

August 5, 2025

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MEETING FLOW REVIEW & PROTOCOL:

MOTION TO ACCEPT JULY 2025 TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION TO ACCEPT JULY 2025 TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT:

ADDRESS TAR & CHIP INCIDENT & OTHER ISSUES:

Supervisor Wilson began by expressing frustration that there had been many attempts to keep the tar and chip incident off the agenda and that attempts had been made to prevent him from raising the issue publicly. He reported being told by a third party he would embarrass himself; the entire community would hate him and even face jail time if he spoke about it. Supervisor Wilson argued there was no problem discussing the issue, since a township supervisor had their private driveway tarred and chipped. He asked Supervisor Weber to explain the matter.

According to Supervisor Weber, Benazette Township contracted Jay Township to tar and chip three township roads: Summerson, Porcupine, and Kelly. Separately, a private individual arranged for Jay Township to tar and chip both that individual's driveway and Supervisor Weber's driveway. Supervisor Weber presented invoices paid directly to Jay Township and receipts from Bucktail Excavators for the chips, emphasizing that Benazette Township employees or resources were not involved in the private roads. Supervisor Weber produced signed affidavits from Jay Township employees confirming that no Benazette Township stone or resources were used for the private roads.

Supervisor Wilson asked who billed Supervisor Weber for his driveway. Supervisor Weber responded that he was not billed for anything it was paid for by another individual. Wilson requested copies of the bills, and Weber agrees to provide them. Wilson asked who was paid – Jay Township supervisors or their road workers. An individual stated that Jay Township had sent him the bill, which he then paid. That individual had requested Jay Township to do work on Tucker Lane while they were already in Benezette, and he knew Supervisor Weber wanted his driveway done as well.

Next Township Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, September 2, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Supervisor Wilson questioned Supervisor Weber's involvement with the private roads being tarred and chipped when he was the sole person responsible for the Benezette Township tar & chip road project where Supervisor Weber's own private driveway was tarred and chipped. Supervisor Weber stated he had nothing to do with the tar and chipping of any private roads.

Supervisor Wilson asked Supervisor Maholtz if she had investigated after July's meeting when concerns were raised that Supervisor Weber and his friend's private drives were tarred and chipped. Supervisor Maholtz confirmed she conducted her own investigation and had requested an executive session to review the matter privately. She said she contacted Supervisor Wilson on July 25th to discuss the matter outside of a public meeting, which Wilson did not respond. Maholtz emailed Wilson on July 29th making it clear that raising this issue in a public meeting accusing another supervisor/employee of misconduct and/or theft is inappropriate, which was ignored. Supervisor Maholtz reached out to the Township Solicitor at that point to discuss this with them and they said this should not be happening in a public meeting.

After consulting the Township Solicitor, Supervisor Maholtz was advised that such discussions should be held in an Executive Session. The Township Solicitor allegedly contacted Supervisor Wilson to convey this, and The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) confirmed the issue should not be handled in a public meeting.

Supervisor Weber stated that he has documentation that Benezette Township has no money involved in private drives, nor did Benezette Township orchestrate work on private drives. Supervisor Weber stated that Supervisor Wilson is spreading rumors about him and that at this time he is not resigning but he is removing himself from the meeting because he feels Supervisor Wilson has been slandering and making false accusations about him.

As Supervisor Wilson began asking Supervisor Maholtz another question, she stopped him with a prepared statement confirming she would not resign as a Township Supervisor but would also remove herself from the meeting – See attached.

Supervisor Weber walked out – Residents asked where he was going, he said he was leaving. Supervisor Maholtz stated that she is removing herself too.

Following this, Supervisor Weber left the meeting, and Supervisor Maholtz left in her capacity as a supervisor and sat with the residents.

A resident wondered if this incident wasn't brought up in July's meeting that Supervisor Weber's driveway was done, would the residents even know anything about it? The resident then asked if the lawyer was aware that this incident was already brought up in a public meeting. Supervisor Maholtz stated yes. The resident asked if she had this in writing. The resident was questioning why Supervisor Maholtz wants a private meeting now when the matter has already been discussed in a public meeting. Supervisor Maholtz stated that it was on advice from the lawyer and PSATS.

However, she is leaving the meeting this evening in her capacity as a supervisor. Quorum is required for the township meeting to proceed, and with Maholtz leaving, the meeting ended.

I want to make it clear that I am **not resigning** from my position as Township Supervisor. However, I will be **leaving the meeting this evening in my capacity as a Supervisor**.

As you know, a quorum is required for the meeting to proceed. If another Supervisor also chooses to leave, the meeting **cannot legally continue**.

The topic that is being brought forward tonight—regarding an **ongoing, undisclosed investigation and alleged wrongdoing by an employee**—is **not appropriate or legal to discuss in a public setting**. Our **legal counsel has explicitly advised** that this matter must be handled in a **private executive session**, not in a public forum. Discussing this in an open meeting puts the Township at risk of legal consequences.

On **July 24 and July 25**, we requested to meet privately to review your investigation and any findings. You did not respond to either request. On **July 29**, I again asked to speak with you and made it clear that attempting to publicly raise this issue as a "gotcha" moment would be inappropriate. That request was also **ignored**.

After your continued refusal to discuss this matter privately, I reached out to our legal counsel, who once again advised that this **should not be discussed publicly**. This meeting is **not the appropriate venue**, and to move forward with this discussion in public would be reckless and irresponsible. *PSATS ALSO affirmed this needs address*

Let me be clear—we are **not against you**. There are **no sides** here except the one that puts the **best interests of the Township first**. I am stepping away at this time to **avoid being implicated in a lawsuit**, which is likely to follow if this conversation continues in violation of legal advice.

I remain committed to my responsibilities, to the integrity of this office, and to protecting the Township from unnecessary legal and financial risk.

BENEZETTE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

SIGN-IN SHEET

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

1	MARK MOOREHEAD	16	Justin T. WSAC
2	Bob M. Trayer	17	GARRYT Dschz
3	Mike Kosh	18	Mike Dehollo
4	LEANE MOOREHEAD	19	Kathy Black
5	ANDREW SHULTE	20	Michael Begmer
6	Wayne Roush	21	Bert Reis
7	Robert W. TRAYO	22	Kevin Gallagher
8	Dot TRAYO	23	Ch. R. R. R.
9	Joe Ulbert	24	Robert Davis
10	Peggy DeCarli	25	Shelby McKinley
11	Sherry Willamew	26	ROY FRANK
12	Lianne Moorehead	27	AN COPELAND
13	Mark Moorehead	28	
14	Linda Shick	29	
15	Kim Roberts	30	