SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 28, 2026, AT 6:00PM

A Regular Meeting of the Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on October 28, 2026, at JT Lambert Intermediate School at 2000 Milford Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301, and via Zoom.

Present are Supervisors Jacob Pride, Robert Lovenheim, and Michael Albert, Engineer Jon Tresslar, Solicitor Ronold Karasek, Administrative Coordinator Jessica Hodge, Stenographer Donna Kenderdine, and Township Manager Julia Heilakka.

Also present are Michael Adams, Lurine Allotey, Lynn Ames, Catharine Berkowitz, Richard Berkowitz, Tracy Blair, James Blas, David Bower, Jessie Castaldo, Jozie Castaldo, James DePetris, Bruce Eden, Peter Favini, Attorney Michael Fiorentino, MaryAnn Freeby, Marc Friedman, Anthony Gilbert, Ashley Gilbert, Beverley Hardy, James Hardy, Michael Iovacchini, Lauren Jones-Rabbit, Attorney Marc Kaplin, Michael Karpe, Anton Kovraiskyi, Christopher Lynch, Tara Mezzanotte, Christina O'Brien, John O'Brien, Mike O'Donnell, Linda Potenzieri, Jarrod Predmore, Rashida Satur, CJ Shapiro, Christoper Stach, Charles Stecker Jr., Judy Sullivan, Damian Thorn-Hauswirth, Craig Todd, Patricia Westover, Eric White, and other members of the public.

1. **Chair Jacob Pride calls the meeting to order at 6:05PM.**

2. **The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.**

3. **Announcements:**

   a. Save the Date:

      i. Fall leaf pick-up will occur October 26th through November 20th.

   b. An executive session was held on October 28, 2026 from 11AM to 11:42AM, regarding attorney-client privilege matters.

4. **Consider: Consent Agenda.**

   a. Consider: Approve Bill Pack – $135,608.71 (General: $70,196.81, Capital Improvements/Grants: $4,305.47, EMS: $54.52, Fire: $99.95, Liquid Fuels: $59,493.02, Professional Escrow: $1,458.94).

   b. Consider: Ratify Second Memorandum of Understanding with The Aliver Foundation.

   c. Consider: Authorize Advertisement & Request Reviews of Draft Ordinance No. 273 – Schedule of Uses & District Regulations.

   d. Consider: Authorize Sale of 2002 Chevrolet Blazer at $1,150.00.

   e. Consider: Authorize Sale of 2001 Ford F-250 at $550.00.

Robert Lovenheim motions to approve the consent agenda, Michael Albert seconds. Michael Albert confirms the authorization to advertise and request reviews is for the proposed reformat of the Schedule of Uses and District Regulations. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

5. **Reports:**

   a. **Emergency Services –** None.

   b. **Solicitor –** None.

   c. **Engineer –** None.

   d. **Township Manager –** None.

   e. **I-80/SR 611 –** Tara Mezzanotte reports PennDOT conducted the 1st local officials meeting last week. Concerns were raised with New Jersey not being included in the meeting. NJDOT has requested availability for meeting concerning updates about the I-80 Westbound Rock Fall Mitigation Project.

   f. **Environmental Advisory Council –** None.

   g. **Supervisors' Comments –** None.

6. **Old Business: None.**

7. **Public Comment:**

   a. MaryAnn Freeby and CJ Shapiro ask the Board to consider their legacy.

   b. Lauren Jones-Rabbitt says residents have a responsibility to challenge officials; the Board has a responsibility to use their power well.

8. **New Business:**

   a. **Conditional Use Hearing: Smithfield Gateway – Data Center.** The conditional use hearing opens at 6:30PM. This conditional use hearing proposes a two-story 250,000 square foot data center at Smithfield Gateway, on Parcels 16.8.2.7, 16.8.2.7-2, and 16.8.2.7-3. The hearing is transcribed by Donna Kenderdine Reporting.

      The following individuals were present and granted party status during this hearing: Michael Adams, Lurine Allotey, Lynn Ames, Broadhead Watershed Association, Catharine & Richard Berkowitz, Tracy Blair and James Semanchik, James Blas, Jessie Castaldo, Jozie Castaldo, Bruce Eden, Peter & Laurie Favini, Marc Friedman, Ashley & Anthony Gilbert, James & Beverley Hardy, Michael Iovacchini, Michael Karpe, Anton Kovraiskyi, Christopher Lynch, John O'Brien, Christina O'Brien, Mike O'Donnell, Linda

& Frank Potenzieri, Jarrod Predmore, Rashida Satur, Christoper Stach, Charles Stecker Jr., Judy Sullivan, Damian Thorn-Hauswirth, Patricia Westover, and Eric White.

Robert Lovenheim motions to adjourn this hearing and leave the record open for the subsequent hearings, Michael Albert seconds. Vote: all in favor; hearing will continue on a date to be determined.

9. Adjournment: There being no other business before the Board, Robert Lovenheim motions to adjourn, Michael Albert seconds. Vote: all in favor; meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Minutes Recorded by Jessica Hodge

Respectfully submitted,



Julia Heilakka
Township Secretary