



Montour Township

Work Session	February 5, 2026 / 6:30 PM
Montour Township Municipal Building, 296 Jackson Street, Bloomsburg, PA 17815	

Work Session Attendees: Supervisors M. Howe, J. Mullen, J. Ulshafer, Chief P. Savidge and a few Township Employees and Residents.

AGENDA & WORK SESSION MINUTES

- Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman M. Howe.
- Pledge of Allegiance – Completed by all present.
- Moment of Silence – Observed by all present.
- Announcements
 - Winter Storm Emergency Declaration 22JAN206 for 24-26JAN2026 – An emergency phone meeting was conducted on 22JAN2026 to declare a State of Emergency for dates 24 – 26JAN2026 due to the upcoming snow storm. The Winter Storm Emergency Declaration was filed with the County, which made the township eligible for any funding that might become available from the State. Also, the Supervisors took action to authorize overtime for the Police Department during this period.
- An Information Session with the Buckhorn Community Volunteer Fire Company was held on 26JAN2026.
- Discuss/Motion Part-Time Clerk Position – The Township is currently advertising for a PT Clerk for approximately 10+/- hours per week to take over J. Mullen's responsibilities and to support PT Secretary/Treasurer M. DeStefano.
- Discuss/Motion 2nd Solicitor for Planning Commission – After discussion, a motion for the Planning Commission to conduct a search and to recommend to the Supervisors a Solicitor to advise the Planning Commission was made by J. Mullen and seconded by J. Ulshafer. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discuss/Motion Trailers at Indian Head Campground – Reportedly, individuals have been living year-round in campers. J. Ulshafer will contact the Township's Zoning/Codes Officer about these situations.
- Sewer Update Report
 - The 2026 sewer billing information was mailed mid-January. There are issues with USPS distribution through Harrisburg. If anyone has not received their mailing, please notify the Township Office. J. Mullen gave an update on the sewer discount payment program.
 - Sewer Grant Award – A \$323,000 grant for the Indian Head Pump Station was awarded, but a \$800,000+ Local Share Account grant request was denied. J. Mullen recommended that at the next meeting the Supervisors begin the process to put out bids for both projects.



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- Discuss/Motion PA Rural Water Membership – Supervisors discussed the advisability of renewing the Township's membership with PA Rural Water. More information was needed, and the item was tabled.
- Discuss/Motion Hydrant Assessment deficit/Veolia monthly payment – Current revenue from the hydrant tax is not sufficient to meet hydrant service expenses. The hydrant tax will need to be increased for the 2027 year.
- Discuss/Motion Columbia County Conservation District (CCCD) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – This memorandum relates to water runoff/erosion control in relation to any development that takes place, and the Township has participated in this in the past. A motion to continue with this partnership was made by M. Howe and seconded by J. Ulshafer. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discuss/Motion PD, PW, TWP Building Cleaning Services – The 2026 budget included \$1,500 for cleaning services. M. Howe will research possible providers and will report back at the next meeting.
- Public Comment
 - T. Pataconi said the fire hydrants along Rt. 11 are not being cleared of snow. M. Howe will check into who is responsible for this.
 - J. Ulshafer mentioned Tower Rd. is sometimes being blocked by a vehicle. The Chief said if anyone should witness this they should call the Township Police and they will follow-up.
- For the Good of the Township
 - M. Howe announced a loan for half of the cost of the new tractor is being processed through the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCED), and a loan for the other half of the cost is in the process of being secured from Journey Bank.
 - J. Ulshafer thanked the police and the plow drivers for their work during the recent snowstorm. A resident fell and broke her leg, and our police cared for her before the ambulance arrived. M. Howe thanked the plow drivers for their good job, and thanked the Police Chief for his posting about parking during the snow emergency, which was quite effective. J. Mullen added his thanks as well.
- Next Supervisors Meeting: Thursday, 12FEB2026 at 6:30PM
- Adjournment – Chairman M. Howe called to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph T. Mullen
Vice Chairman-Board of Supervisors