

**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors
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Monday, June 1, 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 @ 7:34PM, the meeting followed the Draft Data Center Ordinance Hearing.

B. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - NONE

C. Review of Minutes – May 4th & 18th, 2026

Chairman called for a motion to accept the meeting minutes from May 4th & 18th, 2026. Tom Ackerman made the motion to accept the May meeting minutes. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

D. Treasurer's Report – May 2026

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

E. Approval of Bills – May 2026

Chairman called for a motion to approve & pay the bills for May 2026. Tom Ackerman made the motion to approve and pay the bills for May 2026. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

F. Solicitor's Report – May 2026

1. Draft Data Center Ordinance – Attorney Datte stated we will NOT be adopting the Data Center Ordinance tonight. The public provided a lot of valuable information and feedback on the Draft Data Center Ordinance. Attorney Datte will be reviewing all the information from the hearing and taking it into consideration. He will revise the draft accordingly with new restrictions that will hold up legally.

2. Draft Solar Ordinance – The Planning Commission is reviewing and will provide comments at their next meeting. Attorney Datte will also review the draft solar ordinance. Once we get comments back, we could decide how to proceed. The Board tabled any action on the draft solar ordinance.

Tom Ackerman made a motion to accept the Solicitor's Monthly Report. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

II. Land Use - NONE

III. Operations

A. Engineer's Monthly Report – May 2026

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 – May 2026

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 – May 2026

The Sewage Enforcement Officer's report consisted of 1 New Permit App., 9 Test Probes, 3 Perc Tests, 3 Site Evaluation, 7 Interim Inspections, and 1 Subdivision Plan Review. 4 Malfunctions Reported. Chairman said the 3 of the 4

Malfunctions, on-site inspections were done and lab samples were collected and sent for analysis. Bill Brior will keep us informed once he receives the lab reports.

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 May 2026. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

D. Road Department Monthly Report – May 2026

Tom Ackerman read the Road Department's Monthly Report. It consisted of general maintenance to the Twp. Building & Equipment, Fixed Street Signs along Township Roads, Hauled Shale to Atlas Park for road & parking lot, Leveled Soil & Spread grass seed at Atlas Park, Mowing Shoulders along Township Roads, Patched potholes with cold patch, Installed 2A Mod. on driveway at Atlas Park and Road Crew attended Government Day at Medico Equipment. 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

E. Police Monthly Report – May 2026

Kyle Kester read the Police Report. He reported that the Total Miles Patrolled 5,094. Traffic Citations were 105, Traffic Warnings 24, with a total of 129. There were 14 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 2 Criminal Arrents & 87 Total Calls, with for the month of May. CSI camp will run June 15th – June 19th. Chief said the Board is always welcome to come and check out the CSI Camp. Chairman called for a motion. Tom Ackerman made a motion to accept the Police Monthly Report. Kyle Keste seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

F. Fire Company's Monthly Report – May 2026

Kyle Kester read the May Fire Report. The report consisted of 22 answered Calls during the month of May. 4 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 5 Wires/Trees Down, 0 Medical Assists, 2 Automatic Alarm, 5 Brush Fires, 1 Standby Assignment, 1 Vehicle Fire, 3 Structure Fires and 1 Chief Call. The Fire Department fundraising activities included Breakfast & Bingo. They held their Monthly Business Meeting, Hydrant Flushing, Driver Training, Vehicle /Equipment Maintenance, and Driver Training & Pump Exercises. Chairman called for a motion to accept the Fire Dept. Monthly Reports. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

G. Ambulance Monthly Report – May 2026

Kyle Kester read the Ambulance monthly report. The Ambulance report consisted of 40 Calls for the month of May. There were 13 Treated, and Transported BLS, 5 Canceled Prior to Arrival, 4 Cancelled, 1 Lift Assists, 7 Refused Transport, and 2 Standby, 1 Treated, transported by Law Enforcement, and 11 Treated, Transported with ALS on board. Receiving Hospitals were 12 St. Luke's Miners, 5 Lehigh Valley – Carbon, 1 St. Luke's – Carbon, 4 St. Luke's – Geisinger, 1 St. Lukes Bethlehem, and 1 LVHN Cedar Crest. The calls were 1 East Brunswick, 5 Tamaqua, 2 New Ringgold, 1 Waker Twp. & 31 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

