

**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors
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**Regular 8:30AM Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

Present at the Meeting

Tony Prudenti

Katie Orlick - Secretary

Kyle Kester – Vice Chairman

Paul Datte – Solicitor

Tom Ackerman – Supervisor

Mike Begis – ARRO Consulting

Karen Wittig – Treasurer (phone)

Herb Woodring – Asst. of the BOS

Jeremy Frable – Road Master

I. General

A. Tony Prudenti, Chairman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions at 8:33AM.

B. Approval of Monthly Bills

Chairman called for a motion to approve and pay the monthly bills. Kyle Kester made the motion to approve and pay the monthly bills. Tom Ackerman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0.

C. Treasurer’s Report – December 2025

Chairman called for a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Tom made the motion. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only – 5 Minute Time Limit - NONE

III. Land Use – NONE

IV. Old Business - NONE

IV. New Business

A. Bit Coin Mining Ordinance – Herb Woodring is working on this Ordinance. He is also working on the Data Center Ordinance. Herb Woodring asked the Board which Ordinance they would like to see done first. The Board agreed to the Data Center Ordinance to be completed first. Mike Begis said he would email over an example of a Data Center Ordinance.

B. PPL Substation Ordinance – Chairman said we have no control over the Substations because they are part of the Public Utility Commission.

V. Business from anyone on the Board

Chairman called for a motion to amend the Agenda to talk about employee positions. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Chairman said we have a Road worker out on medical leave and another employee that maybe out at different times for medical, the Road Master has requested to hire Seasonal/Casual Employee to help the Road Dept. Chairman called for a motion. Tom Ackerman made a motion to hire a Seasonal/Casual when needed and that employee may work for up to 30 hours/week. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

VI. Correspondence – NONE

VII. Public Comment on General Items

A. Carl Greves – said there is a lot of information about Data Centers on YouTube.

Kyle Kester said there was an Article in the Times News about the Data Centers which he found interesting.

B. Herb Woodring - was not sure how West Penn Township would handle a Data Center with the amount of water they use. They would have to drill wells. Chairman said we would need an area in the Township to allow Data Centers by right. Herb Woodring asked if we have to allow by right or could we have them as Special Exceptions so we could add conditions on it. Chairman is good with that.

C. Shawn Phillips – asked what we get in Franchise Fees a year. Karen Wiltig said approximately \$65K/Year. Shawn Phillips expressed his concerns about the poor service that Blue Ridge Cable is providing. He feels residents are not getting what they are paying for because of all the interruptions and loss of service. The technician that came to service his Blue Ridge Cable said to him that they do not really get any complaints in this area. Mr. Phillips is asking the residents if they are having issues to report them or nothing will ever get done to resolve these issues. He feels it should be in the newspaper to make people aware. Mr. Phillips asked the Board if there was anything the Township could do about this issue. He had to have 5 modems changed in one year. Kyle Kester agrees. He is having the same issues in his development. Chairman said we could send them a letter. Chairman asked the Secretary to reach out to Blue Ridge Cable and express the concerns.

D. Don Hoppes said he had the same problem, so he dumped Blue Ridge Cable and got a different provider.

E. Carl Greves said it is just not our area. Try Starlink.

F. Jeremy Frable Road Master – he would like to thank Bryan Miller for donating a tractor trailer load of Road Salt to the Township. He does that every year! Thank you, Bryan Miller! We appreciate it!

VIII. Executive Session - NONE

IX. Adjournment

1. Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12AM. Kyle Kester made his last motion. Tom Ackerman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Transcribed by:

Katie Orlick, West Penn Township Secretary