

WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2025

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held its monthly meeting on November 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Watson Township Municipal Building, with James Seltzer, James Potter, and Richard Macklem present.

Also present: Wilbur Moore, Jamie Bower and Samantha Bower on behalf of Avis Little League, Wm. Dennis Buttorff, EMC, Allen Green, Nick Klaras, Paul Fye, and Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky

Chairman Seltzer called the meeting to order, and Supervisor Macklem led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Seltzer asked if there were any questions or comments on the October 16, 2025, monthly meeting minutes; there being none, Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Macklem, MCU.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report, and Supervisor Potter moved to approve the report as submitted; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

Correspondence: None.

Roadmaster's Report

Roadmaster Rick Macklem provided the Roadmaster's Report as follows:

- Completed mowing berms along township roads
- Patched potholes on Dennison Hollow Road
- Cleared brush at the ball field along Pine Creek
- Installed snow removal equipment on township trucks

Roadmaster Macklem reported that HRI, Inc. finished the work on Route 44, and he will contact them about making repairs to the parking area.

He also reported that the final paperwork for the Dirt & Gravel Road Project is complete, and Lycoming County issued the final payment to the Township.

The 2026 LSA Grant Application for a new John Deere mower, Harley rake, and road saw was submitted. The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) did not award the 2025 LSA grants in November as expected. The grants will be awarded at their next meeting in January 2026, unless a special meeting is scheduled before January.

The 2026 Application for Lycoming County Liquid Fuels for \$23,000.00 was approved for the pipe replacement project on Fillman Road.

Roadmaster Macklem also presented the minutes from the 2025 Fall Road Tour, reporting that the roads are in good condition, and the focus for 2026 will be on replacing pipes and culverts.

Zoning Officer's Report

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky provided the monthly zoning report and reported on the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the northern tier rail/trail.

Brent also reported that the annual building permit report was provided to the Lycoming County Assessment Office.

EMC Report

EMC Denny Buttorff reported that a new stream gauge will be purchased and installed in Waterville in 2026, also there are plans to dredge/drag the dam at Little Pine early next Spring.

He also noted that there is a meeting scheduled in December to review Lycoming County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Old Business

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business

2026 Insurance Proposal

Supervisor Macklem made a motion to accept the proposal from Kilmer Insurance for 2026 insurance coverage: seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

2026 Preliminary Budget

Supervisor Macklem made a motion to approve the 2026 Preliminary Budget: seconded by Supervisor Potter, MCU.

Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Member

The Board discussed appointing an alternate member to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment

The Supervisors discussed amending the zoning ordinance to increase the height of ancillary buildings. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with amending the ordinance, increasing the height restriction from fifteen (15) feet to twenty-five (25) feet.

Invoices

Supervisor Potter made a motion to approve the invoices as presented; seconded by Supervisor Macklem, MCU.

Public Comment

Jamie Bower and Samantha Wian of Avis Little League, requested financial support from the Supervisors to replace the dirt and grade the infield of the ballfield, purchase new safety bases, make improvements to the concession stand, and replace the dugouts.

The request was tabled for future discussion to allow time for the Supervisors to meet and look at the baseball fields.

Public comments were generally entertained throughout the meeting.

Adjournment

Supervisor Macklem made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chairman Seltzer, MCU.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary