

**MINUTES
PARADISE TOWNSHIP
ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2026 at 10:00 am**

CALL TO ORDER BY TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN by temporary Chairman Evan Gabel at 10:15

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

APPOINT CHAIRMAN...Clark Craumer nominated Lance Biesecker as Board of Supervisors Chairman, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by 2-0 Vote with Lance Biesecker abstaining

APPOINT VICE-CHAIRMAN...Lance Biesecker nominated Clark Craumer as Board of Supervisors Vice-Chairman, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by 2-0 Vote with Clark Craumer abstaining.

APPROVE APPOINTMENTS:

Roadmaster	Dean L. Bentzel
Secretary	Elwood A. Miller
Treasurer	Elwood A. Miller
Joint Inter-Municipal Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer	Neal Doyle

Clark Craumer moved to approve the above appointments, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

Planning Commission: 4 year term	No Vacancy	
Chairman	Kevin Barnes	expires end of 28
Secretary	Korry Beard	expires end 2028
Member	Brent Auchey	expires end of 27
Member	Matt Osborne	expires end of 26
Member	Mark Bentzel	expires end of 27
Alternate	Bob Nivens	

Lance Biesecker noted that no members are up for reappointment

Zoning Hearing Board: 3 year term No Vacancy
 Chairman Akshay Vidiyarthi reappt till 28
 Member Denton Grim expires end of 26
 Member Brett Bishard expires end of 27
 Alternate

Clark Craumer moved to reappoint Akshay Vidiyarthi to a three year term until the end of 2028, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

Auditor/Elected: 6 year term No Vacancy
 Auditor Eric Zeigler elected 23, exp 29
 Auditor Raymond Grudi elected 25, exp 31
 Auditor Brad Boyer elected 21, exp 27

The auditors will review and authorize Supervisor compensation and Treasurer Bond.

Lance Biesecker noted Raymond Grudi was reelected in 2025 to a new six year term expiring at the end of 2031.

Certified Public Accountant – Adopt Resolution 2026-01 appointing Smith Elliot Kearns and Company, LLC (SEK) as Independent Auditor
 Clark Craumer moved to adopt Resolution 2026-01, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Adopted by Unanimous Vote

NYCRP Representative Clark P. Craumer
NYCRP Representative Dean Bentzel (alternate)

Emergency Management Director – Neal Doyle
Emergency Management Deputy – Lance Biesecker, Bob Nivens

Clark Craumer moved to approve the above appointments, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

Abbottstown/Paradise Joint Sewer Authority: 5 year term
 Member Raymond Grudi expires end of 27
 Member Robert Grim expires end of 28
 Member Jim Capetta reappoint till 2029

Lance Biesecker noted there are no members with expired terms

Chief 74 Kerry Lease

Clark Craumer moved to approve Kerry Lease as Chief 74, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

Regional Recreation Commission – 1-three year term, one at large

Tracey Grudi serving 3-year term to end 2027
 Ike Hileman serving at large

Lance Biesecker noted there are no expired Recreation Commission appointments

East Berlin Community Center Representative – VACANT

Lance Biesecker noted this is still vacant

Vacancy Board Chairman – Neal Grudi

Voting Delegate - State Convention Vacant

York Area Earned Income Tax (representative):

Representative Clark P. Craumer

Alternate Dean L. Bentzel

Clark Craumer moved to approve the appointments to the Vacancy Board and YAEIT representatives, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

Township Solicitor C.G.A. Law Firm (Evan Gabel)

Hearing Board Solicitor Saxon & Stump, LLC (Peter Ruth)

Township Engineer Group Hanover - Douglas Stambaugh

Sewage Enforcement Officer:

SEO Services Group Hanover - Douglas Stambaugh

Alternate Group Hanover – Wyatt Stambaugh

Clark Craumer moved to approve the above professional appointments, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

Special Exception/Variance Fee& Zoning Change Application:

Residential \$1000.00

Non-Residential \$2000.00

Right To Know per the PA official RTKL fee schedule

Clark Craumer moved to approve the above fee schedule, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

APPROVE COMPENSATIONS:

Secretary/Treasurer

Codes Enforcement Officer

Skilled Road/CDL

Full Time Road/CDL

Road CDL licensed Partime

Supervisors (working partime for Township)

Zoning Hearing Board Members

Planning Commission - Chairman

Planning Commission Member - Secretary

Planning Commission Voting Member

Vehicle Mileage Rate Authorized Persons...2026 IRS rate is 72.5 cents per mile

Clark Craumer moved to approve the employee compensation package and mileage rate for 2026, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

APPROVAL OF WORK SCHEDULES:

Road Foreman and full time worker 40 hours per week

additional overtime as required 3 hour minimum emergency call

Assistant Road Forman 32 hours per week

Secretary/Treasurer 32 hours per week

Building and Codes Officer

Part time road worker hours as required

Clark Craumer moved to approve the work schedules for 2026, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

APPROVAL OF SERVICES:

Township Depository TRUIST Bank and PLGIT

Health Insurance Blue Cross Health Plan

Pension Plan Kampstra (MG Trust)

Life Insurance PSATS Trustees Insurance

Clark Craumer moved to approve the above service providers for 2026, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S BOND \$2 MILLION upon approval of Elected Board of Auditors

Employee Benefits are included in the Paradise Township Employee Handbook

Lance Biesecker noted there is a \$2 million Treasurers Bond in place for 2026 and it will be included in the Auditor Package

Supervisors, Road Foreman and Treasurer are permitted to make purchases up to \$1000.00 without prior Board approval

The Treasurer is permitted to pay bills in advance to avoid penalties

Clark Craumer moved to approve the spending limits and treasurer payments, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

APPROVAL OF 2026 MEETING DATES: Supervisors Meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and staff meetings prior at 6:30 p.m. Paradise Planning Commission will meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

Clark Craumer moved to approve the BOS Meeting and PTPC meeting schedules for 2026, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS: Approve Resolution 2026-02 appointing the York County Treasurers Office as Township Tax Collector...The elected Tax Collector declined the position after the election

Clark Craumer moved to approve Resolution 2026-02 appointing the York County Treasures Office as the Tax Collector for Paradise Township, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

Approved at the January 12, 2026 BOS Meeting

Elwood Miller

Secretary
Paradise Township

Supervisor's Meetings 2026

7:00 PM

January 12, 2026
February 9, 2026
March 9, 2026
April 13, 2026
May 11, 2026
June 8, 2026
July 13, 2026
August 10, 2026
September 14, 2026
October 12, 2026
November 9, 2026
December 14, 2026

Planning Commission Meetings 2026

7:00 PM

January 26, 2026
February 23, 2026
March 23, 2026
April 27, 2026
May 18, 2026 changed because of Memorial Day Holiday
June 22, 2026
July 27, 2026
August 24, 2026
September 28, 2026
October 26, 2026
November 23, 2026
December 28, 2026