IV. Old Business

A. Discussion – possible action for Municipal Consultant for Municipal Services. Chairman said we looked into changing Engineers, not just because we lost our Engineer that passed away but there were other reasons. Kyle Kester said we are looking for a Municipal Consultant or Project Manager to handle ongoing and new projects, grants, Morgan Park Grant & DEP Concerns, UCC, Code and Plan Reviews. Chairman said however, with Code Enforcement, whichever violations are live, ARRO Consulting, Inc. will continue to pursue. Chairman said he recommends Bill McMullen from Hometown Municipal Services. Chairman made a motion to make Bill McMullen, Hometown Municipal Services our Township representative for what was just discussed previously. Brian McQuillen asked if the Township put out an RFB for that position. Chairman said no, it was an emergency. Bill McMullen, Hometown Municipal Services, submitted a proposal for Project Management Coordination, UCC, Zoning Officer & Code Enforcement.

Bill McMullen was a previous employee of ARRO Consulting, Inc. and everything that West Penn Twp. submitted to ARRO went through his desk at one point or another. Brian McQuillen expressed his feelings on Bill McMullen's credentials and not being a Licensed Engineer. Attorney Datte said Bill McMullen is not an Engineering Firm, but we would coordinate Engineering with him. The Engineers would be individually engaged. Attorney Datte said Bill McMullen will make recommendations to the Township who to hire. That could be a permanent person or that may not be a permanent person. Brian McQuillen feels there should have been an RFB put out. Chairman asked Attorney Datte and he said no, you do not have to do that. Brian McQuillen disagreed with the Board of Supervisors and was then escorted out of the meeting for interrupting the meeting with his comments. Logan Chistine asked when a position opens and it needs to be filled, when someone gets the position, is it a forever position or is there a term. Chairman said it is an appointed position. We can appoint individuals that currently hold positions or appoint new individuals when there are openings whenever we see fit or changes may be made every year at the reorganization meeting, whether it is the engineer, solicitor, or road crew.

Chairman continued with the meeting and read Resolution # 9 of 2026 Appointment of Hometown Municipal Services & Fee Schedule. Tim Houser asked in the past the Code Enforcement Officer would not go out unless there was a concern submitted. Tim Houser asked if that was going to change. Tim Houser feels that the Code Enforcement Officer should go around the Township to see who is in violation and address the violation. Mr. Houser feels that when someone submits the concern it is usually the neighbor. That usually creates neighbor pitting against neighbors. Chairman said if we send the Code Enforcement Officer out finding Violations, it will cost the Township a lot of money. Delroy Haas asked if someone still needs to fill out a concern. Chairman said yes and sign the concern form. Attorney Datte said when someone submits a concern, we go out to investigate it. Mr. Houser feels that our Township is on the verge of really changing. He feels when Eli Lilly comes to the Lehigh Valley, Northwestern and our town will explode with housing. Some residents in the audience disagreed with having a Code Enforcement Officer patrol the Township. Kyle Kester made a motion to adopt Resolution # 9 of 2026. Tom Ackerman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

V. New Business

A. Chairman announced Electronic Recycling Event, June 20th in Schuylkill haven. Chairman said there are fees associated with certain items you want to get rid of.

B. Website Discussion – Secretary said in order for us to update our website it would cost the Township \$1600, a onetime fee. Our website designer said if we do not upgrade to the newest Word Press our website will not be supported anymore because they are changing to that on their side. The Secretary asked the Township "IT" person about the upgrade, and he said we should do it and that is a reasonable price. Barbara Kester from Mahoning Township, feels it is important and necessary to upgrade the website. She said it is nice to be able to request a change or have Minutes and/or Agendas uploaded without worrying about if you made any errors or anything like that. It also saves time. Kyle Kester made a motion to spend the required amount to upgrade the website. Tom Ackerman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

VI. Correspondence

A. Farm Vouchers announcement. Farm Vouchers available June 18, 2026, 10AM-Noon (Correction the date for Farm Vouchers is July 1, 2026, 10AM – Noon) It is for 60 yr. old or older. Income guidelines: \$29,526 for 1 person in household or \$40,034 for 2 people in the household.

