

DERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes, January 5, 2026 Reorganization/Regular Meeting 5:00 p.m.

The reorganization meeting of the Derry Township Board of Supervisors was called to order in the Municipal Building at 5321 Route 982, Derry, PA at 5:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to adjourn the previous meeting.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Members present were: James Prohaska, Donald Kepple and Steve Siko-Supervisors; Sam Dalfonso, Solicitor (on the phone); Terry Giannini, Code Enforcement Officer; Donna Wano, Secretary/Treasurer; Kristen Schmeling, Administrative Assistant

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to elect James Prohaska Chairman for the year 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by James Prohaska to elect Donald Kepple Vice Chairman for the year 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to appoint Donna Wano as Secretary for the year 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to appoint Donna Wano for Treasurer for the year 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to set the Treasurer's Bond at \$1,000,000 for 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to designate First Commonwealth and PLGIT as depositories for Derry Township funds for 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to set the mileage rate at \$.725 per mile for calendar year 2026 per the IRS rate.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to appoint Donald Kepple, James Prohaska, and Steve Siko as Roadmasters for 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to maintain three Road Districts as follows: District 1 - Donald Kepple; District 2 - Steve Siko, and District 3 - James Prohaska.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to appoint the firm of Dodaro, Dalfonso, Matta, and Cambest as Solicitor for 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to appoint Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc. as Engineer at will for 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to appoint Kelly, Sparber, White & Associates LLC as Accounting and Payroll Services for 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to appoint Emil Bove of Bove Engineering as Certified Sewage Enforcement Officer for 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to appoint Varine-Slavin for the Insurance Contract for 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to appoint Terry Giannini as Emergency Management Director for 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to appoint Donna Wano as Right-to-Know Officer for 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to appoint Brian Edmiston to the Vacancy Board for 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to appoint Brian Edmiston to the Derry Township Municipal Authority Board for a five-year term.

Voting: Donald Kepple- yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to appoint Mark Piantine as Fire Chief for 2026.

Voting: Donald Kepple – yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to hold meetings on the first Tuesday of each month for 2026 with the exception of Wednesday, November 4 due to Election Day on Tuesday, November 3. These meetings will be held at 5 p.m. in the Derry Township Municipal Building, 5321 Route 982, Derry, PA 15627.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to approve the Board of Supervisors attendance at the Annual State Convention of the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors to be held April 19-22, 2026, with the voting delegate to be the Chairman or Vice Chairman. Supervisors will be paid their normal wages and expenses that include room, meals, and travel.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to set the following taxes, assessments and municipal service charges at the following levels for 2026:

Real Estate Tax	-	4 mills
Public Fire Tax	-	1 mill (adopted Ordinance 11/1/2022)
Earned Income Tax	-	1% = 50% to Township 50% to School District
Amusement Tax	-	5% - Price of Admission
Municipal Lien Letters	-	\$25
Street Light Tax	-	Flat Rate: \$25 occupied parcels \$15 vacant parcels
Fire Hydrant	-	Flat Rate: \$8
Driveway Permits	-	\$25
Road Bonding	-	\$12,500 per mile
Solicitation Permits	-	\$50 per month
Encroachment Permits	-	Per PennDOT Fee Schedule

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to adjourn the reorganization meeting and start the regular meeting.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to amend the agenda to add a motion to approve the Pandora Solar Project.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Announcements:

Christmas Tree Recycling – residents to drop off trees by the fence where posted.

Residents instructed to remove vehicles and basketball hoops from roads during the winter to allow snow plows to get through. Also, requested residents not to throw snow on Township Road Right of Ways.

New Tax Office: 314 Loyalhanna School Road Suite 900 Latrobe

The meeting was opened to the public for comments:

Mark Piantine, DTVFD gave year-end review - Fire Department had 630 calls for 2025. Truck scheduled for refurbishment. Discussion was held.

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to approve Minutes of December 2, 2025.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to approve the payroll of December 4, 18 and 31, 2025 for payment.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to approve the bills of December 3, 17 and 30, 2025 for payment.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2025.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to approve Resolution No. 692-2026 authorizing the disposition of public records in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to approve and dedicate Quarry Road to fallen miner James F. Gershman.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to approve the Love Consolidation Plan on Victory Way which has been approved by the Westmoreland County Department of Planning:

Approval of this plan does not constitute acceptance of the streets as dedicated and laid out on said plan until they are developed to the Township's specifications at which time formal written notice of acceptance of dedication will be delivered by the Derry Township Board of Supervisors to the developer.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to approve the Borbonus Subdivision on Stoney Run Road which has been approved by the Westmoreland County Department of Planning contingent upon DEP approval:

Approval of this plan does not constitute acceptance of the streets as dedicated and laid out on said plan until they are developed to the Township's specifications at which time formal written notice of acceptance of dedication will be delivered by the Derry Township Board of Supervisors to the developer.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Steve Siko and seconded by Donald Kepple to approve the Pandora Solar Project, subject to completion and finalization of the Developer's Agreement and receipt of HOP.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes

Motion was made by Donald Kepple and seconded by Steve Siko to recess until Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 5 p.m.

Voting: Donald Kepple-yes, Steve Siko-yes, and James Prohaska-yes