July 13, 2026

LIMESTONE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

Attendance : Board Members: Eric Egli, Walter Laidacker, Mark Cramer and Secretary, Lois Hoffman
Public Attending: Jeff Solomon, Bill Waltman, Sudha M Whalley, Peter Whalley, Tim Funk, Sharon W Waltman

Call to Order:

Walter Laidacker called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes and treasurer report:

A motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting and the disbursements for July was made by Mark Cramer and seconded by Eric Egli. All in favor.

Public Comment: Sudha Whalley expressed her concerns with the smell that is coming from the Bill Betz Farm She stated that she and Tim Funk had called DEP complaining about the stink. Tim Funk stated the gentleman that he spoke with told him the Betz farm had all the proper permits. Lois explained that she had called DEP and filled in a written request asking for any permits that the Betz farm had and was told by an Amanda that she did not find any documents on the Betz farm. Lois said she will follow up on this to see why she is being told one thing and Mr. Funk received a different answer. Sudha was concerned of clostridium perfringens causing gangrene. Bill Waltman expressed his concerns with the ordinance that is being proposed to be adopted. He is concerned with the sound level at the receptors would be the same with the 1000 ft or 500 ft . Mr. Waltman also asked about the sound studies that are listed on the ordinance. He asked who will do the measurements on this, asking if it would be qualified people? Sharon Waltman stated she has problems with sound currently from the Gypsum plant. She asked " who will handle the sound no-one does now." Sharon Waltman suggest we use the Ordinance that the County had made. Sharon then read from a sheet that she had written. (attached to minutes)
Mr. Waltman is concerned of different sensitive receptors. He feels the committee should make a list of sensitive receptors that we want to protect and then do a mapping of the sensitive receptors to make sure no data centers are built in these sensitive areas. A lot of talking was done at once not allowing me to get every word from each person. Mr. Waltman showed anger and was rude toward Mark Cramer suggesting the solicitor that the planning commission hired copied and paste information from a Chester County Ordinance.

Secretaries report: Lois reported that she did call and filled out a request on the internet regarding the Bill Betz Farm and was told by Amanda Cantymagli that she did not find any permits for this farm.
Lois renewed the internet security Vipre for $39.95 a year. Liquid Fuel audit will be July 22.

Old Business:

Mill Road Repair – Attorney Laurinda Voelcker prepared an agreement between the Township and Art Groff d/b/a Mountainside Excavators Inc which states Art will repair a section of Mill Road, removing and replacing the culvert that currently exists. He will buy all the supplies and provide all the labor and show proof of insurance. Mark made a motion to sign the agreement, seconded by Mark, all in favor.

New Business

Please note these are in a different order from the agenda.

Montour County Convention – The county would like each Township to make a basket and showcase a business in our area. We chose Limestone Mobile Concrete and with Sharon Waltman offering a free Grange cookbook we also chose the Grange to showcase. The convention is October 15 there will be 7 attending this meeting. The township will pay for the supervisors and the secretaries meal. The spouses will pay for their own.
We will place a ¼ page ad in the convention booklet for $55.00 Motioned by Mark and seconded by Eric all in favor.
Montour County Emergency Management System – The county received a grant to put in emergency warning systems in case there would be a county wide emergency. They have asked if we will allow them to install this near or on our building. The system is solar operated needing no electric. The county will install it and maintain it. Mark made the motion to allow this and seconded by Eric. All in favor. Walter will let Alice Laidacker know, she is our Emergency Management Coordinator.
By The Bloom Farm & Flower Co. – We had some complaints about this business with traphic on properties that border her business. Her business card labels her business as a Wedding & Events Venue. Chris Bower visited her and explained to her that she would need different zoning to have weddings there. She understands and will not be having any large events there.
Style Road – There has been some confusion on this road. A verbal agreement years ago had been made with Lewis Township regarding who maintains and plows this road. The supervisors will call Lewis Twp. Supervisors and go over what each groups responsibilities will be and will put it in writing.
The county had asked if each township felt the county should continue providing zoning services to Anthony, Liberty, Mayberry, and Washingtonville Borough? The supervisors felt since they have the Northern Montour Regional Planning Commission take care of their zoning needs they were fine with them continuing to provide this service to those areas.

Supervisor's comments:

Mark Cramer made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Eric Egli, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Hoffman, Secretary

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Dear Limestone Township Supervisors:

The Northern Montour Regional Planning Commission (NMRPC) is in the process of writing a data center ordinance during the180 day moratorium on data centers established in February 2026. I understand the exact date when the moratorium expires is either August 7th or 8th 2026. I also understand a public hearing is scheduled for July 16, 2026, and there has been no posting of a review draft of this ordinance posted publicly. Perhaps this could be done using the Limestone Township web site?

I am writing as a concerned Limestone Township resident and ask the Limestone Township Supervisors to encourage the NMRPC Commissioners to simply accept the Montour County Planning Commission (MCPC) data center ordinance that can be found at the link below:
https://www.montourcounty.gov/getmedia/280cb028-ead7-44fb-bdab-ce8280dc85cd/Ordinance-2-2026-Executed.pdf

By readily accepting the MCPC data center ordinance, it will expedite the process of adopting a data center ordinance in Limestone, Derry, and West Hemlock Townships. In addition, by adopting the MCPC data center ordinance, this will save tax payer money by not paying the NMRPC Solicitor for hours to re-write an ordinance, instead of simply performing necessary administrative editing for proper municipality names, etc. To date, we have not learned how much the ordinance in question has been costing the tax payers. How much are we paying?

Further refinements related to energy producer systems should be incorporated into a separate ordinance, if warranted. There is not a moratorium on energy producer systems as I understand it. Perhaps a moratorium on energy producer systems should also be established until suitable ordinances can be properly researched and reviewed.

If the NMRPC Solicitor is investing significant time in developing energy producer systems you may want to ask why? I do understand that the data center industry is being encouraged to "bring their own power" by the current Governor and the Legislature. However, it has come to my attention (comments from the Montour County Planning Commission) that this particular Solicitor has a history of working for both local government and for the industry that the ordinance is written to limit, simultaneously. This was observed/witnessed by those members during the Montour County, PA solar ordinance development.

I will also add that an overlay ordinance devoted to the protection of limestone aquifer recharge areas (sinkholes, etc.) is desperately needed, especially if further industrialization creeps into those portions of Limestone Township (near Great Dane area) from the largely Derry Township industrial zones. I have written to you before regarding this matter and provided an example overlay ordinance from Anthony Township as a guide.

Thank you for considering my input and all the hard work you have done on the data center ordinance for Limestone Township.

Respectfully submitted,

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