**MINUTES**
**PARADISE TOWNSHIP**
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER:** At 7:01 pm by Chairman Lance Biesecker

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

**SUPERVISORS IN ATTENDANCE:** Lance Biesecker, Clark Craumer, Dean Bentzel

**APPROVE AGENDA** WITH ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS… Clark Craumer moved to approve the agenda as printed, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Clark Craumer moved to approve the Minutes from August 10, 2026 as printed, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.

**APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lance Biesecker read the August 2026 Treasurer's report… Clark Craumer moved to approve the report as read, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:**
**Persons who have made prior arrangements to be placed on the agenda will have first priority. Please note due to time limitations 3 minutes will be allotted for each citizen.**

**1)** Rick Shearer, 4641 Holtzschwamm Rd was present with a continuing complaint about neighbor's lights shining in his window. After a brief discussion, it was decided the BCO will send a letter requesting the homeowner across the street form him lowers the angle of his motion light

**Fire Department Reports:**

1) **NAF –** Lance Biesecker reported 31 total calls/ 8 in PT
2) **United 33 –** Charlie Jacobs reported 81 total calls/ 4 in PT.
3) **Life Team -** Chief Kerry Lease reported 147 total calls/ 22 in PT

**SUBDIVISION PLANS:**

1) Kevin Barnes had nothing new to report on subdivisions within the Township

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Benton Jackson LDP. Kevin Barnes requested the Supervisors consider extending the deadline for the Benton Jackson LDP to November 20, 2026. Clark Craumer moved to extend the deadline, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Approve a new Trash Hauler contract to begin in January 2027…Solicitor Evan Gabel presented a spreadsheet of the four bids received and opened in his office on Friday September 11, 2026. He commented that hauler with the lowest bid withdrew their bid within the legal time frame because of an error they made in their calculations. With that withdrawal, the Supervisors could reject all bids and put the contract back out for rebid or they could accept the bid of the next qualified bidder and award the contract. Lance Biesecker sited the uncertainty of rejecting the remainder of the bids and receiving new bids in the same price range. Also, we are getting late in the year to go through the whole bidding process again. He also stated with the increase in homes expected with current developments under construction it will be very difficult to keep providing recycling dumpsters at the Township building and Farmers Field. For those reasons, Lance Biesecker moved to accept the bid of Republic Services and award them the contract for curbside waste and recycling. The cost to residents would be $413.40 per year ($103.35 per quarter) for a 96-gallon wheeled trash tote and a 65 gallon wheeled recycling or $362.40 per year ($90.60 per quarter) for a 35 gallon wheeled trash tote and 64 gallon wheeled recycling tote. Clark Craumer seconded the motion, it was approved by Unanimous Vote. Lance Biesecker clarified that trash service is still voluntary within the Township but if residents subscribe to the trash service, they can only use Republic Services and they have to use one of the plans approved. He also stated the recycling dumpsters at the municipal building and Farmers Filed will be removed shortly after 2027 New Years Day.
2) Approve appointments to Ag Security Advisory Committee…Lance Biesecker commented with property owners within the Township want to include their land in the Township's Ag Security Program, there is a need to establish a five-person Ag Security Advisory

Committee. BCO Neal Doyle advised the committee should be composed of one Supervisor, three resident farmers and one resident at large. Clark Craumer moved to approve appointment of Lance Biesecker, Gary Burgard, Wayne Mummert Jr., Douglas Gabel, and Landen Burgard to the Ag Security Advisory Committee, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by a 2 – 0 vote with Lance Biesecker abstaining.

**3)** Approve Resolution for NEA Fire and EMS to obtain grant money for the purchase of a new fire engine…Lance Biesecker presented Resolution 2026-04 authorizing The North East Adams Fire and EMS to apply for a $1 million grant to offset the cost of a new fire engine. The new engine will replace one that is past its peak life expectancy. Clark Craumer moved to approve Resolution 2026-04, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approve by Unanimous Vote.

**4)** Approve advertisement of Ordinance establishing a Volunteer Service Tax Credit Program for qualified Active Volunteers of Volunteer Fire Companies and Nonprofit EMS Agencies…Lance Biesecker presented information asking for approval to advertise for an Ordinance allowing individual active Volunteer Service participants the ability to apply for Township tax exemption providing they meet the yearly requirements. Clark Craumer moved to approve the advertisement, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.

**RECREATION PARK:**

1) Lance Biesecker reported the grass is starting to get brown again. Also, this coming Friday night, September 18th will be the Fall into Paradise event and Farmers Field filled with lots of activities ending with a movie at approximately 8:45 pm.

**REPORTS:**

1) **Emergency Management**: Neal Dole reported on one fire on Pleasant View Drive where two dogs were lost
2) **Zoning Officer:** Neal Doyle provided a written report on permit activity. There is a PennDot Scoping meeting up for New Era Restaurant
3) **Engineer:** Doug Stambaugh provided a written report on engineering activity highlighting a meeting with Spring Run developer, paving done of TGII, and a meeting with TPD, Inc regarding a transportation Impact Assessment for Spring Run.

4) **Planning Commission:** Kevin Barnes reported the PTPC reviewed a Zoning Hearing Application for setbacks on Short Road and they started reviewing the Township's Domestic Livestock Ordinance,
5) **Police:** Clark Craumer reported calls were down 11 for the same reporting period in 2025. Calls are up 62 for the 2026 and Andrew Miller received a permanent promotion to Corporal.
6) **Solicitor:** Evan Gabel had nothing further to report
7) **Roadmaster:** Dean Bentzel had nothing further to report

**CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OTHER BUSINESS:**

1) Approve Bill Lists and Bank Reconciliations … Clark Craumer moved to approve the bill lists and Bank Reconciliations and adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote
2) Adjourned at 7:30 pm\

Approved at the October 12, 2026 BOS meeting

Elwood Miller

Secretary
Paradise Township