

SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 11, 2026, AT 6:00PM

A Regular Meeting of the Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on March 11, 2026, at the Smithfield Township Municipal Center at 1155 Red Fox Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301, and via Zoom.

Present are Supervisors Jacob Pride, Robert Lovenheim, and Michael Albert, Engineer Jon Tresslar, Administrative Coordinator Jessica Hodge, and Township Manager Julia Heilakka.

Also present are Mitch Bowyer, Brett Cartwright, Todd Dailey, Eric Levine, Kati Machovsky, JoAnn Norris, Ken Norris, and Vicky Ozgun.

1. Chair Jacob Pride calls the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

3. Announcements:

a. Save the Date:

i. Environmental Advisory Council Educational Hike scheduled for March 28th.

ii. Hop and Hunt Event scheduled for April 4th.

iii. Spring Leaf Pick Up scheduled for April 13th through April 24th.

iv. Spring Clean Up scheduled for April 29th through May 2nd.

Jacob Pride addresses an article published in the Pocono Record on March 10, 2026, concerning data centers at Smithfield Gateway. He clarifies that the Township has only received a sketch plan. Sketch plans are not approved or denied and are used as a tool for planning purposes. The developer must submit a formal plan if they wish to move forward with the project. Jacob Pride notes the development of Ordinance No. 260 – Data Centers which was recently passed and explains how the Township has bolstered regulations concerning data centers from three to fourteen pages to protect the community.

Robert Lovenheim motions to add the consideration to authorize advertisement of the data center amendment to the agenda, Michael Albert seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

4. Consider: Consent Agenda.

a. Consider: Approve February 25, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

b. Consider: Approve Bill Pack: \$120,316.78 (General: \$120,068.81, Professional Escrow: \$274.97).

Michael Albert motions to approve the consent agenda, Robert Lovenheim seconds.

Michael Albert asks about Oak Grove and Leon Clapper. Vicky Ozgun asks about laptops for administrative staff. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

5. Reports:

- a. Emergency Services – None.
- b. Solicitor – None.
- c. Engineer – Jon Tresslar reports working on the 3 Point Garden Minor Subdivision.
- d. Township Manager – Julia Heilakka reports six permits were issued in February. There have been 21 Right-to-Know Requests submitted in 2026; only 1 is currently open.
- e. I-80/SR 611 – None.
- f. Environmental Advisory Council – Mitch Bowyer reports the Mt. Nebo Educational Hike is March 28th at 11AM rain or shine. All hikes are at your own risk. The EAC is finalizing its report for 2025, and the EAC has two requests for the Board.
- g. Supervisors' Comments – Michael Albert states that in previous drafts of tonight's agenda there was a second offer of stipulation for consideration for the M. Manor/Back 9 injunction litigation. The offer has been turned down, so that item was removed from the agenda. Michael Albert states he has hope for settlement after he spoke with Elisa Byrne.

JoAnn Norris asks Jon Tresslar if he has been to the Shawnee Valley PRD location.

6. Old Business:

a. Consider: Authorize Advertisement of Draft Ordinance No. 265.

Michael Albert motions to authorize advertisement for a public hearing to amend the data center ordinance, which adds decommissioning requirements, and eliminates conditional use in the ED zone, Jacob Pride seconds.

Michael Albert asks if either Planning Commission has responded to the draft ordinance. Jacob Pride states the Monroe County Planning Commission indicated limiting data centers to the M1 zone would not be exclusionary. JoAnn Norris asks about the industrial zone. Kati Machovsky suggests adding incentives for green energy. Ken Norris has concerns about water and power usage. Todd Dailey says some places have full restrictions concerning data centers. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

7. New Business:

a. Consider: Approve Surveys for Smithfield Sewer Authority SR 0209 Expansion Project.

Jacob Pride motions to approve surveys for Smithfield Sewer Authority SR0209 Expansion Project, Robert Lovenheim seconds.

Michael Albert explains the need for the surveys and that the Smithfield Sewer Authority will pay for them. JoAnn Norris asks about the treatment plant. Todd Dailey asks if he will be required to hook up to the sewer. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

8. Public Comment:

- a. Todd Dailey asks for an update concerning the community garden.
- b. Eric Levine asks about the noise ordinance and how it is enforced.
- c. Kati Machovsky asks when the next Board of Auditors meeting will take place.
- d. JoAnn Norris asks about the Goldsmith House.
- e. Todd Dailey asks about dumping at the airport, Vicky Ozgun says the Waste Authority is investigating the issue.
- f. Brett Cartwright asks about a billboard frame he believes is abandoned.

9. Adjournment: There being no other business before the Board, Jacob Pride motions to adjourn, Robert Lovenheim seconds. Vote: all in favor; meeting adjourned at 6:47PM.

Minutes Recorded by Jessica Hodge

Respectfully submitted,



Julia Heilakka
Township Secretary