

Millcreek Township Government Study Commission

Regular Meeting and Public Hearing - August 25, 2025

The regular meeting of the Millcreek Township Government Study Commission was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Paul Vojtek in the Assembly Room of the Millcreek Township Municipal Building.

Following the Pledge to the Flag, Chairman Vojtek called for a roll call of members present.

In attendance were Commissioners Paul Vojtek, Art Oligeri, James DeDad, John DiPlacido, William Schaaf, Donna Shaw and Robert Zonna. Commission Alternates Robert Enas, Kim Huff, Douglas Krugger and Marcia Terry were also in attendance.

Also in attendance: ALOM/Public Partners consultants Michael Foreman and Toby Cordek.

Chairman Vojtek then called to order a second Public Hearing to take comments and questions on the Study Commissions final report.

Public Hearing comments were received from the following individuals:

Attorney Mark Shaw- Referred to Page 16 of the Final report regarding legal fees and questioned the source for the data on the report. He proceeded to detail his legal fee numbers and distributed a handout reflecting those numbers and requested it become part of the final report. Mr. DeDad responded with explanation of how numbers were obtained from the DCED as reported by each Township. Attorney Shaw recommends removal of statement that a manager may reduce legal fees. He also questioned how the Manager's fee was derived in the report and asked about Executive committee members associated with drafting the final report. Referred to Page 12 and questioned time spent on deliberation by the commission.

Linda Trohoske: Referring to pages 7 and 10 opined that Commission only interviewed Managers of those Townships used in the report that had the recommended type of governance. She opined that the study was not fair. Mr. Cordek opined original purpose of Commission.

D Dennis McAndrew: Questioned on Page 47 of the report how the numbers presented were arrived at. He questioned conclusions of the study's initial savings in {legislation statement}??? and that there could be an overall savings of insignificant additional cost. Mr. DeDad responded with how the numbers were derived.

Jim Steadman: Opined his agreement with DCED numbers used in the final report. He opined that it is not easy to run a township and there is a need for competent/trained people to run townships and there may be significant savings because of it.

Grant Filbeck: Opined that consultants were answering questions. Questioned how many township employees were interviewed. On Page 11 he asked for number of elected officials interviewed. Opined the limited amount of people at the meeting and he does not support our facts and is against Commission recommendation.

Candy Horm: Opined that there was no pre-conceived notion of Commission. Asked about Township auditor report status. Mr. Wojtek clarified auditor duties. Questioned Page 17 regarding prohibiting Council members' involvement in daily affairs of the departments. Mr. Wojtek and Mr. Cordek responded with an explanation of the comment. Asked if the manager is going to appoint the treasurer and secretary; Mr. Cordek and Mr. Wojtek responded with an answer to this question.

Gerald Servidio – Opined that there will never be separation of politics from administration and that the interpretive statement has changed on the ballot. Questioned possible transition team composition. Mr. Cordek stated that the Supervisors would appoint any transition team. Questioned some interview questions to Township Treasurer. (Distributed to the Commission a table of top 25 Pa. by population top 25 Municipal Government Comparison without comment).

With no further comments, Chairman Wojtek closed out the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Mr. Wojtek then called for public comment on the Agenda items.

No one came to the podium to make comments.

Chairman Wojtek requested motion to accept minutes of 8/11/25.

Mr. Schaaf made the motion to accept, Mr. DeDad seconded the motion.

There were some insignificant changes made to the minutes, and the motion was carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Wojtek then asked for a vote to accept the bills to be paid:

- ALOM Public Partners July billing \$ 10924.70
- Knox Law August billing \$ 100.00
- In Community magazine \$ 1538.00

Motion by Donna to accept the motion, Seconded by Mr. Oligeri, the motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Chairman DeDad indicates there was no meeting to report; budget is in line with expectations.

Local Government Structure:

Chairman DiPlacido indicated there was no meeting and nothing to report.

Public Outreach Public Relations and Promotions Committee: Mr. Oligeri reported on activities of the Committee including Social media, TV, open house dates and venues.

Following open houses are scheduled to start at 7:00 pm:

September 8 – Belle Valley Hose Company
September 22 – Millcreek Township Municipal Building
October 6 – Erie County Community College
October 27 – First Alliance Church

Formats for the open houses are being reviewed. Schedule for upcoming Social outreach events and TV detailed. Sue Weber has resigned her position on this Committee.

New Business:

Chairman Vojtek asked for a motion to advertise:

- Open Houses/Public Forums will start at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- September 8, 2025 – Belle Valley Hose Company
- September 22, 2025 – Millcreek Township Municipal Building
- October 6, 2025 – Erie County Community College
- October 27, 2025 – First Alliance Church

Also cancel the previously scheduled Commission meeting on September 8, 2025.

Motion to accept by Mr. DeDad, seconded by Mr. Oligeri and was approved by unanimous vote by roll call vote.

Chairman Vojtek asked if anyone would like to make a motion to amend the final report that was filed. There were no comments by Commission members

Mr. Oligeri then made the motion, a second made by Mr. Schaaf:

I move to confirm without amendment the final report approved on July 21, 2025 and filed with the Erie County Election Office on July 24, 2025 based upon the Study Commission's findings and recommendations of meetings held from December 4, 2024 through August 25, 2025, the presentations made therein, data collection, interviews of key officials in similar communities, and comment received by residents which were researched and analyzed by the Commission.

With no further comment the motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Other Business: None

Public Comment:

Candy Horm: Made mention comments made at the last Supervisors meeting dealing with legal costs. Made comment on legal fees of some other Townships.

Grant Filbeck: Opines that Township form of Governance is working. Opined that he prefers a Mayor/Council form of governance and disagrees with report.

Dennis McAndrew: Opined that we should wait and come up with a better solution

Linda Trohoske: Indicated that mail in ballots start to go out on September 15, 2025 and suggests we change open houses to earlier dates.

Good of the Order:

Mr. Zonna thanked those present for their time and dedication. The website a source of information.

Mr. Schaaf opined that the meeting was advertised, the final report is published and available to the public. The voters will make the choice to change governance. To interview certain Township employees the Public Partners would have had to clear it with Mr. Shaw.

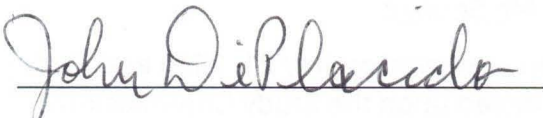
Mr. Oligeri opined that the Commission worked long and hard during the study. He opined that 73% of US Cities, Towns and Counties with population o 2500 people or more have a manager.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Schaaf, seconded by Mr. Zonna

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm by unanimous voice vote.

John DiPlacido

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John DiPlacido", written over a horizontal line.

Millcreek GSC Secretary