

**Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors
Public Workshop Meeting for Emergency Services Tax
Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

This specially advertised workshop was held by the Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors on June 17, 2025 at 6:30 P.M., in the Township meeting room. This workshop was to discuss emergency services taxes with the fire and ambulance companies that provide service to the Township, and any other business which may be brought before the Board. In attendance and voting were Supervisors: Chairman Gary Deck, Vice Chairman Lester Feick and Harold Zimmerman. Also present were Atty. Michelle Mayfield, Township Solicitor; Ashley Batdorf, Township Tax Collector and Kathy Judy, Township Secretary/Treasurer.

Representatives from Bethel Community Ambulance, Western Berks EMS, Keystone Fire Company of Rehrersburg and Mt. Aetna Fire and Rescue included: Sylvan Witmer, Anthony Tucci, Mike Bashore, Daryl Martin, Carl Weaver, Alfred Kreiser and Gerald Bicher, Sr.

Other Public in attendance: None.

Chairman Deck called the Workshop to order at 6:37 P.M.
The workshop began with the pledge to the flag.

New Business:

Chairman Deck stated that tonight's meeting would focus on the ambulance services in the Township. The workshop continued with discussions about:

- How both basic life support and advanced life support services should receive funding through the proposed tax revenue.
- Bethel Community Ambulance (BCA) provided information (for Tulpehocken Township) on:
 - o revenues received currently versus revenue the proposed tax would generate if levied
 - o the number of calls where the surrounding area advanced life support (ALS) providers responded in the Township, mutual aid agreements and other statistical information
 - o its intention to calculate and make appropriately measured donations, from the proposed tax revenue, to the advanced life support providers if the tax is levied
- Tax exempt properties, deadlines for implementing the tax for 2026, the tax collection process, tax collector wages and distribution of the tax revenue to the emergency service providers.
- It was discussed that, before funds are released to BCA, the Township should be provided:
 - o BCA and ALS providers' mutual aid agreements to confirm that ALS will honor the Township Residents' membership and
 - o BCA's commitment to donating a stated portion of the tax revenue to those same ALS providers

Chairman Deck advised that the July 15, 2025 Emergency Services Tax Workshop will focus primarily on the Fire Companies.

Other Business: None.

With no additional comments or questions, *Chairman Deck motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M. - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Judy, Secretary/Treasurer
Tulpehocken Township