 2026

4:00 P.M.

REORGANIZATION MEETING - 2026

The annual Reorganization Meeting of the Hazle Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by James Montone. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken as follows:

Jim Montone, present

Robert Fiume, present

Anthony Griguoli, present

SWEARING IN OF SUPERVISOR, ANTHONY GRIGUOLI, BY MAGISTRATE JAMES DIXON.

SWEARING IN OF TAX COLLECTOR, MICHAEL DECOSMO, BY MAGISTRATE JAMES DIXON.

SWEARING IN OF AUDITORS, FRANCIS BOYARSKI AND MICHAEL LAGANA, BY MAGISTRATE JAMES DIXON.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN: Motion by Montone to appoint Atty. Chris Slusser as Temporary Chairman. Second by Griguoli. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

CHAIRMAN: Temporary Chairman Slusser entertained a motion for Chairman. Motion by Montone to appoint Anthony Griguoli, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Hazle Township. Second by Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

VICE CHAIRMAN: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Vice Chairman. Motion by Montone to appoint Bob Fiume, Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Hazle Township. Second by Griguoli. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Jim Montone, yes.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Secretary/Treasurer. Motion by Fiume to appoint James Montone, Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors of Hazle Township. Second by Griguoli. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Motion by Montone to appoint Bob Fiume, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors of Hazle Township. Second by Griguoli. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

DESIGNATE BANKS FOR 2026: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to designate the banks for 2026 as Mid Penn Bank as the main depository for Hazle Township. Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to designate Mid Penn Bank for 2026. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

RECORDING SECRETARY TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Recording Secretary to the Board of Supervisors. Motion by Fiume to appoint Wendy Naprava, Recording Secretary to the Board of Supervisors of Hazle Township. Second by Montone. Roll call: Griguoli, Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

TREASURER'S BOND: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the Treasurer's Bond. Motion by Montone to recommend to the Board of Auditors that the Treasurer's Bond be set at \$425,000.00. Second by Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

SOLICITOR: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Solicitor. Motion by Fiume to appoint the Slusser Law Firm solicitor of Hazle Township in accordance with the existing agreement with the Slusser Law Firm. Second by Montone. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

RESOLUTION 2026-1-APPOINTING TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-1 appointing the Township Solicitor. Motion by Fiume to adopt Resolution 2026-1. Second by Montone. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

ENGINEER: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Engineer. Motion by Montone to appoint Barry Isett & Associates, Engineer for Hazle Township. Second by Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

SPECIAL PROJECT ENGINEER: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to appoint a special project engineer. Motion by Montone to appoint Benesch Engineering as special project engineer. Second by: Fiume. Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

ROADMASTER: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Roadmaster. Motion by Montone to appoint Anthony Griguoli, Bob Fiume, and Jim Montone as Roadmasters of Hazle Township. Second by Fiume. Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

VACANCY BOARD CHAIRMAN: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Vacancy Board Chairman. Motion by Montone to appoint William Gallagher, Vacancy Board Chairman for Hazle Township. Second by Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the appointment of Primary & Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officers. Motion by Fiume, second by Montone, to appoint William Brior as Primary Sewage Enforcement Officer and Robert Fugate as Secondary Sewage Enforcement Officer. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

PLANNING DIRECTOR: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Planning Director. Motion by Montone to appoint John Synoski, Planning Director for Hazle Township. Second by Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

PLANNING ADVISORS: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Planning Advisors. Motion by Fiume to appoint Joseph Marchese and Terry Daley, Planning Advisors for Hazle Township for the year 2026. Second by Montone. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

PLANNING BOARD SOLICITORS: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Planning Board Solicitor. Motion by Montone to appoint Slusser Law Firm, Planning Board Solicitor for Hazle Township at the rate of \$150.00/hour. Second by Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

RESOLUTION 2026-2 - APPOINTING PLANNING DEPARTMENT SOLICITOR: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-2 appointing the Planning Department Solicitor. Motion by Montone to adopt Resolution 2026-2. Second by Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

RECORDING SECRETARY TO PLANNING BOARD: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Recording Secretary to the Planning Board. Motion by Fiume to appoint Lee Ann Kasha, Recording Secretary to the Planning Board for Hazle Township. Second by Montone. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

SALARY & DUTIES OF RECORDING SECRETARY OF PLANNING BOARD: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to set the salary & duties of the Recording Secretary to the Planning Board. Motion by Jim Montone, second by Bob Fiume, to set the salary of the Recording Secretary to the Planning Board in accordance with Resolution 96-14 & to assign duties to include the taking & transcribing the minutes of the Planning Board Meetings into proper minute books. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

ZONING AND HEARING BOARD: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for a three (3) year appointment on the Zoning and Hearing Board. Motion by Bob Fiume to appoint Paul Rashko to a three (3) year term ending the 1st Monday in January, 2029. Second by Jim Montone. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO ZONING HEARING BOARD: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the (1) year appointments for the alternate members to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion by Jim Montone to appoint William Gallagher to a one (1) year term ending the 1st Monday in January, 2027. Second by Bob Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

RECORDING SECRETARY TO THE ZONING AND HEARING BOARD: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to appoint the Secretary to the Zoning and Hearing Board. Motion by Jim Montone to appoint Tammy Blasko as Secretary to the Zoning and Hearing Board of Hazle Township. Second by Bob Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

SALARY AND DUTIES OF RECORDING SECRETARY TO THE ZONING AND HEARING BOARD:

Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to set the salary and duties of the Recording Secretary to the Zoning and Hearing Board. Motion by Jim Montone to set the salary of the Recording Secretary to the Zoning and Hearing Board in accordance with Resolution 96-14 and to assign duties to include the taking and transcribing the minutes of the Zoning Hearing Board Meetings into the proper minute books. Second by Bob Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

ZONING AND HEARING BOARD SOLICITOR:

Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to appoint the Solicitor to the Zoning and Hearing Board at the rate of \$150.00 per hour. Motion by Bob Fiume to appoint Donald Karpowich, Solicitor for the Zoning and Hearing Board. Second by James Montone. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

MOTION TO ADD ON AGENDA TO APPOINT ZONING AND HEARING BOARD CONFLICT SOLICITOR:

Motion by Fiume to add this to the agenda, second by Montone. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

ZONING AND HEARING BOARD CONFLICT SOLICITOR:

Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to appoint the conflict solicitor to the Zoning and Hearing Board. Motion by James Montone to appoint Attorney Jack Dean as the conflict solicitor. Second by Bob Fiume. Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, Yes; Griguoli, yes.

RESOLUTION 2026-3 - APPOINTING ZONING HEARING BOARD SOLICITOR:

Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-3 appointing the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Motion by Jim Montone to adopt Resolution 2026-3. Second by Bob Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND BUILDING CODE APPEALS BOARD:

Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for a three (3) year appointment on the Property Maintenance and Building Code Appeals Board. Motion by Bob Fiume to appoint Rich Verbonitz to a three (3) year term ending the 1st Monday in January, 2029. Second by Jim Montone. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS HOURS OF HAZLE TOWNSHIP:

Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to establish the hours of official business in Hazle Township. Motion by Jim Montone to establish the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. as the official hours to do business in Hazle Township. Motion second by Bob Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

APPOINTMENT TO CAN-DO BOARD:

Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the annual appointment of the CanDO Board member. Motion by Fiume to appoint William Gallagher as the member of the CanDO Board with term to expire the 1st Monday of January 2027. Second by Montone. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MEMBER TO MOUNTAIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT:

Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the annual appointment of the voting member to Mountain Council of Government. Motion by Jim Montone to appoint Chuck Krone as primary and Lee Ann Kasha as alternate as the voting member of Mountain Council of Government with a term to expire the 1st Monday of January, 2027. Second by Bob Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MEMBER TO CRANBERRY CREEK ASSOCIATION:

Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the annual appointment of the voting member to the Cranberry Creek Association. Motion by Jim Montone to appoint Chuck Krone as the primary voting delegate and Scott Kostician as alternate voting member to the Cranberry Creek Assoc. with a term to expire the 1st Monday in January, 2027. Second by Bob Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

HAZLE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for a five (5) year appointment to the Hazle Township Municipal Authority. Motion by Bob Fiume to appoint Francis Boyarski to a five year term on the Hazle Township Municipal Authority with a term to expire the 1st Monday of January 2031. Second by Jim Montone. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

HAZLE TOWNSHIP RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to

appoint members on the Hazle Township Recreation Advisory Committee. Motion by Jim Montone to appoint Joe Galada, Margaret Galada, Lee Ann Kasha, Sheila DeAngelo, Neil DeAngelo, Mike Valovich, Eileen Panzarella, Ann Gennaro, Brian Gasper, and Gina Prehot to a one (1) year term to expire the 1st Monday of January, 2027. Second by Bob Fiume. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

MILEAGE RATE FOR USE OF PERSONAL AUTO: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to set the mileage rate for compensation for anyone who uses their personal vehicle on Township business. Motion by Jim Montone, second by Bob Fiume to set the mileage rate at \$0.725 cents per mile for 2026 according to IRS per mile. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

PAYROLL RATES FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to establish the following payroll rates for the following employees for the year 2026.

Joe Galada	\$19.00 per hour
Lee Ann Kasha	\$28.75 per hour
Wendy Naprava	\$29.10 per hour
Joe Synoski	\$32.75 per hour
Chuck Krone	\$27.25 per hour
Temp Snow Removal	\$20.00 per hour for pick-up truck
Temp Snow Removal	\$22.00 per hour for heavy equipment
Temp Snow Removal	for Sat., Sun. & Holidays \$25.00/hour

Motion by Jim Montone, second by Bob Fiume to establish the above payroll rates. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

ESTABLISH REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING DATES FOR THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE YEAR OF 2026: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to establish the regular monthly meeting dates for the year 2026. Motion by Jim Montone, second by Bob Fiume to establish the following dates for regular monthly meetings in the year 2026 for the Hazle Township Board of Supervisors:

January 5, 2026 (Tuesday)	July 13, 2026
February 9, 2026	August 10, 2026
March 9, 2026	September 14, 2026
April 13, 2026	October 13, 2026 (Tuesday)
May 11, 2026	November 9, 2026
June 8, 2026	December 14, 2026

Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bob Fiume, second by Jim Montone to adjourn the 2025 Supervisor's Reorganization Meeting. Roll call: Griguoli, yes; Fiume, yes; Montone, yes. Adjournment time 4:24 P.M.

January 5, 2026

Immediately Following Reorganization at 4:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hazle Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Griguoli. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken as follows:

Jim Montone, present

Wendy Naprava, Rec. Sec., present

Bob Fiume, present

Atty. Christopher Slusser, present

Tony Griguoli, present

Joe Calabrese, RJD Eng., present

MINUTES: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025 regular meeting as prepared by the Recording Secretary. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the minutes.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to approve the **December 2025 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the December 2025 Treasurer's Report.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

BILLS: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to pay the bills due and payable through January 5, 2026. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the bills as presented for payment.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

Chairman asked if anyone has any comments on the agenda items.

Sherri Homanko said she has comments on two items on the agenda. The first one is regarding Butler 260, she just want to note that her concern is that this is a major subdivision that's being approved without any development plans submitted for public review. Creating new lots across 260 acres in an M-1 and G-1 district especially where utilities already exist has real future consequences and approving this now means you're limiting public input and potentially pre-determines future development with transparency. She said this might be something to table and look at further. The other item is her concern with Red Mill Holdings LLC, especially knowing in the past that they had the solar farm development. She's concerned that deferring review based solely on tax mapping and statement of no development might cause issues for the future. This might be something to also consider tabling in the future especially if it's being deferred to Hazleton for review. She thinks that in the future the Township residents have a right to know what's going on with that land.

The Supervisors said they are taking a recess for a couple minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Chairman Griguoli said they are amending the agenda tonight to appoint members to the Land Bank.

CHAIRMAN GRIGUOLI MADE A MOTION TO ADD TO AGENDA TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBERS TO THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP LAND BANK. APPOINT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS TO THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP LAND BANK: Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to appoint members to the Hazle Township Land Bank. Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP LAND BANK: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to appoint Anthony Griguoli, Robert Fiume, James Montone, Michael DeCosmo, Sr., and John Chirrico. Chairman Griguoli asked for public comment. There was no public comment. Motion by Fiume, second by Montone for the appointments to the Land Bank listed above. Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

RESOLUTION #2026-4 – PERMITTING HAZLE TOWNSHIP TO APPLY FOR AN LSA GRANT FROM THE LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT STATEWIDE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$136,284.00 TO BE USED TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF (3) F-150 XL 4X4 TRUCKS TO BE USED BY THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP BUILDING DEPARTMENT INSPECTORS AND THE ZONING OFFICER: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Resolution #2026-4. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to pass Resolution 2026-4.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

RESOLUTION #2026-5 – (TAX LEVY) – RESOLUTION FIXING THE MILLAGE RATE TO .75 MILLS ON EACH \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR HAZLE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2026: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Resolution #2026-5. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to pass Resolution #2026-5.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

RESOLUTION #2026-6 – RAISING THE COMPENSATION RATE FOR DECOSMO & ASSOCIATES FOR ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF GARBAGE ACCOUNTS FROM \$2.00 PER BILL, PER QUARTER TO \$2.50 PER BILL PER QUARTER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2026: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to pass Resolution #2026-6. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to pass Resolution #2026-5.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

BUTLER 260 SR 424 PRELIMINARY/FINAL MAJOR SUBDIVISION: PROPOSED IS TO CONSOLIDATE FOUR (4) UNDEVELOPED GRASS AND WOODED PARCELS CONTAINING MULTIPLE UTILITIES TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 262.36 ACRES AND CREATE THREE (3) NEW LOTS. LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ARTHUR GARDNER PARKWAY (STATE ROUTE 424) AND THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH POPLAR STREET (STATE ROUTE 3017) IN THE M-1 (MINING) ZONING DISTRICT IN HAZLE TOWNSHIP AND THE G-1 (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) ZONING DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF HAZLETON: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the major subdivision above. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the Butler 260 SR 424 preliminary/final major subdivision.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

DEFERMENT OF PLAN REVIEW FOR RED MILL HOLDINGS, LLC, TO HAZLETON CITY SINCE THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT CHANGE ANYTHING ON THE EXISTING TAX MAPPING AND THIS PLAN PROPOSES NO DEVELOPMENT: Chairman Griguoli entertains a motion for the deferment. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone for the deferment of the plan review.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY INVOICE #1080 FROM COX FABRICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,572.20 FOR THE REINFORCEMENT OF TWO (2) BATTING CAGE POSTS AT THE BABE RUTH FIELD BATTING CAGE: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Montone, second by Montone to authorize the payment of invoice #1080.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

REPORTS

ROAD MASTER: Jim said the guys have been working hard. There has been a lot of storms over the holidays and a lot of overtime as well. We have a new subcontractor for snow and there is a couple hiccups because they are new but it will get better.

ENGINEER: Nothing.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report/nobody present.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Nobody present

ZONING OFFICER: Nobody present

OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing to discuss under old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was nothing to discuss under new business.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Recita Dietrich, 1199 SR 940, came to clear up some stuff. She said she thinks you have the impression that she just moved here not too long ago. A little background..her grandparents grew up in Harleigh, her parents went to the schools in Harleigh, her father was a miner and grew up in Harleigh. She doesn't want you to think that she just moved to Harleigh and is trying to cause trouble or anything because she is not. Chairman said nobody said that and she said she felt like it was implied by Supervisor Montone. Supervisor Montone said that the board does not have to do what the board is doing on your property and trying to figure out where the water is coming from...this board doesn't have to do that, we're not responsible for the water on your property. And we are spending a lot of money. After the last meeting she was verbally accosted and verbally insulted by one of your board members after the meeting. She said Atty. Slusser came to that table and leaned over the table and started yelling and screaming at her. Atty. Slusser said that is not accurate and it is untrue. Atty. Slusser said what he said to her then was what Mr. Montone just said and you're treating this board as if they owe you action and he said he told her that she should be thankful that this board is trying to do something for you that they have no obligation to do. Atty. Slusser said that is the truth. Nobody in this room has ever yelled or screamed at you. She said she is thankful but does not agree with how he spoke. She said she is sorry and she has nothing against this board and she appreciates everything the Supervisors are doing.

ADJOURNMENT: The business at hand being complete, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to adjourn meeting.** Adjournment time 4:50 pm.

February 9, 2026

6:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hazle Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Griguoli. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken as follows:

Jim Montone, present

Wendy Naprava, Rec. Sec., present

Bob Fiume, present

Attorney Baranko, present

Tony Griguoli, present

Joe Calabrese, RJD Eng., present

MINUTES: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 and January 5, 2026 regular meetings and the January 5, 2026 reorganization meeting as prepared by the Recording Secretary. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the minutes.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to approve the **January 2026 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the January 2026 Treasurer's Report.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

BILLS: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to pay the bills due and payable through February 9, 2026. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the bills as presented for payment.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

Chairman asked if anyone has any comments on the agenda items.

Karen Tomishunis 515 Birch Road, asked if they can explain what Atlas Roofing Corporation Level 4 stormwater management and authorizations item is. Joe C. said that's a factory up in Humboldt, they submitted an application to the township. They want to put a new railroad spur into their property so that required a stormwater management approval from the township so the approval is to just put in that new railroad spur from the existing railroad into their site. Karen said so this has nothing to do with the data centers. Joe said no.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

ORDINANCE #2026-2-9-1 – ESTABLISHING ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS & OPERATIONAL PERMITS: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Ordinance #2026-2-9-1. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to pass Ordinance #2026-2-9-1.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

RESOLUTION #2026-7 – DISPOSING OF 2018 RECORDS (TO INCLUDE CANCELLED CHECKS FROM PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FROM 2018): Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Resolution #2026-7. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to pass Resolution #2026-7.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

MERICLE CROSSROADS PHASE 1 LOT 10 – PRELIM/FINAL MAJOR SUBDIVISION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING DEPARTMENT – PROPOSED IS TO ADD A 5.74 ACRE PIECE OF LAND TO EXISTING LOT #10. ROADWAYS, CROSSROADS BLVD. NORTH & ROAD “E” ARE BEING RECONFIGURED TO ACCOMMODATE THE RAILROAD CROSSING: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Mericle Crossroads Phase 1 Lot 10 above. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to approve this motion.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

HAZLETON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT–TENNIS COURTS – AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING DEPARTMENT: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the authorization to sign agreement.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

ATLAS ROOFING CORPORATION- LEVEL 4 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT, STANDARD STORMWATER FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING AGREEMENT, AND PERFORMANCE SECURITY AGREEMENT: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to approve the authorization to sign.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

RELEASE THE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN FULL FOR THE AIRPORT BELTWAY JKLM, LLC HAYDEN POWER GROUP LAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$424,704.46 Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the release. **Motion by Montone, second by Montone to approve the release.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

REDUCE THE FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR THE RIDGEWOOD SUNBURST PHASE 1 DEVELOPMENT TO \$49,004.00: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the reduction. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to approve the reduction of the financial security.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

RELEASE THE FINANCIAL SECURITY IN FULL FOR THE HAZLETON ENDOSCOPY CENTER LAND DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONED UPON SUBMITTAL OF THE AS-BUILT SURVEY AND FINAL STABILIZATION: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the release. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the release of the financial security.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE PROPOSAL FROM BARRY ISETT AND ASSOCIATES DATED JANUARY 20, 2026 TO PERFORM THE ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REQUIRED BY PA DEP RELATED TO THE TWO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS REMOVED FROM THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE SITE IN MARCH OF 1999: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone for the authorization to sign the proposal.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

AUTHORIZE JAMES MONTONE TO EXECUTE THE PENNDOT MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND GRANT REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR THE COMMERCE DRIVE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume for the authorization.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

AUTHORIZE THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO COMPLETE ALL OF THE REQUIRED DESIGN PLAND AND SPECIFICATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE REMAINING 900 LINEAR FEET +/- FINAL SECTION OF HAZLE TOWNSHIP ROUTE #334 IN ACCORDANCE WITH PENNDOT LIQUID FUEL REIMBURSEMENT STANDARDS: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Fiume second by Montone for the authorization above.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT #6 FROM PENNSY SUPPLY, INC. FOR THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP 2025 PAVING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$268,862.41: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the payment. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve payment #6 from Pennsy Supply.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

AUTHORIZE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING: (Bids to be opened at the March 9, 2026 meeting at 6:00 p.m.: Rental of a backhoe with hydro-hammer (case or equal) with operator; rental (on an hourly basis-with operator) of a chipper to chip trees 8 inches in diameter or less; rental of a bucket truck capable of reaching a minimum of 20 ft. or more with operator; rental of flaggers and safety equipment based on hourly rate per person. Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to authorize the advertising.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

REPORTS

ROAD MASTER: Jim said they have been busy with the sub-contractors hauling snow. They hired 5 sub-contractors to get rid of all this snow. The guys have been cleaning the trucks from the salt.

ENGINEER: Joe has an update on Commerce Drive. He said that as you all may know Hazle Township was successful in obtaining a PennDOT MTF grant in the amount of \$610,171. The Township has committed to a cash match of \$261,502. The proposed improvements associated with the project consist of full pavement width milling, base repairs as required, paving, damaged concrete curb replacement, concrete sidewalk extensions, and crosswalk additions and resurfacing. The project location will be within the Commerce Drive right of way in Humboldt Station from SR924 to Forrest Road where the PennDOT SR414 extension project ended. He said they have multiple meetings with PennDot and plan to complete pavement cores in the near future and the project is planned to be completed this year. He asked if anybody had any questions or comments from the Supervisors or public. There were no questions or comments.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report/nobody present.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Nobody present

ZONING OFFICER: Nobody present

OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing to discuss under old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was nothing to discuss under new business.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mary Robinson, Sophia Coxe Dr., Drifton asked if the township has developed any protective ordinances with data centers yet. Chairman said we're working on that. Supervisor Fiume said there is one in draft form and needs to be looked over by the attorneys.

Keri Fisher, 541 New Cranberry Road, wants to know where the township is with Mr. Davidick. Joe C. said a notice of violation was issued and that violation is still in effect, they did submit a stormwater plan and we did review it. They have not responded to the review comments yet. She said so he gets another 6 months because that's what they told her at the hearing that they asked for it to be extended 6 months. Joe said no, the hope is that we get a revised plan back in a week or two. She said she hopes so because last week her oil tank collapsed because that's where all the water goes when it runs down the hill and under house. And now all the snow that he plowed is behind her house now so when it melts she will be flooded again. Joe said it's filed at the magistrate and everyday that the violation goes on is an additional fine. He did not show up for his hearing. It seems to be dragging on and on and nothing's happening except more damage to her property. Joe said from a legal standpoint the only thing that we can do is there can be an additional fine imposed everyday that this is not resolved so that keeps going up. There may be other remedies they can take but he would need to discuss it with the solicitor. Keri asked how long will it be let go before it gets to the next point because he's been getting fined since October. Joe said we cannot go and build it for him so we have to wait. The hearing was extended 6 months. They'll meet with the attorney to see if there is anything else that can be done.