VII. Business from anyone on the Board. - NONE

VIII. Public Comment - NONE

IX. Executive Session - NONE

X. Adjournment – Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM. Tom Ackerman made the motion. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

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Data Center Hearing

I. General

A. Open the Public Hearing for the Draft Data Center Ordinance

Chairman opened the Hearing for the draft Data Center Ordinance @ 5:30PM. The Public Board of Supervisors meeting will follow the hearing.

Chairman called for a Moment of Silence for Mike Begis, worked for ARRO Consulting, Inc. He suddenly passed away on May 18, 2026.

Chairman said everyone has been hearing about Data Centers in the news lately. We feel that we should have an Ordinance in place before anyone would even consider approaching our Township. If we would not have an Ordinance or anything in place, they would be able to put a Data Center anywhere they wanted and basically do whatever they wanted. Tonight's Hearing is to review the draft Data Center Ordinance, gather information and hear the public's comments and concerns regarding Data Centers. We do not have anyone that applied to have a Data Center. We want to be prepared and have something in place just in case.

Attorney Datte said we advertised for this hearing this evening, which is required under the PA Municipality's Code whenever you are thinking about adopting an Amendment to a Zoning Ordinance. This would be incorporated into our Existing Zoning Ordinance. We will receive comments from the public and determine the extent to which the Board may want to revise the Ordinance based on comments received this evening. We need to hear the comments from the County. Attorney Datte said he does not feel we need to take action tonight. Attorney Datte said there will other opportunities to adopt the Ordinance. The Ordinance was advertised and the Ordinance was available at the Township to review. Attorney Datte said you cannot have more restrictions on Data Centers than other uses. Attorney Datte said things like noise, water usage & setbacks are legally defensible,

Attorney Datte said this draft Ordinance implies to Data Centers and Crypto Mining Facilities. The draft has those uses permitted by Special Exception. They would have to be approved by the Zoning Hearing Board. They would have to be approved by Special Exceptions in the Highway Commercial District, Light Industrial Business District, Commercial Industrial District and the Extractive Industrial District. That means they could not be in any other Zoning District. The Lot Area would be 10 acres. General standards that would be applied for building placement & orientation, maximum building height, setbacks for the facilities (200 ft from all property lines), parking lot setbacks (50ft), setbacks from any body of water, stream or wetlands(200ft), parking requirements, off street loading & unloading requirements, noise & vibration requirements. The applicant is required to have professional noise study done. The Zoning Officer has the discretion to establish noise reduction barriers or devices. They cannot exceed 60DBA, that is the level at the property line, and 70DBA at the boundary line of any development not containing a sensitive receptor. Sensitive Receptors are Schools, Preschools, Daycare Centers, In Home Daycares,

