# BENEZETTE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
## October 6, 2026

The Benezette Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on 10/06/2026 at the Township Building, 105 School House Rd. Benezette, PA. Present were Supervisors **Amanda Maholtz, Bob Davis,** and **Tony Copello**. Please see sign-in sheet for visitors present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, MEETING FLOW REVIEW & PROTOCAL: Meetings are recorded each month and transcribed to create meeting minutes.

MOTION TO ACCEPT SEPTEMBER 2026 TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES:
FIRST: MAHOLTZ SECOND: COPELLO YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

MOTION TO ACCEPT SEPTEMBER 2026 TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT:
FIRST: MAHOLTZ SECOND: COPELLO YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

MOTION TO PAY BILLS FROM GENERAL AND STATE ACCOUNTS: Bill list in your packets
FIRST: MAHOLTZ SECOND: DAVIS YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

AUDITOR VACANCY APPOINTMENT: Supervisor Davis made a motion to appoint Dorthea Trayer as Auditor to fill the vacancy.
FIRST: DAVIS SECOND: MAHOLTZ YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

TREASURE LAKE'S ATV/UTV TRAILHEAD LETTER OF SUPPORT:
FIRST: MAHOLTZ SECOND: COPELLO YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

IRS MILEAGE RATE INCREASE: Effective July 1 through December 31, 2026, the IRS standard mileage rate increases from 72.5 cents to 76 cents per mile.
FIRST: MAHOLTZ SECOND: DAVIS YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

MOTION TO INCREASE SECRETARY BOND TO 1 MILLION: Due to the amount of grant money the Township currently has in its accounts.
FIRST: DAVIS SECOND: MAHOLTZ YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

**Next Township Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, November 4, 2026 @ 6:00 pm**

FEMA PROJECT UPDATES: See attached Engineer Report for details.
Motion was made by Supervisor Davis to allow the EADS Group to take the lead and coordinate the Request Scope of Work Changes with FEMA/PEMA for Grant Road Culvert Repairs.
FIRST: DAVIS SECOND: MAHOLTZ YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

Motion was made by Supervisor Davis to go with the EADS Group design for the Grant Road Culvert Repairs:
FIRST: DAVIS SECOND: MAHOLTZ YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

PEDESTRIAN WALKING BRIDGE GRANT PROGRESS: The MTD Grant is in the final processing phase. Decisions should be made in November 2026.
A property owner asked if there was going to be fencing along the banks. This is something that can be looked at once we know if the grant is approved.

DGLVR PROGRAM FALL FUNDING ROUND: An application for the Summerson Road cross-pipe replacement was submitted on Wednesday, September 23, 2026. It was denied on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, because higher-ranked applications exhausted the available funding. The program encouraged us to reapply in the spring.

ACT 13 GRANT FOR GRAY HILL ROAD BLACKTOP REPAIRS: Approved for $10,000 on September 18, 2026.

ROADMASTERS REPORT: ~~In your packets~~

LOOKING AHEAD:

1 - OCTOBER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR 2027 BUDGET WORK SESSION: Tuesday, October 20th at 6pm
This will be an advertised Special Meeting to go over the engineering proposal for Grant Road as well as the 2027 budget workshop.

2- MILITARY SHARE PROGRAM: Wednesday, November 25th starting at 11:00 AM

TOWNSHIP PUBLIC FORUM:

J. Roush asked how the Township is looking for winter in terms of employees. The Supervisors are in the interviewing process. J. Roush also asked about Houston Hill Road and who is taking care of that this winter. Wendy will look into that.

TOWNSHIP PORTION OF THE MEETING ADJOURNED:
FIRST: MAHOLTZ SECOND: COPELLO YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

# Benezette Township – Engineer Report

**October 6, 2026**

1. FEMA Culvert Repairs
    a. A meeting with the Township, EADS, and FEMA/PEMA took place on September 22 to regroup on the culvert projects.
    b. Following the meeting, the Township will need to discuss and finalize the scope of work (SOW) for First Street, Second Street, and Grant Road.
        i. Options: Keep FEMA's current SOW for each culvert or submit Request for Scope Change to FEMA to address all damage and implement cost saving measures. If proceeding with FEMA's current SOW, the plans for First Street and the plans and permit for Second Street would need to be modified.
            1. A Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) analysis will be required for Second Street Culvert repairs.
                a. FEMA will require an H&H analysis to justify the installation of the larger, 60-inch culvert.
                b. Elk County Conservation District will require an H&H analysis if the culvert size remains at 48-inch, which is proposed by FEMA. Additionally, a 48-inch culvert will not qualify for a GP-7, and the permit application would need to be withdrawn and resubmitted as a GP-11 if following FEMA's proposed SOW.
        ii. If submitting a Request for Scope Changes, the Township will need to verify whether the Township or EADS are to take the lead and coordinate the Request for Scope Changes with FEMA/PEMA.
        iii. Once the scope is finalized for Grant Road, the engineering proposal will need to be executed.
        iv. All culvert work must be completed by March 11, 2028.
2. Operations
    a. The WWTP is operating within expected parameters. Beau has been completing monthly site visits with Ray.
    b. The Nutrient Credit Agreement with Curwensville for the purchase of Phosphorus credits will be finalized once the sample results from September are received. It is expected that the agreement will be ready for the November supervisor's meeting.
3. Grants
    a. The DCED Local Share Account (LSA) grant is accepting applications until November 30, 2026.
    b. Funding Amount: $25,000 – $1,000,000; no match requirement
    c. Eligible Projects – Construction, demolition, Infrastructure, purchase of equipment/vehicles
    d. Engineering and administration are capped at 10% and 2% of the grant award, respectively.
    e. Ray has discussed with Beau applying for new piping, mixers, painting, metal work and spare equipment.

## BENEZETTE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

# SIGN-IN SHEET

### Tuesday, October 6, 2026

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| 4 | Dot Troyer | 19 | please print |
| 5 | Mike Kash | 20 | please print |
| 6 | Gus Pratt | 21 | please print |
| 7 | Scott Hinds | 22 | please print |
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**BENEZETTE TOWNSHIP SEWAGE AUTHORITY MINUTES**
**October 6, 2026**

MOTION TO ACCEPT SEPTEMBER 2026 SEWAGE AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES:
FIRST: MAHOLTZ SECOND: COPELLO YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

MOTION TO ACCEPT SEPTEMBER 2026 SEWAGE AUTHORITY TREASURER'S REPORT:
FIRST: MAHOLTZ SECOND: COPELLO YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

MOTION TO PAY BILLS FROM SEWAGE AUTHORITY'S ACCOUNT: Bill list in your packets
FIRST: MAHOLTZ SECOND: COPELLO YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

RESOLUTION TO OPEN ACCOUNTS WITH PLIGIT:
FIRST: DAVIS SECOND: MAHOLTZ YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS UPDATE: In your packets

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS: Three accounts are with the solicitor for collection totaling $6084.06:

1- $1265.76
2- $2187.43
3- $2630.87

Total delinquent accounts: $14,884.92

Supervisor Davis is working a plan with the Solicitor to collect on the delinquent accounts.

SEWAGE PUBLIC FORUM:

J. Roush would like to see the current debt of the Sewage Authority. Wendy will have that available for next meeting.

SEWAGE MEETING ADJOURNED:
FIRST: DAVIS SECOND: MAHOLTZ YES: 3 NO: 0
COMMENTS: NONE