

**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors
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Monday, March 2, 2026

Present at the Meeting

Anthony Prudenti – Chair
Tom Ackerman - Supervisor
Kyle Kester – Vice Chair (absent)
Jeremy Frable - Road Master

Karen Wittig – Treasurer
Katie Orlick – Secretary
Paul Datte – Solicitor

I. General

A. Open Regular Meeting

Chairman opened the regular meeting @ 6:03PM with the Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions.

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only – NONE

C. Review of the Minutes – February 2nd & 17th, 2026

Chairman called for a motion to accept the February 2nd & 17th, 2026 minutes. Tom Ackerman made the motion to accept the minutes for February 2nd & 17th, 2026. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

D. Treasurer’s Report – February 2026 – Chairman called for a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for February 2026. Tom Ackerman made the motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for February 2026. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

E. Approval of Bills – February 2026

Chairman called for a motion to approve & pay the bills for February 2026. Tom Ackerman made the motion to approve and pay the bills for February 2026. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

F. Solicitor’s Report – February 2026

Attorney Datte said he prepared the False Alarm Ordinance that we spoke about at last month’s meeting. Attorney Datte asked if the Board would like to review it, answer any questions and if it is acceptable he could advertise it for adoption. Chairman asked if the Fire Dept. or the Police Dept. was able to review the False Alarm Ordinance yet. Chairman asked for the draft Ordinance to be sent to the Fire Dept. & Police Dept. for their review. Attorney Datte said the changes were the fees and established the rolling twelve-month basis. Chairman called for a motion to accept the Solicitor’s Report. Tom Ackerman made the motion to accept the Solicitor’s Monthly Report. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

II. Land Use

A. Planning Commission Comments on the draft Data Center Ordinance

Chairman said Herb Woodring, Asst. to the Board of Supervisors, compiled information from various sources to create the draft Data Center Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors thanked him for all the work he put into the Ordinance. Chairman said we need to get Supervisor Kyle Kester to give his input and Attorney Datte to review the Planning Commission’s comments before we advertise for a public hearing. We will discuss it at our next meeting.

III. Operations

A. Engineer's Monthly Report – February 2026

Mike Begis said he gave the Board an updated report and asked if they had any questions. Chairman asked Road Master Jeremy Frable when he would have a road roughed into the Atlas Park. Jeremy Frable said once he meets with the Army Corps of Engineers. Chairman called for a motion to accept the Engineer's monthly report. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

B. Code Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report – February 2026

Chairman called for a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

C. Sewage Enforcement Officer's Monthly Report – February 2026

Chairman called for a motion to accept the Sewage Enforcement Officer's monthly report. Tom Ackerman made the motion to accept the Sewage Officer's monthly report for February 2026. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

D. Road Department Monthly Report – February 2026

The Road Department's Report consisted of general maintenance to the Twp. Building & Equipment, Fixed Street Signs along Township Roads, Removed Brush at Atlas Park, Received 150 Ton of Road Salt, Plowing, Cindering & Salting Township Roads, Plowed Back Snowdrifts and fixed Guide rail on Berry Rd. Bridge. The monthly maintenance report was also reviewed. Chairman called for a motion to accept the Road Master's monthly report. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

E. Police Monthly Report – February 2026

Tom Ackerman read the Police Report. He reported the Total Miles Patrolled 4,463. Traffic Citations were 23, Traffic Warnings 10, with a total of 33. There were 10 Motor Vehicle Accidents and a Total of 72 Calls, with 0 Criminal Arrest for the month of February. Police reported they would like to thank the Road Crew for assistance with multiple vehicles stuck during the storm, including a police vehicle and wanted to thank Justin Frable for assistance at a fire on Ridge Rd. The Police Dept received a \$500 donation for D.A.R.E. from Andreas Sporting Club and \$500 from J.W. Zaprazny. Chief Jason Lorah explained what happened with the storm. He also thanked Justin Frable for help with the fire. He cannot thank the road department enough for their help. Chief is incredibly grateful and appreciates everyone for working together and being a part of our team. Tom Ackerman said the Frequency Report is also attached. Chairman called for a motion to accept the Police Monthly Report. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

F. Fire Company's Monthly Report – February 2026 - NONE

G. Ambulance Monthly Report – February 2026

Tom Ackerman read the Ambulance monthly report. The Ambulance report consisted of 35 Calls for the month of February. There were 15 Treated, and Transported BLS, 3 Cancelled prior to Arrival at Scene, 2 Cancelled at Scene, 2 Lift Assists, 4 Patients Refused, 1 Transported BLS after Medic Eval and 8 Treated, Transported with ALS on board. Receiving Hospitals were 2 Lehigh Valley-Carbon, 1 LVHN Cedar Crest, 1 LVHN Schuylkill East, 2 St. Luke's – Carbon, 4 St. Luke's – Geisinger, 14 St. Luke's – Miners. The calls were 1 East Brunswick, 1 Lynn Twp., 1 Ryan Twp., 7 Tamaqua, 25 in West Penn Twp. Ambulance included a Bar Graph with their report. Chairman called for a motion to accept the Ambulance Monthly Report. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

IV. Old Business

A. Windy Lane – Township had a request from a residence that lives on Windy Lane. Windy Lane is a private drive, but people are using it to cut through to the get access to the road on the other side. Two residents that had house numbers on Windy Lane requested to change their address so they could have the street signs removed. The County assigned them new addresses, and the Township was able to take down the Windy Lane signs.

V. New Business - NONE

VI. Correspondence

Chairman announces that there will be a Lions Cash Bingo on Sunday, March 15, 2026.

VII. Business from anyone on the Board.

VIII. Public Comment

A. Larry Stivel – asked the Board for an update on the PennDOT concerns. (Speed Limit on SR895 & Intersection of SR309 & SR895) Chairman said they did add rumble strips as you approach the intersection of SR895 to SR309 on SR895. Chairman said he thinks the plow broke some of the strips up. Chairman said we will ask PennDOT again to have the speed reduce on SR895. Tom Ackerman agreed.

Todd Deem – suggested EZ Mart close off the entrance of the middle section of the parking lot or an entrance only.

Attorney Datte said maybe you could ask if there is anything that can be done with the double yellow lines like to act as a barrier so someone could not pass. Attorney Datte said we should wait until the traffic count comes back before we act on anything.

IX. Executive Session - NONE

X. Adjournment – Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33PM. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

Transcribed by:

Katie Orlick

West Penn Township Secretary