Rich Wienches, 119 Forest Hills Acres, said the kids today do not play outside anymore. We got a problem and he has a solution and you guys already have a solution and that's a half a million dollars to make improvements at the park to get more kids and parents out of the house and into nature. He appreciates it. He has one more thing to show the Supervisors that may be you can look at and put on the wish list. I cannot get to the lake without losing his balance because he has a disability from the military and he has an idea that he has seen at other parks. From the bridge to the dock (approx. 200 ft.) to put in almost like a curb and an 8 ft. wide walk way right up to the water line with benches that are cemented into the ground. People like to sit close to the water and it's also great for fishermen. It's not a very expensive project.

Joann Bali, 159 Oakmont Dr., asked if the supervisors are aware that there is a DEP meeting next week at the high school for stormwater for Hazlenut Project. It's from 5 to 9. Her concern is that there's also a planning meeting the same night and she is wondering if that can possibly be changed so if any of the public want to come. Supervisor Fiume said the planning department would have to change that meeting, we cannot. They told her to call the office and talk to John Synoski, the planning director. She asked if they planned on going to the DEP meeting and they said this is the first they heard about it.

ADJOURNMENT: The business at hand being complete, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to adjourn meeting.** Adjournment time 6.20 pm.

March 10, 2026

6:00 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hazle Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Griguoli. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken as follows:

Jim Montone, present

Wendy Naprava, Rec. Sec., present

Bob Fiume, present

Atty. John Lucas (Slusser Law), present

Tony Griguoli, present

Joe Calabrese, RJD Eng., present

MINUTES: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 regular meeting as prepared by the Recording Secretary. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the minutes.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to approve the **February 2026 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the February 2026 Treasurer's Report.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

BILLS: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to pay the bills due and payable through March 10, 2026. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the bills as presented for payment.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

Chairman Griguoli authorized Wendy Naprava to open the bids for equipment rentals. Wendy told him that no bids were received.

Chairman asked if anyone has any comments on the agenda items.

Tammy Parise, 45 Louis Schiavo Drive, asked if the Mericle Phase 1 west of 309 project that is on the agenda is by her house. Joe Calabrese told her that it is not by your house and that there's two items on the agenda. For Mericle...one is for Phase 1 of Crossroads off of SR 424 that's currently under construction they filed an amended land development plan. The other one is lot 2 in Humboldt Industrial Park where they're proposing a building addition. Tammy said she saw 309 and just wanted to check what part of 309 to be sure. Joe also said that the Supervisors have resolutions for traffic signals to amend the existing traffic signal timings and a few of those are on 309 up by 424.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Chairman Griguoli said they are amending the agenda tonight to add resolution #2026-13 to the agenda because the policy governing public comment needs to be updated. Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion. Bob Fiume made a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution #2026-13, second by Jim Montone. Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

RESOLUTION #2026-13 – A RESOLUTION GOVERNING PUBLIC COMMENT AT OPEN MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HAZLE TOWNSHIP: Chairman Griguoli asked if anybody has any comments on this item. Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Resolution #2026-13. **Motion by James Montone, second by Bob Fiume to pass Resolution #2026-13.** Someone from the audience asked what does this resolution

mean. Chairman Griguoli read the whole resolution out loud. **Ann Marie Shelby**, Hazle Township asked if she could speak. She said she lives in the Township and she went to the Hazleton meeting because of a project they have which affects her by her house. She asked to speak at that meeting and they told her no because the project is in Hazleton and she lives in the Township. She said it was so unopen to the public and so unfair and she let them know that. She said she is very close to this project and she should have been able to speak. She believes that if a project is right near someone's property in the neighboring township then they should be able to speak out as well, and that Hazle Township should let people do that . Maybe they should be the last to speak but they could live right next to the township but if we don't let them speak and they can't go to the city about it so then they can't speak up to anyone. She thinks that needs to be resolved somehow. Chairman Griguoli said we will table this instead of passing it and re-word that part. Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to table this Resolution for review and changes. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to table Resolution #2026-13.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

ORDINANCE #2026-3-10-1 – AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS AS TO THE WEIGHT LIMIT OF VEHICLES ON WINDY HILL ROAD FROM EAST BUTLER DRIVE (STATE ROUTE 3022) TO STATE ROUTE 940 AT SIX (6) TONS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND POSTING OF SECURITY FOR THE MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES OF A WEIGHT IN EXCESS OF RESTRICTIONS; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS: Tammy Parise asked if this is by her house because she needs that too. Supervisor Montone said yes. Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Ordinance #2026-3-10-1. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to adopt Ordinance #2026-3-10-1.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

RESOLUTION #2026-8 – AUTHORIZING ANTHONY GRIGUOLI, CHAIRMAN, TO SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL MODIFICATIONS (TE-160 FORMS) FOR THE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT SR0424 AND I-81 EXIT 141 SOUTHBOUND RAMPS: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Resolution #2023-8. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to pass Resolution #2023-8.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

RESOLUTION #2026-9 – AUTHORIZING ANTHONY GRIGUOLI, CHAIRMAN, TO SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL MODIFICATIONS (TE-160 FORMS) FOR THE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT SR 0424 AND I-81 EXIT 141 NORTHBOUND RAMPS: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Resolution #2026-9. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to pass Resolution #2026-9.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

RESOLUTION #2026-10 – AUTHORIZING ANTHONY GRIGUOLI, CHAIRMAN, TO SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL (TE-160 FORMS) FOR SR 0424 AND INNOVATION DRIVE NORTH/INNOVATION DRIVE SOUTH: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Resolution #2026-10. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to pass Resolution #2026-10.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

RESOLUTION #2026-11 – AUTHORIZING ANTHONY GRIGUOLI, CHAIRMAN, TO SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL MODIFICATIONS (TE-160 FORMS) FOR THE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT SR 0424 AND SR 0309: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Resolution #2026-11. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to pass Resolution #2026-11.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

RESOLUTION #2026-12 - AUTHORIZING ANTHONY GRIGUOLI, CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL (TE-160 FORMS) AT SR 0424 CROSSROADS BLVD NORTH/CROSSROADS BLVD SOUTH: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for Resolution #2026-12. Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

APPROVE THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT PLANS FOR THE ROLLING INTERSECTIONS: SR 424 & INNOVATION DRIVE, SR 424 & CROSSROADS BLVD., SR 424 & I-81 EXIT 141 NORTHBOUND RAMPS, SR 424 & I-81 EXIT 141 SOUTHBOUND RAMPS AND SR 424 & SR 309: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the approval. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to approve the signal permit plans.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

APPROVE THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR THE FOLLOWING INTERSECTIONS: SR 424 & INNOVATION DRIVE AND SR 424 & CROSSROADS BLVD: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the approval. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the traffic signal construction plans.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

BUTLER 260 BUILDING 5 PRELIMINARY/FINAL MAJOR LAND DEVELOPMENT – PROPOSED IS TO CONSTRUCT ONE 1,006,880 SQ. FT. INDUSTRIAL FACILITY ON A PROPOSED 260 ACRE PARCEL ALONG SR 424 & CONAHAN DRIVE, WITH WAIVERS AND CONDITIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING DEPARTMENT: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the approval. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to approve the Butler 260 Building 5 Preliminary/Final major land development.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

MERICLE CROSSROADS EAST PHASE 1 – REVISED MAJOR LAND DEVELOPMENT; LOCATED WEST OF SR 309 & EAST OF I81. THIS PLAN PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE BUILDING LAYOUTS FOR PROPOSED LOTS 2, 7, 8 AND 9, RECONFIGURE CROSSROADS BOULEVARD NORTH – AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING DEPARTMENT: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the above revised major land development. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the Mericle Crossroads East Phase 1 revised major land development above.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

MERICLE HIP NORTH LOT #2 EXPANSION PRELIMINARY/FINAL MAJOR LAND DEVELOPMENT – PROPOSED IS A 114,800 SQ. FT. ADDITION TO THE EXISTING 410,000 SQ. FT. BUILDING AND (2) FUTURE BUILDING EXPANSIONS, 49,220 SQ. FT. EACH ON LOT #2 IN HUMBOLDT INDUSTRIAL PARK NORTH – WITH WAIVERS AND CONDITIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING DEPARTMENT: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the above major land development. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to approve the Mericle HIP North Lot #2 expansion preliminary/final major land development.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

AUTHORIZE ANTHONY GRIGUOLI, CHAIRMAN, TO SIGN THE PROPOSAL WITH BARRY ISETT & ASSOCIATES FOR THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK WETLAND DELINEATION AND ON-LINE MAPPING FOR APPROXIMATE WETLAND AREAS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,500: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume for the authorization.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

AUTHORIZE ANTHONY GRIGUOLI, CHAIRMAN, TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH IWORQ SERVICE FOR THEIR SUBSCRIPTION TO THEIR ENTERPRISE PACKAGE WHICH IS CAPABLE OF PERMIT MANAGEMENT, INSPECTION PLANNING & REMINDERS, CODE ENFORCEMENT, PROTAL HOME, ONLINE CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PROCESSING FOR PERMITS & LICENSING, ETS. AT A FEE OF \$15,000 PER YEAR: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to authorize Anthony Griguoli to sign the agreement.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

AUTHORIZE THE HAZLE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO COMPLETE THE BID DOCUMENTS AND PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2026 MANUAL ASPHALT PATCHING PROJECT: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the authorization. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to authorize the Hazle Township engineer to complete the bid documents etc. as listed above.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

PARTIAL RELEASE REQUEST OF THE FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR THE CENTRAL PA EQUITIES 42 LLC LAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$106,026.27: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the release. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to release this partial release of financial security.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

RELEASE THE FULL AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR THE MERICLE HIP LOT 57B LAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$382,504.58: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the release. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to release this full amount of financial security.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

REPOSITORY SALE – SECOND ST., FREELAND, PA (IN HAZLE TOWNSHIP) – TAX PARCEL #26R9S1-004-005-000 – ELITE REVENUE RECEIVED A \$1,013.13 BID FROM GEORGE J. HANKO III: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the repository sale. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to approve the repository sale.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

REPOSITORY SALE – 310 HOLLY LYNN DR., LOT 2, HAZLE TOWNSHIP – TAX PARCEL #26S7T02-002-000 – ELITE REVENUE RECEIVED A \$1,001 BID FROM VANESSA HERNANDEZ CONSTANZO: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the repository sale. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the repository sale.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

REPOSITORY SALE – MAIN ST., EBERVALE, HAZLE TOWNSHIP – TAX PARCEL #26S8S7-0010-22000 – ELITE REVENUE RECEIVED A \$500 BID FROM JEFFREY MUMIE: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the repository sale. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to approve the repository sale.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

DISABLED VETERANS REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THOMAS LESHKO – HIS APPLICATION HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE PA DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the exemption. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the real property tax exemption for veteran Thomas Leshko.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

APPROVE APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT #1 FROM AMERICAN ASPHALT PAVING COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,823.96 FOR THE HCA HUMBOLDT STREET PAVING PROJECT AS PER AGREEMENT WITH THE HAZLETON CITY AUTHORITY WATER DEPARTMENT. CHECK MADE OUT THE HAZLETON CITY AUTHORITY: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the approval. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve the certificate payment #1 as stated above.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

APPROVE INVOICE #1081 FROM COX FABRICATION, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,572.20 FOR THE BABE RUTH FIELD BATTING CAGE POST REINFORCEMENT OF THE FINAL TWO BATTING CAGE POOLS: Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion for the approval. **Motion by Montone, second by Fiume to approve invoice #1081 from Cox Fabrication.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

BID TABULATION & AWARD THE CONTRACTS FOR THE EQUIPMENT RENTALS TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS: Wendy Naprava said no bids were received. Chairman Griguoli entertained a motion to readvertise and rebid the bids. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to readvertise and rebid these bids for next meeting in April.** Roll call: Montone, yes; Fiume, yes; Griguoli, yes.

