

KISKIMINETAS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Workshop Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2026
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors Present: Long, Hilliard, Ross, Tardivo,
Supervisor Absent: Birch
Also Present: Township Manager Murray, Sgt. Tessmer

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments on Agenda Items Only and Limited to 3 Minutes

No public comment

Discussion Items:

Police Vehicle Purchase and Upfit Options

Long asked about existing camera systems.

Sgt Tessmer explained benefits of buying a new camera system for better integration with software. Some of the recently purchased used equipment is already failing.

Ross asked questioned the need for new cameras and asked if the used ones could still be used, also asked about the labor cost for installing new cameras. Sgt. Tessmer explained the details of a recently applied for LSA grant for a new vehicle with the cameras identified in the quote for the vehicle to be purchased.

Public Works F550 Purchase and Upfit Options

Supervisors asked about the separate vehicle quotes. Twp Manager Murray explained that the quote provided by Stephenson, although more expensive, was the one that most addresses the Townships needs and that the cheaper option provided by another provider would likely be insufficient. Murray also explained that Public Works consulted with the provider for the exact upfits needed.

Vehicle Financing Options

Ross expressed a desire to use donation provided by CNX as a down payment on vehicle purchases and upfits to lower the financing cost. The proceeds from the recent vehicle auction were also discussed as a source of funds for purchasing new vehicles. Twp Manager Murray presented various leasing options to the board and recommended

going with the quote provided from FNB due to lower interest rate and terms that would make budgeting for payments easier over the life of the lease. It was explained that at the end of the lease, each vehicle would remain the property of the Township for the purchase price of \$1.00. Hilliard expressed a desire to put more money, particularly a portion of the funds donated by CNX and generated from the vehicle auction into higher interest accounts and the capital reserve. Murray explained that the Township is in a strong enough position to pursue any number of the financing options presented to the board. Hilliard and Long asked about the lifespan of a police vehicle. Tessmer explained that they typically only last 3-5 years, but that the Township can get a longer life out of it's vehicles by rotating them to use by SRO officers. Hilliard expressed concern with financing for longer than the life of the vehicle. Long expressed a desire to go with the longer financing option because the interest rates were the same and the Township can always pay the loans off early. Long also asked about using Police Forfeiture funds for vehicle purchases. It was stated that these funds could only be used for the police vehicle. The board discussed the income generated from donations and vehicle auctions to which Twp Manager Murray explained were all deposited into the general fund. The board expressed a desire to use \$80,000 dollars from the general fund and \$20,000 from the police forfeiture fund to go toward upfront cost of purchasing and upfitting the vehicles and then going with the 6-year financing option from FNB.

Action Items:

Approve Selected Vendor for Police Vehicle Purchase

Motion to approve purchase from Tristar Ford and Upfit with Valero by Hillard, Second by Tardivo. Passed unanimously

Approve Selected Vendor for Public Works F550 Purchase

Motion by Tardivo to approve purchase from Laurel Auto Group and Upfit with SEI, Second by Hilliard. Passed unanimously

Approve Selected Vehicle Financing Option

Motion by Hillard to finance the purchase of approved vehicles through FNB/FNB Affiliate, Second by Long. Passed unanimously

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SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Ross expressed appreciation on cooperation to purchase new vehicles. Hilliard and Ross, and other board members expressed displeasure with how the new stickering of current police vehicle came out. Tessmer said that future stickering can be corrected and that the current vehicle will be the only one with this design since future vehicles will be

black. Tardivo discussed ways to improve future stickering. Sgt. Tessmer committed to bringing stickers to the board before the next car goes in to be done.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: Hilliard

Second: Long

Time: 7:44 PM