

**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors
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**Tuesday, August 18, 2026
8:30AM Monthly Meeting**

Present at the Meeting

**Tony Prudenti - Chairman
Kyle Kester – Vice Chairman
Tom Ackerman – Supervisor
Karen Wittig – Treasurer
Jeremy Frable – Road Master**

**Katie Orlick - Secretary
Paul Datte – Solicitor
Bill McMullen - HMS**

I. General

A. Chairman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions at 8:30AM.

B. Approval of Monthly Bills

Chairman called for a motion to approve and pay the monthly bills. Tom Ackerman made the motion to approve and pay the monthly bills. 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

A. Chairman called for a motion to rescind the motion that approved ARRO Consulting, Inc. not to exceed \$2900, to flag the wetlands at Atlas Park. Due to the scope of the work changing. The Board did receive new quotes. Chairman made the motion to rescind the motion from last month, to have ARRO flag the wetlands at Atlas Park. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. motion.

V. New Business

A. Attorney Datte said the Data/Solar Ordinance hearing scheduled for our September meeting will have to be postponed until our October 5th meeting. Attorney Datte recommends we schedule the public hearing to October 5th meeting at 5PM. Kyle Kester said he read Data Center needs to go to the public water system. Chairman said technology is catching up with us, and they could have an enclosed system that reuses the water. Attorney date said there is not anything in our ordinance now dealing with that. Bill McMullen suggests we state that it would have to meet DEP discharge regulations. Kyle Kester also asked about a nighttime decibel for the Data Centers. Attorney Datte said you can have day & night decibels in the ordinance. Tom Ackerman made a motion to have our Data Center/Solar Ordinance Hearing on October 5 at 5PM. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

VI. Business from anyone on the Board

A. Kyle Kester – discussed a handsfree police emergency phone. Lt. Kaczmarczyk is requesting the Board's approval to purchase the handsfree emergency phone. The cost is \$384.47 and may need another telephone line. If someone goes to the Police Dept. and no one is available that person could push the button and the call would go directly to the nonemergency com center to call the officer on duty. Kyle Kester made a motion to purchase the E-1600-60A Handsfree Police Emergency Phone by

Viking Electronics for \$384.47 to be put at the door of the Police Station. Tom Ackerman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

B. Bill McMullen – discussed with the Board the quotes for the Wetland Delineation & JD. Jeremy Frable, roadmaster & Bill McMullen agrees to see if we could tie the costs of this wetland delineation & JD into our current DCNR grant as engineering fees or the new grant Jeremy Frable is working on. Attorney Datte said we would have to look into if we could roll something like this in a grant. Regardless, we have to get it done. Attorney Datte recommends we make a motion to approve the work to be done and call DCNR to see if it is a qualified expense for the grant. Chairman said we have two bids for the wetland delineation & mapping and the jurisdictional determination request & site visit. One bid was from Clauser Environmental LLC for \$11,300 and a bid from ARRO Consulting, Inc. for not exceeding \$44,725. Tom Ackerman asked if they are the same thing and both good companies. Bill McMullen said the same email and the same scope of work went to both companies to get the quote. Tom Ackerman made the motion to go with Clauser Environmental LLC for \$11,300. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Chairman said for the Secretary to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

C. Jeremy Frable - asked the Board to make a motion to advertise selling the 2006 Ford F550 Bucket Truck on Municibid. Jeremy Frable asked to put a reserve on it. Jeremy Frable said if we needed a bucket truck, we could rent one. Chairman asked Jeremy to adjust and increase his rental budget numbers. Tom Ackerman made a motion to advertise the bucket truck to sell on Municibid with a reserve of \$10K. Kyle Kester seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. 3-0

VII. Correspondence

A. Chairman announced Tax Collector's Hours and if you have any questions call the office.

VIII. Public Comment on General Items - NONE

IX. Executive Session - NONE

X. Adjournment

A. Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56AM. 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