

**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors
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Monday, July 6, 2026

Present at the Meeting

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

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

I. General

A. Open Regular Meeting

Chairman opened the regular meeting @ 6:00PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions.

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - NONE

C. Review of Minutes – June 1st & 16th, 2026

Chairman called for a motion to accept the meeting minutes from June 1st & June 16th, 2026. Tom Ackerman made the motion to accept the June 1st & 16th meeting minutes. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

D. Treasurer's Report – June 2026

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

E. Approval of Bills – June 2026

Chairman called for a motion to approve & pay the bills for June 2026. Chairman said we are questioning an Engineering Bill. Tom Ackerman made the motion to approve and pay the bills for June 2026 except for the one Engineering bill. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

F. Solicitor's Report – June 2026

Solicitor Paul Datte said he provided the board with a Resolution to add a Stop Sign to Lumber Lane (T-918), northbound, East- West Split before Mush Dahl Rd (T-992). Resolution #10 of 2026 is in the position of the Board of Supervisors to adopt tonight. Chairman called for a motion to adopt Resolution #10 of 2026, adding a Stop Sign to Lumber Lane & Mush Dahl. Tom Ackerman made a motion to adopt Resolution #10 of 2026. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Attorney Datte said the only other thing he has to report is that he did go back through the Data Center Ordinance. He made revisions consistent to the comments from the hearing last month. Attorney Datte suggests we combine the Data Center & the Solar Ordinance as one single Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. We will have another public hearing. Kyle Kester made a motion for Paul Datte to combine the Data Center & Solar Ordinance in one amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Tom Ackerman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

II. Land Use

A. Leon C. & Sandra A. Troxell Major Subdivision Final Plan – Located on Winter Mountain Dr. in the AG Zoning District.

1. Planning Commission recommended Conditional Approval of the Major Subdivision Final Plan contingent on all comments being satisfied from ARRO Consulting, Inc. letter dated June 18, 2026, Bill Brior & Schuylkill Co. Planning Commission. The Surveyor from Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc. gave a brief explanation of the subdivision. They did address the comment letter from ARRO Consulting, Inc. dated June 18th and made the revisions. The Couty review letter is still outstanding.

Kyle Kester asked about one of the sections that was listed as XXX. The surveyor said it should be section 1019. Chairman called for a motion to adopt Resolution # 11 of 2026 conditionally approving the Troxell Major Subdivision Final Plan contingent on all comments being satisfied from ARRO Consulting, Inc. letter dated June 18, 2026, Bill Brior and Schuylkill Planning Commission's comments. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

B. Planning Commission commented on the Solar Ordinance and recommended the draft go in front of the Board of Supervisors. Attorney Datte said we discussed having the Data Center & Solar Ordinance as one amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

III. Operations

A. Engineer's Monthly Report – June 2026

Chairman read Hometown Municipal Services, LLC's report. ARRO Consulting, Inc. also provided an Engineer's Report. Secretary said she will split the heading and add Municipal Consultant to her list of reports. Chairman called for a motion to accept the Engineer's monthly report. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

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

Bill McMullen said he provided a code report, and ARRO provided a Code Report. The report consisted of what each company has been doing about Code Enforcement. Chairman spoke about the concerns.

Chairman called for a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's monthly report. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

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

The Sewage Enforcement Officer's report consisted of 1 New Permit App., 2 Test Probes, 4 Perc Tests, 1 Site Evaluation, 7 Interim Inspections, and 2 Subdivision Plan Review. 6 Malfunctions Reported. No well activities. Chairman asked the Secretary to reach out to Bill Brior about the Malfunctions. His Report had six listed but only four explained. 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 June 2026. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

D. Road Department Monthly Report – June 2026

Tom Ackerman read the Road Department's Monthly Report. It consisted of general maintenance of the Twp. Building & Equipment, Fixed Street Signs along Township Roads, Graded shoulders along Mush Dahl & Lumber Ln., Installed culvert box & pipe on First St. (LVR Project), Mowing Shoulders along Township Roads, Paving base on First St. (LVR Project), Installed 2A Mod. on driveway at Atlas Park, Fixed washout on shoulder of Hemlock Rd. with R-4 Rip Rap, Paving bad spots on Valley Park Estates and Paving bad spots on Valley Park Rd. The monthly maintenance report was also reviewed. Chairman called for a motion to accept the Road Master's monthly report. Kyle Kester made the motion. Tom Ackerman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

1. Seth Heintzelman – Equipment Lease Agreement – Chairman gave a brief explanation of what equipment Seth Heintzelman would be leasing to the Twp. Seth H. is a laborer/ mechanic. He also would be doing the maintenance on the vehicles and equipment. Chairman called for a motion to approve the lease agreement with Seth Heintzelman. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

2. Atlas Park-Wetlands

Chairman said we need to delineate for wetlands. We had a survey and flagging that was done years ago. We received a quote to reflag which would be \$2900 or to resurvey for \$4900. The board agreed to have it reflagged. Chairman made a motion to have the wetlands at Atlas Park flagged and not to exceed \$2900. Tom Ackerman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