B. Public Comment

1. Kristine Schellhammer – asked Attorney Datte to give a summary of the Data/Crypto Mining draft Ordinance.

Attorney Datte said the Ordinance applies to Data Centers & Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities. The uses would only be allowed by special exception, meaning an applicant must receive approval from the Zoning Hearing Board. They would only be permitted in the following districts: Highway Commercial, Light Industrial, Commercial Industrial and Extractive Industrial. They would not be permitted in Residential & Agricultural Districts. The Minimum Lot Size would be 10 acres. The Ordinance would establish building placement, orientation, maximum building height, building setbacks, parking, off street loading and noise & vibration. The required setbacks would include 200 ft from all property lines of the facility, 200 ft from any body of water, intermittent stream or wetland. A professional noise/sound study must be prepared and submitted with the application to demonstrate compliance before approval. Maximum permitted noise level that was proposed would be 60 dBA at the property and 70dBA at the boundary of developed property that does not contain a sensitive receptor. Sensitive receptors include places such as schools, preschools, daycares, hospitals, nursing homes, retirement facilities, places of worship, parks and campgrounds. The zoning officer would have discretion to require noise reduction barriers or other mitigation measures if necessary. There are provisions that deal with safety of equipment and power in the facility itself. Attorney Datte stated the PUC (Public Utility Commission) in Harrisburg issued a model tariff that will be applicable to all Data Centers. The power requirements are governed by the PUC. There are provisions on lighting, glare, fencing, security, power substations, on site power generation, emergency contact information and buffer yards and screening. There is an Environmental Community Impact Analysis that is required. Lots of requirements for the use of water. Provisions for Emergency responders. Solar provisions and decommissioning provisions in the draft ordinance. Would be required if the Data Center is no longer in use for the original purpose. Attorney Datte feels the proposed Ordinance is defensible.

Attorney Datte feels without a public water supply, it is doubtful that we would be looked at for a Data Center. If we were approached by something like this and they meet all the requirements, it is what it is. Attorney Datte feels that it is important to have a Data Center Ordinance in place.

Logan Christine – said she appreciates the Township taking preventative measures however, she feels that the proposed ordinance should have stronger preventative measures.

She would like to change the approval process to Conditional Use instead of Special Exception. Increase the minimum acreage to the further limits legally permissible, reduce the maximum permitted noise level to 45 dBA instead of 60 dBA. She also would like the Township to review provisions adopted by other municipalities and consider language from Schuylkill Co. Responsible Infrastructure Plan. She feels that the ordinance should be as comprehensive & restrictive as legally possible. She expressed her concerns about potential impacts on natural resources, the environment and the rural character of the community. She feels that this Ordinance needs to be the most restrictive it could be.

Attorney Datte – explained the difference of a Conditional Use and a Special Exception. He said the Township cannot adopt requirements that are exclusionary or discriminate against a particular type of land use. We cannot impose conditions or restrictions on Data Centers that we wouldn't otherwise impose on other comparable businesses such as warehouses.

Ed Kane – expressed his concerns about discriminating against a Manufacturing Co. & a Data Center. Attorney Datta said we cannot have rules for one and not the other. He emphasized that there are other places pushing back against Data Centers. He said that there needs to be provisions about public water and sewage in the Ordinance. Attorney datte said there are provisions for that. Mr. Kane said we need to know what kind of Water system will be in the plant. He feels these kinds of things need to be in place beforehand. Attorney Datte said these are thing we are having in place. The applicant will need to provide these types of things when they make application. We have these provisions in our ordinance. Mr. Kane said no one wants Data Centers. Title 5 is a Federal Regulation back up power supplies. He also noted senate bill 1359. This bill aims to pause large data center projects to study cumulative environmental & energy impacts. Mr. Kane also references PA Constitution Article 1 Sec. 27. Which was approved by voters, it grants citizens the right to clean air, pure water, and the preservation of natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic environmental values. He

said if Data Center comes into the Township, they may be able to gain eminent domain. He feels it is not impossible to stop it.

Attorney Datte said yes, it is because you must permit all land uses.

Kyle Kester said he has been looking at different ordinances such as Upper Macungie's Data Center Ordinance; our Ordinance is close to what they have in their Ordinance. Mr. Kester said we are trying to put Data Centers in Light Industrial, where there would be comparable businesses. Attorney Datte said we are having these facilities away from residential areas. When you increase the minimum lot size to a point where they do an analysis and they say there is really no place in these Zoning Districts to put a Data Center, the courts could rule that they could put it anywhere in the Township because we did not give them reasonable space to do this use. Attorney Datte said you want this Ordinance to be legally defensible.

