

Penn Township Butler County Newsletter

Winter
2025/2026



Municipal News

*Budgeting, Finance, Grant Proposals,
Parks & Recreation*

It's Municipal Budget Season!

What is a Municipal Budget?

A municipal budget is a financial plan that defines how a city, town, or village will raise and spend money over a specific period, usually a fiscal year. It encompasses all aspects of local government operations, including public safety, infrastructure, education, and social services. Linda, the Township Manager, is diligently working on the Township's 2026 Budget, ensuring that every department throughout the municipality is supported in the best way possible. Some of the key components being reviewed for the Police Department are body cameras, computers, and updating the current policy manual. The following items are being considered for the Road Department: a new security system, a skid loader, a new pickup truck, a stand-alone generator, a trailer, and maintenance on the salt storage building. Lastly, a donation to the Local EMS is being planned. Lots of great additions to help support our wonderful community!

Grants In Action!

Penn Township is partnering with Middlesex Township to pursue an ARLE Grant for the traffic signal at Route 8 and Brownsdale/Church Roads. This process is expected to take a couple of years to complete, but we are excited about the opportunity to receive grant support to ensure road safety for our residents.

Penn Township has also applied for a Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), which provides funding for local recreation, conservation, and community projects. These grants can fund a wide range of initiatives, including the creation of new parks, construction of trails, protection of open space, and restoration of rivers and watersheds. The program aims to connect Pennsylvanians with the outdoors and preserve natural resources. This grant will help fund the new additions to Harcrest Park in the upcoming years. Some of these additions are more walking trails and a year-round pavilion.



Township Building Hours

*Monday- Thursday
7 AM-5 PM*

**The Board of Supervisors
Meetings** are held on the 2nd
Tuesday of every month at 6 PM

**Planning Commission
Meetings** are held on the 4th
Tuesday of every month at 6 PM

Tax office: Andraya Gealey
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The Tax collectors' hours are
posted on the tax cards.

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." -Helen Keller



Public Works Department

Roadways, Stormwater, & Infrastructure

As winter approaches, here are a few reminders:

As the leaves continue to fall, we remind residents not to blow leaves into waterways, onto roadways, or into other drainage facilities, such as catch basins. Leaves can clog pipes, catch basins, and other drainage facilities. Please consider that stormwater drainage restrictions may not affect you, but they may affect those around you. The Road Department will continue to utilize the leaf turbine to maintain the sustainability of these waterways and keep them clear of debris. It is the township's responsibility to remove water from the roadway to maintain safe travel for all motorists, especially during colder temperatures when ice can pose a hazard.

No street parking is permitted from October to March. Your vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense when necessary. Runoff water on the roadway is a hazard year-round but poses a greater risk in colder climates due to ice buildup. It is essential to maintain a "swale" between your driveway and road edge when driveway repairs or improvements are done. Please get in touch with the road department at 724-285-9317; someone will be glad to assist with any questions regarding the matter. PLEASE do not shovel snow or ice onto the roadway. This creates a hazard on the roadway. We recommend placing the snow from your driveway on the opposite side, where the plow typically travels. While it is inevitable that some snow from the plow will end up in your driveway, this will likely prevent a significant portion from being pushed back onto it.

Please do not place objects, such as rocks & posts, at the road's edge. These can damage the plows and create a huge hazard if struck by a plow or another vehicle. No township vehicle is permitted to remove snow from driveways and private property. Township employees and vehicles are not allowed to extract stuck or stranded vehicles due to liability and safety concerns. Please give plows space and be patient. Allow extra travel time during weather events. The township is not responsible for damaged mailboxes, particularly when the damage is caused solely by material from the plow, such as snow & slush. Bare roadways are not always possible; we make every attempt to do so, but sometimes it is not safe or the temperature limits it. Please exercise caution, as a bare road can be more hazardous than a snow-covered roadway due to black ice. If you have not done so, now may be the best time to get your vehicle prepared for the inclement weather ahead.

Road closures are essential to the safety of residents, motorists, emergency responders, and road crews. Please adhere to these warnings when posted, especially during inclement weather. These closures are essential, as they may involve downed wires, flooded roadways & more. Both examples of these hazards are unpredictable, and significant caution should be exercised.