REPORTS

ROADMASTER: Jim said they have been up in Humboldt, they put a few drain boxes in and some lengths of pipes in, that's where the water company put water lines in last year. We split the paving bill with them...they're going to pave a portion and we're going to pave a portion. These guys have to get that pipe work done before that happens. They're half one day with it and they did an incredible job the past 2 days. The contractor is putting new doors on the garage, they started today. Tony asked when the street sweeping will start and Jim said usually in April. He also asked Jim if they're going to be using that truck to suck out the drains. Jim said we talked about farming that out last year.

ENGINEER: nothing

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report/nobody present.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Nobody present

ZONING OFFICER: Nobody present

OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing to discuss under old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was nothing to discuss under new business.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tammy Parise, Louis Schiavo Drive, Hazle Township, said the Township, with these issues she's been having, have been keeping her up for a decade. The Supervisors told her that they saw her video she sent in and Jim said that she is absolutely correct. They discussed it with Joe

Calabrese before. So when they go look at the neighbors property underneath where he has those big stupid blocks, there might be water coming from there and it might be groundwater..so that's one issue. So, with your permission Tammy, they instructed Joe to go over to your property this week or next week. Tammy told Joe he could email her a time and date. Jim said the plan is that he's going to look at your side of the wall, with your permission, and see if there's some way they can put a pipe and some small boxes on your side that catches it all before it goes to your yard. Tammy said the highway dividers he put in greatly devalue her property and no pipe is going to fix it. She insists that an 8 ft. fence be put up. She brought up about the land use variance hearing that was several years ago and things were done illegally with no permits or planning submitted. She said Jim was on the hearing board then and showed them a picture of Jim and Chris Slusser in the paper in Hydrodynamics garage and Chris Slusser represented Mr. Popiak and Mr. Popiak also worked for this township and she believes that is a conflict of interest. Supervisor Montone said that there is a lot of state officials in the picture you gave us so don't try to say that we're over there patting him on the back. Tammy said she is not saying that. Jim said we're jumping through hoops here and you've put up with this for a long time and he agrees with her totally so they're trying to figure out every way possible with Joe Calabrese to fix your water problem but you have a vendetta with your neighbor and we don't want to get involved with that because one issue gets fixed then you come back with another one. Tammy said she does not have a vendetta and that there is a lot of issues. Jim said as far as the blocks that he has on his property, he can take those away and he's not forced to put a fence up either...that's a civil thing. Tammy said it's not civil when it comes to this...when the building was existing before it burned to the ground that garage was built on the rear of that building. Did Pierucci submit permits and planning to build that garage. We don't even know if that garage is legal or if it was built illegally. She said they should have gone before the planning board to build that garage. Tammy said Joe Calabrese is highly intelligent and she appreciates him greatly but she is a little disappointed after he sent Nick Pane up there to look over the problem...he never sent her a letter stating the findings or a solution that an engineer with his intelligence would suggest to be done for the issues. He gave her the code for new construction and she told him that your code does not refer to her issue, Section 910.2 is the code she has and that ups his code. Zoning hearing board functions (concerning variances). She told Tony to write down Section 910.2 and said she has everything even through attorneys from way back then, paperwork dating in order from August 2013 and she put in RTK requests and never received them. She stated that code enforcement and Gary Sanzi are not doing their jobs properly. She also called several times to speak with Chuck Krone regarding several matters regarding Dave Popiak and Chuck's not answering the phone, he's not enforcing any of the codes and there's a lot of stuff going on. Chairman said he would talk to Chuck about that. She said she knows a lot of these things are civil but she can go up higher on a lot of this stuff and she will. He told her they understand where she's coming from and they're going to address her needs with this water. She said a lot of the stuff is done illegally and you need to look into that. After that hearing when she brought all this up with no permit and planning, that should have been looked into then. Supervisor Montone asked how many years are you going back here and she said it does not matter under that code 910.2 and that there are stipulations attached to that land use variance for the life of it.

Mary Robinson, Sophia Coxe Drive, has a couple questions about the website...the last minutes on there are September of 2025, October, November and December still are not there. Also, she does not see any minutes on there for planning and zoning. Wendy said she thought minutes were on through November, if not she will get them on. The supervisors said they will talk to the other departments about getting theirs on. Mary also said there's nothing on the website about the land bank, she's always confused as to when the meeting is. Chairman said they should all be on for the year because they were voted on and suppose to be put on the website. They'll check on that.

The meetings are going to be like every 3 months because there's not enough to have a monthly meeting.