Brian McQuillen – expressed his concerns that the Ordinance was not prepared by a professional land planner. He suggests that we have an expert assist in the Ordinance because of the potential long-term impacts of a Data Center. He recommends requiring noise barriers and increasing setbacks of residence to 500 ft. He recommends increasing the minimum acreage for Data Center sites. Mr. McQuillen's concerned with groundwater use and is requesting stronger protection for neighboring property owners who rely on private wells. Attorney Datte said we do have provisions in our existing ordinance for that related to water extraction and the State Agencies like DEP, would have their regulations that those facilities would have to follow as well. Depending on the project, the Delaware River Basin Commission may have to be involved as well. Attorney Datte said that the Township would require them to be in compliance with all state regulations as part of the approval process. Public Utility Commission has requirements governing electric service to Data Centers. Maximum height would be consistent with the existing zoning regulations of 50ft. Mr. McQuillen's biggest concern is if you don't have property to do this, they would look for a curative amendment. He feels we did not look at an area big enough. Attorney Datte said we may want to consider an overlay. Attorney Datte said if we do increase the minimum acreage of an area we will have to definitely see if there is enough land in those districts.

Tim Houser – He said most of the articles he read the Data Centers are looking for 30-50 acres. Tim Houser's biggest concern is water. He feels that we need to make the Data Centers accountable and they must be monitored. We must make sure they do not drain the Aquifer. Mr. Houser read that the Chesapeake Bay Commission & the Delaware River Basin Commission are concerned about Data Centers and how much water they will pull. They are also concerned with fracking out and contaminating ground water. Mr. Houser said we have to provide in our Zoning for every type of industry to be allowed in the Township, that is law. If you don't, they will come in and put it wherever they want too. The only way to do this is to have requirements that they will need to follow. Mr. Houser's main concern is to have good drinking water.

Larry Stival – questioned noise. He feels that we should have regulations about measuring noise. When, where, what time of day, are there any other factors that need to be considered when measuring noise not just who is doing the noise test. There are a lot of factors that play into getting proper noise reading. How is it going to be measured. Mr. Stival said what about the residents as a part of the sensitive receptors' definition. Attorney Datte said it does refer to residents in the definition of the sensitive definition. He said the only solution to noise is money. Kyle Kester said the time of day plays a factor as well.

Chairman said we need to take a stand and be as restrictive as we can.

Matt Thompson - questioned why the Township is having a separate Ordinance for this instead of having just separate categories, like for solar & battery storage. Attorney Datte said we are amending our Zoning Ordinance to incorporate these uses.

A question was asked if we have anything in place for protection with project phasing. Attorney Datte said when someone would come in to do this, they would have to do a land development and propose what they are doing. The Phases would have to be disclosed in the land development. Attorney Datte said the whole campus would have to meet

the criteria. Water Consumption (ground water extraction or anything that would be trucked in) was questioned? They would have to provide feasible study & impact studies for us if they are using nonpublic sources of water.

Kristine Schellhammer – asked would if an existing commercial manufacturer sold their property and the new owner wanted to expand to add more acreage in order have the acreage to run a data center. Would if they apply for a variance to get approved. Attorney Datte said they would have to go to the Zoning Hearing Board, and it is very difficult to get a land use variance when there is opposition. She feels the acreage for Data Centers should be more than 10 acres. Attorney Datte said the criteria to get a use Variance is very rigid. You would have to prove that you could not use that land other than for a Data Center.

Terry Kane – asked about what kind of penalties a Data Center would have if they do not follow our Ordinance. If there is any provision violated in our Zoning Ordinance, the Township has options to follow, one of which we could get an injunction through the courts to shut it down. She asked who was enforcing that. Attorney date said the Zoning Officer.

Joe Coutney – expressed his concerns about water usage. Can we limit how much water they take out of the ground. Attorney Datte said we cannot directly limit the amount of water they could take out of the ground but if it could be determined that it is impacting other peoples well then we could shut them down or they have to restrict it.

Craig Krause – asked if we could add to the ordinance that they must have a meter to monitor the water withdrawal. It would be another piece of data that we would have in case something does happen. Attorney Datte said he made a note to require water usage reports.

