

CHOCONUT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATIONAL AND BUSINESS
MEETINGS - January 5, 2026

Sup. William A. Dovin – Phone 570-553-2469, Sup. Roger L. Doolittle, Phone 570-553-2146
Sup. Michael Mordovancey – Phone 607-201-5968

The organizational meeting for the year 2026 was held at 7:30 p.m. at the township meeting room. Sup. Dovin called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag. The roll was called and supervisors Dovin and Doolittle were present. Supervisor Mordovancey was absent due to medical reasons.

ATTENDEES AT THE MEETING – John Meehan, John and Judy Ramsay. Don and Ashley Randall, William M. Dovin.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- A. Chairman of the Board of Supervisors** – A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle and seconded by Sup. Dovin elect Sup. Dovin to the position of Chairman of the Board.
- B. Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors** – A motion was made by Sup. Dovin and seconded by Sup. Doolittle to elect Sup. Doolittle to the position of Vice Chairman of the board...
- C. Choconut Township Secretary-Treasurer** – A motion was made by Sup. Dovin and seconded by Sup. Doolittle to appoint Linda A. Gittoes to the position of Secretary -Treasurer at the monthly salary of \$700.00.
- D. Rep. to Susquehanna Co. Council of Governments** - A motion was made by Sup. Dovin seconded by Sup. Doolittle to appoint Sup. Mordovancey to the position of Rep. to the Council of Governments.
- E. Alternate Rep. to Susquehanna Co. Council of Governments** - A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle and seconded by Sup. Dovin to appoint Sup. Dovin to the position of Alternate Rep. to the Council of Governments.
- F. Rep. to the C.O.G. Sewage Committee** - A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle and seconded by Sup. Dovin to appoint Sup. Dovin to the position of Rep. to the C.O.G. Sewage Committee.
- G. Alternate Rep. to the C.O.G. Sewage Committee** - A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle and seconded by Sup. Dovin to appoint Sup. Mordovancey to the position of Alternate Rep. to the C.O.G. Sewage Committee.
- H. Rep. to the Susquehanna Co. C.O.G. Codes Committee** - A motion was made by Sup. Dovin and seconded by Sup. Doolittle to appoint Sup. Mordovancey to the position of Representative to the C.O.G. Codes Committee.
- I. Alternate Rep. to the Susquehanna Co. C.O.G. Codes Committee** - A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle and seconded by Sup. Dovin to appoint Sup. Dovin to the position of Alternate Rep. to the C.O.G. Codes Committee...
- J. Designate Roadmaster** - A motion was made by Sup. Dovin and seconded by Sup. Doolittle to designate all three supervisors as roadmasters.
- K. Designate Building Permit Officer** - A motion was made by Sup. Dovin and seconded by Sup. Doolittle to designate all three supervisors to the position of Building Permit Office for non-habitable buildings.
- L. Set Tax Collector's Salary and Designate Deputy**- A motion was made by Sup. Dovin and seconded by Sup. Doolittle to set the salary of the Tax Collector, Lou Ann Cruz, at 5% of the taxes to be collected and to appoint Rachel Barney as the Deputy Tax Collector.
- M. Appoint township supervisors to be Utility Workers and Equipment Worker** - A motion was made by Sup. Dovin and seconded by Sup. Doolittle to designate all three supervisors as Utility Workers and Equipment Operators.
- N. Set Rate of Pay for Township Workers** – A motion was made by Sup. Dovin and seconded by Sup. Doolittle to set the hourly rate of pay at \$22.00 per hour for Edward Leonard starting January 1, 2026. A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle, and seconded by Sup. Dovin to set the rate of pay for other workers at the supervisors' discretion.
- O. Set Reimbursement Mileage at the same rate as the rate set by the IRS** – A motion was made by Sup. Dovin and seconded by Sup. Doolittle to set the rate at \$.725 per mile, the same rate as the IRS.

- P. Appoint Township Solicitor** – A motion was made by Sup. Dovin and seconded by Sup. Doolittle to appoint Michael J. Giangrieco to the position of Township Solicitor.
- Q. Appoint Rep. to the Northern Tier Coalition** – A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle and seconded by Sup. Dovin to appoint Sup. Dovin to the position.
- R. Appointment of the Alternate Rep. to the Northern Tier Coalition** – A motion was made by Sup. Dovin, seconded by Sup. Doolittle to appoint Sup. Doolittle to the position.
- S. Appoint voting representative to the PSATS Convention** – A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle and seconded by Sup. Dovin to appoint Sup. Dovin to be the voting representative to the convention which will be held in April in Hershey, PA,
- T. Set date and time of supervisors’ meetings** – A motion was made by Sup. Dovin and seconded by Sup. Doolittle to designate the first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m. as the date and time for the monthly supervisors’ business meetings. In the event that the meeting falls on a legal holiday, it will be held on the following night. A workshop will be held at 7:00 p.m., preceding the monthly meeting.
- U. Appoint an Auditor for a 2-year term.** A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle and seconded by Sup. Dovin to appoint William M. Dovin to the position, as he won the election in November. Due to a problem with the paperwork, the appointment had to be made.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT – A motion was made by Sup. Dovin and seconded by Sup. Doolittle to approve the minutes and treasurer’s report as presented.

CITIZENS INPUT ON THE AGENDA – No one had any input at this time.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES –

Susquehanna Co. Council of Governments, C.O.G. Sewage and Codes

Sup. Dovin reported that a meeting was held in December for C.O.G., Sewage and Codes Committees, but nothing was brought up that had to do with Choconut Township.

Susquehanna Co. Planning Commission – John Ramsay reported that the Brian Post subdivision was approved. Brian Post lives on McGraw Road in the township.

Supervisors’ Report of Current Roadwork – Snow removal was done and cinders were spread on icy roads. Potholes were repaired and numerous fallen trees were cleared off of roadways.

OLD BUSINESS –

Repair of Carmalt Road Bridge

FEMA and PEMA will be covering the cost to repair the bridge which was damaged by Hurricane Debbie in August of 2024. The repairs are scheduled to be done by the end of September, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

There wasn’t any new business to be discussed.

PUBLIC INPUT – No one had any input to offer at this time.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST 2025-12, CURRENT BILLS AND PAYROLL – A motion was made by Sup. Doolittle and seconded by Sup. Dovin to approve these items.

ADJOURNMENT – Absent any other business to be discussed, a motion was made by Sup. Doolittle and seconded by Sup. Dovin to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Gittoes, Secretary-Treasurer