Joyce Chunko, Park Crest, said she left a newspaper article with Wendy about the city council passing a resolution about feral cats. She is wondering if Hazle Township can partner with them. She knows we have to trap them ourselves but they're giving coupons out for the neutering. They had at least 4 litters this year...little baby cats in the middle of the winter and people are feeding them. Chairman said so what do you want us to do. She said if the township could put something out to the residents of Hazle Township asking if they're interested in this because people from Hazleton are dumping them off in the park and then people are picking them up and taking them back to Hazleton. She sees 15-20 cats on some front porches. Jim told her they talked about it this week with the trap, neuter and release place and they said they do not have anybody to trap the cats...the people would have to do it themselves and then drive them up to the place themselves. She said well it got to get started because it's getting out of hand. Jim said we can do that. She said she would be willing to knock on some doors and talk to people when she walks and ask if they would be interested in doing this. Jim said it's a great idea. She brought it up because she hates to see these cats and kittens looking for food and she is not feeding them. But she said she can trap them. She said the cats get neutered or spayed at the place and then they get dropped off where they came from and this will keep them from multiplying. Supervisors asked how she is going to trap them. She said you get a have a heart trap and you put in cheap cat food. She also asked if Hazle Township has a quality of life ordinance on the books. Jim said for noise after 10 p.m. she would need to call state police. She said so Rocco at the mall could have people partying in the parking lot with giant speakers on top of their cars. It was a Sunday morning last summer from 10 a.m. and it went on. Even with her windows down it was unbearable...things were vibrating. Rocco wouldn't talk to anybody, he would hang up. She said they kept calling the state police and they finally came at 7 p.m. and chased them away. Jim said he'll talk to Rocco tomorrow.

Richard Wienches, 119 Forest Hills, asked how many people here get their water from the Hazleton City Authority and basically it was everybody there. He's been researching what's going on with the city and the water authority. Up to 2024 the water authority was paying so much money to the city for police protection and whatever...they had reason for it and it went to the city as a reimbursement. In 2025 nothing's going on...it ended at the end of 2024. But not they started looking and asking the water authority to give the city more money again...well over \$400,000 because they have 3 major deficits going on...pension, the amazon issue with \$900,000 and the flock camera system which is 4.4 million dollars. The way they have it now is they're going to have the water authority give the city money and then they might increase the rates so it's kind of like a secret tax to the township people. He doesn't think it's fair to the residents. It's going in their coffers, it's not going to a specific reimbursement of police. From what he understands that Chris Slusser at the last school district meeting in January said they were going to check into the legality of people who are non-city residents being pilled to pay the taxes of the city. Mr. Wienches said he doesn't think that's right. Supervisor Fiume said he heard this a couple times now and that's a huge amount of money and the water rates could really go up. Jim said they heard this and heard the numbers that were thrown out and they've been discussing this for a few weeks now and there is different avenues to look at. Rich said and there's nobody from the township on their board. Jim said it's not only the township...there's 13 other communities involved...that's who they serve and everyone on the board is from the city. So we're going to do something...whether we get involved legally or there's a lot of options like we can start digging our own wells. Rich said we should have a say in this, maybe there should be a separate billing for the township residents and an initial charge for the city. He's glad that the Supervisors are aware of this. Jim said he heard that 40% of the HCA's revenue comes from Hazle Township.

Also, there is a lot of dogs at community park anymore, he was just out there and there was 5. We should have dog cleanup stations with receptacles out there so more people might pick up after them. Joe C. said they are a part of the master plan for the park. Rich said that's great but we should put a couple out there until the master plan is complete

Sherri Homanko, has a couple things to say in regards to the policy for the agenda regarding the public comments. She said that is something that really should have been posted ahead of time and not rushed through. It seems like you weren't being transparent in all honesty. Supervisor Fiume said he doesn't understand how she can say that when we just sat here and read the whole thing and we did table it. She said yes but people didn't get a chance to review it or comment on it. Jim said everybody does it. She said that maybe people with autism or cancer would need more time to say what they have to say because it might take them longer to speak or they may tire out, etc.

Kerri Fisher, 541 New Cranberry, is looking for an update on 924 Landscaping. Joe said the court case was continued by the magistrate until June 17th. She said she was there and Chuck Krone was there but nobody from 924 Landscaping or the property owners showed up. She said with all the snow we had it is all put up behind my house so now when it melts it will run down her backyard and into her house. Her oil tank collapsed two weeks ago from the ground being so soft because that's exactly where the water goes in her house. She is still incurring bills because of this man and nothing is being done. Joe said he understands and he went to the solicitor to see if there's anything more they can do and he was specifically told not until June 17th. She said so he's going to keep operating as usual and dumping more stuff up there and flooding me because he can. He has no permits. Jim said he talked to our solicitor this week (he's not sure how the other guys feel) and he wants to shut him down. She said you told me that a year ago. Jim said we have to do it legally. He told our solicitor to tell us what we have to do to shut this business down and it's got to be shut down because it's a mess. She said thank you. She contacted an attorney and she is going to file a civil matter against him. The supervisors said she should and they are glad she is doing that. She said now we have to wait til June. Joe said he did submit a plan but we did not approve it because there was a lot of issues with the plan. She said didn't he have a time limit to submit that plan and is there no time limit now because that was back in January. Joe said the time limit is June 17th but is already March and has to order materials and he doesn't even have the plan approved yet so Joe has been calling him often. She said she sees him here and there and he said he has no intentions on doing anything because it's not his problem and he's not taking care of it. Jim said then we'll force him to pay the fines.

Ann Marie Shelby, 9 Wood Drive, said she realizes where she lives and what's going on and she understand all that but she thinks that the Supervisors need to think about having a traffic light at 309 and Four Seasons Drive. It is so hard to get out of there now and she can't imagine how hard it will be when the other bridge goes through and more traffic comes. The traffic on 309 is horrible. She hopes the Supervisors can do something about it and have PennDOT look into it. Also, she called zoning because they were doing towers behind the house for the plants or data centers. The brought in such big equipment and now we have cracks on that road. Now there's two holes where you turn off 309 into the right lane and you have to make sure you don't hit those holes and people are right behind your rear end on that road. She thinks they really need to look into the traffic light for sure because it will be needed once everything is built. She also wants the supervisors to think about (and she's a real liberal) and she does not want a detention center in the township for any reason like the ICE one they want to put in down in Tremont. Supervisors said there is no plans for that. She said they need something already in place that says we do not want those in our community and we should put a restriction on that.

ADJOURNMENT: The business at hand being complete, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. **Motion by Fiume, second by Montone to adjourn meeting.** Adjournment time 7:05 pm.