Jackie Selito - Is there a provision in the Ordinance for contaminated water runoff? Attorney Datte said in our Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, they have to provide stormwater runoff plans. What about testing the contaminated water. We need to hold them accountable. We need to put provisions in the Ordinance now to prevent stuff from happening 50 years down the road.

Jackie Shafer - asked if we could require them to recycle the water they use. Attorney Datte said we could look into that; however, we cannot just pick a specific industry and require them to do something. We would have to require everyone to do that. Attorney Datte said we could put in provisions that may require testing and a plan of how they are going to dispose of processed water. Attorney Datte said that Data Centers like a location with ample electricity, adequate water supply and adequate sewage capacity. West Penn Township does not have adequate water or sewage. We are not interested in having one of these facilities. We could create certain thresholds. We want to make it legally defensible.

Craig Krause – asked about a tax benefit for a data center. Attorney Datte said when these places get assessed, the tax money is big numbers.

Delroy Haas – who wants to put this Data Center here. Attorney Datte said we do not have anyone looking to bring a Data Center to our area. We want to be proactive and have an Ordinance in place before we would have to face something like this coming into the Township.

Angelo Selito – asked if we could make them show numbers of what they are doing with data collection. Anyone that releases water back into the system. Monthly or yearly testing or reporting, something to stay on top of the information in case something happens. Require water usage reports and testing plans and reporting of disposal and processed water.

Joe Courtney – has 35 homes on their water system. DEP requires them to report how many gallons of their meter that goes through their system. He feels we should be able to require that reporting of water taken out of the ground.

Erin Raymond – asked the Board to make sure this Ordinance keeps up with the times because things are always changing. She does not want to see this Ordinance in place and we forget about it. The Data Centers are going to continually improve. Chairman said the decommission plans changes every day. Chairman said in our Solar Ordinance we have that the decommission plans need to be updated every 5 years. Attorney Datte agrees that it should be reviewed. Erin Raymond recommends we review it on an annual basis. Attorney Datte said we could have the Planning Commission look at it every year or two. Attorney Datte said it does not have to be a year or two. If we hear something coming down the line, we could look at it to make sure we are covered. Attorney Datte said there are four pieces of

legislation in Harrisburg. Three of them passed the House and are in the Senate. 2 of the 3 passed on kind of bipartisan basis. That would require the water reporting, DCED to develop a model data center ordinance that municipalities and the state could use. The other one that passed the house would require Data Centers to use green energy, that is the one that did not pass on a bipartisan basis. Erin Raymond said it is important to stay on top of this.

Chairman said because we advertised and are having this hearing, this proposed ordinance would be subject to the pending ordinance doctrine. That means if someone applied to have a Data Center here, they would have to follow the new Ordinance. Chairman thanked everyone for coming and the input we received was great.

Jane McQuillen - asked if there would be another meeting before adoption of the Ordinance. Attorney Datte said if half of the things could be incorporated in the Ordinance, they would, be substantial changes. We will have to advertise, get County Planning & Township Plan Commission to review & they will have 30 days to make comments and then another hearing will be scheduled.

We can always amend an ordinance if needed.

Jason Steinbrum – spoke about how much water could be withdrawn a day. He referenced Sec 402 of the Schuylkill County Zoning Ordinance. He asked if anyone is monitoring water extraction and if anyone is withdrawing more than 100,000 gal/day. If they are expected to be monitored, we should be able to request a report of it being monitored. He feels we all agree that the water issue is a major concern. How would you enforce it?

Angelo Selito – is there anything we could do about data collection about us?

Gayle Mateyak – spoke about the 100,000gal/day threshold. She said the Water Extraction people are required to report. The report is public. Anything over 100,000 is reported to DRBC.

Tim Houser asked if the 100,000gal/day is per well head or total. Attorney Datte said it is whatever the entity is drawing out of the ground. Each well is to be monitored however it is the collective of how much the entity draws out.

Chairman concluded the hearing at 7:22PM. He thanked everyone for coming and for all the great input on the Data Center Ordinance.