OLDMANS TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2026
Oldmans Township Municipal Building

The regular meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on September 9, 2026. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Newman. This meeting was held in compliance with Sunshine Law. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Jeffrey Newman, Dean Sparks, William Ferrell III, Brian Porch, John Pomponi

Also Present: Diane Elwell, Chief Financial Officer, Christine Pippet, Acting Municipal Clerk and Linwood Donelson, Township Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT

The mayor advised that public comments should be reserved for the designated public comment portions of the meeting and that speakers would be limited to three (3) minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Ferrell and seconded by Mr. Porch to approve the August 12, 2026, Executive Session Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

Salem County Community Benefits Negotiation Framework

Ms. Jennifer Thomas, representing Salem County Advocates, presented a proposed Community Benefits Negotiation Framework intended to assist municipalities in identifying and prioritizing local needs that may be addressed through future development projects.

Ms. Thomas discussed:

- Establishing municipal and county priority inventories.
- Evaluating potential community benefits through a standardized scoring model.
- Workforce development initiatives.
- Infrastructure improvements.
- Environmental mitigation opportunities.

- Community facilities and recreational enhancements.
- Multi-municipal cooperation and coordination.
- Potential participation in a beta testing program.

Committee members discussed municipal participation, local authority over land use decisions, and the potential benefits of regional cooperation. No action was taken.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Ferrell and seconded by Mr. Porch authorizing payment of bills. Roll Call Vote: Motion Carried in the affirmative

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT-AUGUST 26

A motion was made by Mr. Porch and seconded by Mr. Ferrell to accept the August Tax Collector's Report. Roll Call Vote: Motion Carried in the affirmative

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Porch and seconded by Mr. Ferrell to adopt Resolution 2026-102 Accepting Change Order No. 1 – Demolition Project, 24 West Mill Street. Roll Call Vote: All voted yes Motion Carried in the affirmative

A motion was made by Mr. Porch and seconded by Mr. Pomponi to adopt Resolution 2026-103 Authorizing Agreement with Associated Humane Societies, Inc. Roll Call Vote: All voted yes. Motion Carried in the affirmative

A motion was made by Mr. Pomponi and seconded by Mr. Porch to adopt Resolution 2026-104 Authorizing Agreement with GovWell. Roll Call Vote: All voted yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Pomponi and seconded by Mr. Porch to adopt Resolution 2026-105 Authorizing Issuance of Raffle License Roll Call Vote: All voted yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferrell and seconded by Mr.Pomponi to adopt Resolution 2026-106 Certification of Review of the 2025 Annual Audit. Chief Financial Officer Diane Elwell reported that the Township's 2025 Annual Audit had been completed with no findings. Roll Call Vote: All voted yes, certifying the review of the Annual Audit has been completed.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferrell and seconded by Mr. Mr. Porch to adopt Resolution 2026-107 Approval of Change Order and Final Payment – Paving Plus, LLC Roll Call Vote: All voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (s)

County Commissioner, Paul Collier and Cordy Taylor were in attendance provided updates regarding county activities, infrastructure projects, and regional initiatives.

- Topics discussed included:
- County-wide transportation matters.
- Traffic concerns on East and West Mill Street.
- Truck traffic restrictions and enforcement.
- Traffic studies and potential traffic-calming measures.
- Agricultural Development Board matters.
- County road maintenance.
- Snow fence installation.
- Stormwater projects.
- Animal shelter services and related costs.

Members of the public commented regarding truck traffic, roadway conditions, snow fencing, and various quality-of-life concerns impacting residents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committeeman Farrell: No report.

Committeeman Pomponi: No report.

Committeeman Porch: No report.

Committeeman Sparks: Committeeman Sparks announced:

- The installation service for the new pastor at First Baptist Church.
- An Open House hosted by the Historical Society of Penns Grove, Carneys Point and Oldmans Township.
- Historical Society fundraising activities.
- Salem County Chamber of Commerce candidate forum.
- Salem County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.
- Salem Community College scholarship fundraising event.

Municipal Clerk: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Resolution 2026-107

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to enter Executive Session.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Township Committee returned from Executive Session.

The Mayor announced that Executive Session discussions involved personnel/payroll matters, redevelopment discussions with redevelopment professionals, and operational matters. No formal action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Township Committee, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion Carried in the affirmative

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Pippet
Acting Municipal Clerk