

Newport Township Board of Commissioners AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

6:00 PM

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL
3. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 3, 2026 MEETING
5. REPORT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS AS OF AUGUST 31ST 2026

GENERAL FUND	(PSBT)	\$392,720.45
CONTINGENCY FUND	(PLGIT)	\$763,535.62
RECYCLING FUND	(PLGIT)	\$49,259.43
REFUSE FUND	(PLGIT)	\$171,349.58
REFUSE FUND	(PSBT)	\$46,134.81
LIQUID FUELS	(PLGIT)	\$63,958.07

TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF AUGUST 31, 2026 \$1,486,966.96

6. APPROVAL OF NONRECURRING BILLS PAID DURING AUGUST 2026
7. APPROVAL OF RECURRING BILLS TO PAID SEPTEMBER 2026
8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

STREET DEPARTMENT-MR CZAPRACKI

POLICE REPORT-MR ZYLA

CODE ENFORCEMENT-MR. SARAKA

FIRE DEPARTMENT – MR ROKE

PARKS & RECREATION-MR JONES

9. SOLICITORS REPORT- ATTY. CHRIS SLUSSER

10. TOWNSHIP MANAGERS REPORT:

- A. THE 2027 MMO'S FOR THE THREE PENSION PLANS ARE COMPLETED AS REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 205 AND ARE AS FOLLOWS: POLICE-\$103,641.07.00, NON-UNIFORM \$20,641.42, FIREMAN'S \$00. A LETTER IS ATTACHED TO THE WORKSHEETS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN EACH COMMISSIONERS MEETING PACKET.
- B. WE WILL BE APPLYING FOR FOUR LSA GRANTS: 1. SPONSORING THE AMERICAN LEGION IN GLEN LYON FOR REPAIRS TO THE LEGION HOME ON NEWPORT STREET 2. INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAINS ON WEST RAILROAD STREET IN ALDEN. 3.RETAINING WALL ON RIDGE STREET AND GUIDE RAIL ON WEST ENTERPRISE STREET 4. THE PAVING OF NINE ROADWAYS
- C. ON AUGUST 27TH ALBERT MACKAREY FROM THE STATE AUDIT GENERALS' OFFICE COMPLETED A FOUR-YEAR AUDIT OF THE THREE PENSION PLANS. ALL WERE IN COMPLIANCE, EXCEPT FOR THE POLICE WITH ONE FINDING. PENSION BENEFITS NOT BEING IN COMPLIANCE WITH ACT 600. THIS WILL BE ADDRESSED WITH THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #15 OF 2026.
- D. ON SEPTEMBER 1ST SIXTEEN HEARINGS WERE HELD AT MAGISTRATE WHITTAKER'S FOR RESIDENTS THAT FAILED TO PAY THE 2026 REFUSE AND RECYCLING FEE. ALL WERE FOUND GUILTY.
- E. EAST KIRMAR AVE ROAD CLOSURE UPDATE: SINCE AUGUST 19TH KAITLYN DRUMHELLER, PENNDOT DISTRICT 4 MAINTENANCE SERVICES ENGINEER HAS BEEN PROVIDING THE TOWNSHIP WITH WEEKLY UPDATES THAT WE ARE POSTING ON OUR WEBSITE. CONSTRUCTION IS ANTICIPATED TO BEGIN THIS WEEK. UPDATES WILL CONTINUED TO BE PROVIDED TO THE TOWNSHIP THROUGHOUT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT
- F. FOUR SOLAR RADAR SPEED SIGNS WERE RECENTLY INSTALLED THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP BY THE DPW. THE PURCHASE OF THESE SIGNS WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH A GRANT SECURED BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE ALEC RYNCAVAGE .

11. NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION TO APPOINT COMITZ LAW FIRM, LLC, 82 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET, WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18701, AS SOLICITOR TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD AND PLANNING COMMITTEE, WITH ATTORNEY MYER MESSINGER CONTINUING TO SERVE AS SOLICITOR, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 17, 2026, UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND COMPENSATION CURRENTLY IN EFFECT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP TO EXECUTE AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER CONSISTENT WITH THOSE TERMS.

MOTION TO APPROVE A SALES AGREEMENT WITH RICE TOWNSHIP TO PURCHASE FOUR AXON TASER 7'S FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00.

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION #15 OF 2026 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS TO THE POLICE PENSION FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 600.

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION #16 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP MANAGER JOSEPH HILLAN TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR SINGLE APPLICATION GRANT FUNDING (AKA GAMING SHARE FUNDING), LUZERNE COUNTY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$382,050.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATIONS AT THE GLEN LYON AMERICAN LEGION LOCATED AT 62 NEWPORT STREET GLEN LYON PENNSYLVANIA

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION #17 OF 2026 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP MANAGER JOSEPH HILLAN TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR SINGLE APPLICATION GRANT FUNDING (AKA GAMING SHARE FUNDING), LUZERNE COUNTY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89,397.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE REPLACEMENT OF A RETAINING WALL ON RIDGE STREET AND A PLACEMENT OF A GUIDE RAIL ON WEST ENTERPRISE STREET IN GLEN LYON.

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION #18 OF 2026 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP MANAGER JOSEPH HILLAN TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR SINGLE APPLICATION GRANT FUNDING (AKA GAMING SHARE FUNDING), LUZERNE COUNTY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$181,335.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE INSTALLATION OF SIX STORM DRAINS ON WEST RAILROAD STREET IN ALDEN.

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION #19 OF 2026 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP MANAGER JOSEPH HILLAN TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR SINGLE APPLICATION GRANT FUNDING (AKA GAMING SHARE FUNDING), LUZERNE COUNTY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$517,270.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE PAVING OF NINE ROADWAYS IN NEWPORT TOWNSHIP

MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTION #20 OF 2026 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEWPORT, APPROVING A FIVE-YEAR LEASE TO PURCHASE WITH 1ST EQUIPMENT FINANCE FROM, TASCA FORD A 2026 FORD F-250 AND WITH POWELLS EQUIPMENT FOR THE UPFITTING OF THE VEHICLE BASED UPON COSTARS PRICING

MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE #4 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT OF ON LOT SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL FACILITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEWPORT, LUZERNE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA.

MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE #5 OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEWPORT, COUNTY OF LUZERNE, PENNSYLVANIA NOISE ORDINANCE

MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE #6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING ORDINANCES IN

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP

MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE #7 OF NEWPORT TOWNSHIP A SEWER CONNECTION AND USE ORDINANCE

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE NEWPORT TOWNSHIP WOMEN'S ACTIVITY GROUP FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL GARAGE FOR A COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST AT 1:00 PM.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE SALE OF A 2015 FORD F550 DUMP TRUCK

12. CITIZENS COMMENTS

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT