

Urso Refuses to be Transparent

When Supervisor Urso was appointed to office, a new website hosting provider was selected and the website updated. All historical videos of the Monthly Township Board Meetings and all information on road responsibilities was not moved to the new website.

Despite having two full time staff members and the elected Clerk attending the monthly meetings, Supervisor Urso refuses to take responsibility to videotape the monthly meetings.

The Road Committee does not videotape meetings which occur at 10 am on Wednesdays, leaving the community with little to no access to hear the discussions. The Monthly Township meetings were moved from 6:30 pm to 5:30 pm in 2024 and then to 5:00 pm in 2025, making it increasingly more difficult for working residents to attend the meetings.

Volunteers who had requested that meetings be videotaped had initially worked with the staff to find a solution in July of 2023. It became clear that the staff was not allowed to support the effort. A group of volunteers began videotaping the meetings in August of 2023. In July of 2024, volunteers were reimbursed for the monthly costs of Zoom videoconferencing software as well as the speakers purchased to allow hearing the discussion of the Board. Of note, the Township has already paid for two Zoom videoconference licenses two years in a row and four Zoom web cameras in 2022, so why are they reimbursing the volunteers for Zoom software use.

Supervisor Urso has blamed the volunteers for not posting the meeting videos online, even though the downloadable links to the files have been sent to the Township office.

It is clear from the carefully worded comments made by staff that they have not been allowed to post the meetings on the website. All concerned Shields Township taxpayers should wonder... *Why not?*