FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 20, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. Cox, at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Dr. Larry Cox, Chairman
Christopher L. Allen, Vice Chairman
Samuel Barbera, Supervisor
Christopher Weidenhammer, Supervisor
Matthew Cox, Supervisor
Davis Holland, Chief of Police
Eric Hawkins, Fire Chief
Donald F. Martin, Manager

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There was no executive session prior to the meeting.

V. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

Bob Gasswint, Red Land Senior Center stated the Fall fest held at the new senior center was a success and thanked everyone that attended. He also stated that the County would no longer reimburse the center for prepared meals that were boxed and picked up to go.

VI. 2027 BUDGET REVIEW:

A. Fire Department Fund 68

Chief Hawkins gave a presentation on the need for full-time staffing at the fire department. He requested Board support for a SAFER Grant that would help offset the cost in the first three years for the hiring of 4 full-time paid fire fighters.

Mr. Martin provided a 5-year projection on the cost to the Township and the increase in the millage rate of the fire tax to support the hirings and other capital improvements to the fire station required in the next 5 years.

The Board discussed the matter.

Mr. Martin advised that the resolution to support the grant would be on the next meetings agenda for consideration. Additionally, the Board would have to act on any tax increase in the fire real estate tax prior to advertising the budget for 2027 with the intent to adopt at the December meeting.

B. Fire Hydrant Tax Fund 03

Mr. Martin provided the latest monthly bill for the fire hydrants throughout the Township and explained that the cost has increased a total of 70% since the last tax increase for fire hydrants was levied in 2013 and 30% from the prior year. An increase in the fire hydrant tax from .09 mills to .153 mills is required to have the funds available to pay for the fire hydrants which are accounted for separately in Fund 03- Fire Hydrant Fund. Action on the tax increase will be on the next meeting's agenda.

C. Liquid Fuels Fund 35

Mr. Martin gave a presentation of the 4-year road paving program noting that paving over the next three years would be in the Green Lane Farms development.

D. Mr. Martin reviewed the revenues and expenditures as well as capital expenditures for all departments for the year 2027 and noted the following increases.

No tax increase in the General Fund
Health Insurance premiums will increase 9.7% for 2027.
Workers Compensation premiums will increase 30%
Workers Compensation premiums will increase 50% for the fire department volunteers, which is under a separate policy.
Gasoline increased 12.7% and Diesel 60%.

E. The annual budgeted payments to local community organizations were reviewed and the Board requested an additional $10,000 be added to the payment to the Red Land Senior Center, bringing the total to $35,000.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barbera to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.
Vote on the motion. All yes. The motion carried.