E. Police Monthly Report – June 2026

Kyle Kester read the Police Report. He reported that the Total Miles Patrolled 5,282. Traffic Citations were 62, Traffic Warnings 13, with a total of 75. There were 12 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 2 Criminal Arrements & 113 Total Calls, for the month of June. Chairman does not want charts in his report. Board discussed ATV/Golf Cart Laws & Enforcement. Police Dept. will be enforcing laws. If they are not street legal and do not have the proper safety devices you are in violation. Police Dept. did provide sheets for the public of rules and regulations. Chairman called for a motion. Tom Ackerman made a motion to accept the Police Monthly Report. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

F. Fire Company's Monthly Report – June 2026 – Did not receive- Fire Chief messaged he had computer issues.

G. Ambulance Monthly Report – June 2026

Kyle Kester read the Ambulance monthly report. The Ambulance report consisted of 37 Calls for the month of June. Unit 935 had 27 calls and Unit 937 had 10 calls. There were 8 Treated, and Transported BLS, 7 Canceled Prior to Arrival, 4 Lift Assists, 1 Refused Transport, and 14 Treated, Transported with ALS on board. Receiving Hospitals were 6 St. Luke's Miners, 8 Lehigh Valley – Carbon, 3 St. Luke's – Geisinger, and 5 LVHN Cedar Crest. The calls were 2 East Brunswick, 5 Tamaqua, 1 Rush Twp., 1 Waker Twp. & 27 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. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Chairman spoke about the 4th of July Celebration – Chairman thanked the Police, Fire and Ambulance for their hard work, dedication, time and for coming together to make our community event a success. Thank you to the Police Dept. for making sure traffic & security was all in place. Setting up all kinds of fun activities for the kids to enjoy. Special thanks to McKenzie Lorah for her Air Brush Tattoos. Thank you to the Fire Department for setting up & cooking the food and having food available for our community to purchase and enjoy. Thank you, Ambulance, for selling 50/50s and having a table set up.

Chairman also thanked Howard Pryda and his team for the wonderful fireworks display they did. A lot of the fireworks were donated, which was closed to a \$10K show. We are thankful for getting that donation and being able to have this event. Special thank you to the Supervisors that allowed us to hold the event. Thank you to Karen Wittig and Katie Orlick for putting it together. Thank you to Katie Orlick's family for helping throughout the event. Thank you, Colton Orlick, for doing such a great job singing the National Anthem. Chairman thanked the Elvis impersonator for his performance. Special Thank you to St. Peter's Church for donating Baked Goods to sell. Thank you to our Sponsors that made donations in support of our Emergency Services. Chairman thanked everyone that played a part in the event, whether it was a vendor, helper or setting up a table & having activities for the children.

IV. Old Business - NONE

V. New Business - NONE

VI. Correspondence - NONE

VII. Business from anyone on the Board. - NONE

VIII. Public Comment

Brian McQuillen from Penn Dr. commented on his removal from the previous Board meeting and expressed concerns regarding the appointment of Bill McMullen as the Township's municipal consultant. He questioned the selection process, including the lack of advertised notice, and the lack of discussion before the appointment. Mr. McQuillen expressed his concerns that Mr. McMullen was not a licensed engineer. Mr. McQuillen also expressed concerns about transparency, side conversations during meetings, and the role of individual supervisors in Board decision-making. Chairman reminded Mr. McQuillen of his time limit to speak. Mr. McQuillen stated he believes that Township business should be conducted publicly and commented on publicly. That is what he feels the responsibilities of second -class township elected supervisors of a three-five-member board are. Mr. McQuillen believes Tom Ackerman threw him out

of the meeting because he was shaking his head throughout the meeting and expressed that his removal from the prior meeting violated his First Amendment rights and he could shake his head if he wanted.

Jason Oswald – Summer Valley Rd. – Questioned septic malfunctions - can it be repaired or does it need to be replaced. Attorney Datte said it would depend on if it could be repaired or if it needs to get replaced. Bill Brior, our SEO, would determine the malfunction and what needs to be done to resolve it. It depends on what the issue is.

Gayle Mateyak – brought attention to a House bill in front of the Committee of Environmental Natural Resource Protection for PA. This House Bill is focused on DATA Centers. She knows we have concerns with Water & Data Centers and feels this House Bill (HB2682) will give us the teeth in our Ordinance of what we need. Ms. Mateyak gave a copy of the House Bill to the Solicitor.

Linda Daubespек – Wertman Hollow Rd. – expressed her concerns about the potholes on her road & Andreas Rd. Road Master said Andreas's Road is on his list for paving. Wertman Hollow is a dirt rd. Kyle Kester asked how long the road had been dirt? Ms. Daubespек said forever.

IX. Executive Session - NONE

X. Adjournment – Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50PM. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Transcribed By: Katie Orlick, West Penn Township Secretary