Road Maintenance Responsibility of the Township:

Airport Rd.	Alderson Rd.	Anderson Rd.	Bay St.
Beacon Rd.	Beacon Light Rd.	Blackthorn Dr.	Blazing Star Dr.
Brown Rd.	Church Rd.	Country Club Rd.	Country Club Hghts.
Creek Rd.	Crestmont Dr.	Crowe Rd.	Cruikshank Rd.
Dodds Rd.	East Airport Rd.	East Dr.	E. Lakevue Dr.
Fairway Ln.	Forest Trail	Frankstown Ln.	Golden City Rd.
Hamel Rd.	Heller Rd.	Hicks Rd.	High Meadows Dr.
Hillcrest Rd.	Hoch Rd.	Jones Rd.	Kaltenbaugh St.
Lakevue Dr.	Lakespur Cir.	Larchwood Dr.	Logan Rd.
Main St.	Maharg Rd.	McBirde Hill Rd.	Meadowbrook Rd.
Middle Trail	Monaco St.	Monroe Rd.	Mountain Laurel Dr.
Mushrush Rd.	N. Crisswell Rd.	North Dr.	North Trail
N. Dutchtown Rd.	Oak Hills Manor Rd.	Old Plank Rd.	Old Rt. 8
Orchard Ln.	Penn Dr.	Port-O-Call Blvd.	Powell Rd.
Primrose Cir.	Railroad St.	Reamer Rd.	Robinson Run Rd.
Royal Oak Dr.	Smith Rd.	S. Crisswell Rd.	S. Dutchtown Rd.
South Trail	Srock Ln.	Steppland Rd.	Stewart Dr.
Thornbrook Dr.	Three Degree Rd.	Township Ln.	Trileste St.
Trillium Cir.	Trinidad St.	Valencia St.	Wakiki St.
Weckerty Rd.	Welsh Rd.	West Dr.	W. Jefferson Rd.
W. Lakevue Dr.	Wildwood Dr.	Winters Rd.	Woodland Rd.

Responsibility of the State:

Brownsdale Rd.	Dinnerbell Rd.	Meridian Rd.	Renfrew Rd.
Rockdale Rd.	Route 8 (Pittsburgh Rd.)	Three Degree Rd (S. of Brownsdale)	

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Police Department

Public Safety, Traffic Laws, Crime Protection

Pictured below is Officer Matthews showing off the Township's new AED. Penn Township Police would like to thank Penn United for the donation that enabled the purchase of an additional AED. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of learning CPR and basic life-saving skills. You never know when they will be needed, and in your home, you are the very first responder.



Thank you to the Penn Township Fire Department for another grand Halloween parade. It's always a fun event.



The police department would like to remind residents that, as we head into winter, the snowplows will be out maintaining the roads. Please do not plow snow onto the roadway; it does cause problems for the plows.

We would also like to ask residents to take a look at their driveway and ask themselves if they were a first responder, could they locate their residence easily at night? Large reflective lettering could mean the difference between life and death.

Thank you again for making Penn Township a great place to work. Penn Township Police are here to serve you in the best way possible, and we appreciate the support we receive in return.

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Land Use Department

Zoning, Subdivision, & Land Development



Who are the Penn Township Zoning Hearing Board members?

Carl Leicher Jr, Eric Mockenhaupt, & Greg Ramsey

What is their responsibility?

To be a member of the Zoning Hearing Board, you must be a resident, not hold any elected office, or be appointed to the Planning Commission. The term for a three-member board would be three years.

The Zoning Hearing Board serves as a quasi-judicial body that conducts public hearings to address land-use conflicts. This includes considering appeals for variances, notable exceptions, or disputes over the validity of zoning ordinances. It provides a structured legal process for property owners and stakeholders to present evidence and testimony before making decisions based on information and applicable laws. The board's rulings must follow public notice protocols and ensure an impartial hearing, allowing all parties to participate, advocate for their positions, and undergo cross-examination.

What are the Functions of a Zoning Hearing Board?

Hearing Appeals: If challenges to the zoning officer's decision or stakeholders need relief from the Zoning Ordinance, they can request an appeal to the board.

Grant Variances: They review requests for variances, which are exceptions to zoning rules. The properties must have unique physical characteristics, such as narrow or irregular lots, to prevent practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships.

Special Exceptions: The board holds special exceptions hearings. Special Exceptions are allowed uses within a zoning district but require approval to ensure they are compatible with the area.

Validity Challenges to the Zoning Ordinance: The board can also hear challenges to the ordinance's validity.

Required Public Hearings: The board makes its decision after a formal public hearing. The public can provide input, and all testimony is recorded for the public record.

Penn Township Land & Use Administrator

Clinton Bonetti

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Mark Your Calendars!

What's happening around our community

Winter 2025- December						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board of Supervisors Meeting 6 PM	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Planning Commission Meeting 6 PM	24 Township Building Closed at 12 PM	25 Township Building Closed for Christmas Holiday	26	27
28	29	30	31 Township Building Closed at 12 PM			

Winter 2026 January						
				1 Township Building Closed for New Year Holiday	2	3
4	5 Township Reorganization meeting	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Board of Supervisors Meeting 6 PM	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Planning Commission Meeting 6 PM	28	29	30	31

Winter 2026 February						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board of Supervisors Meeting 6 PM	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Planning Commission Meeting 6 PM	25	26	27	28

The Penn Township Newsletter is published seasonally for the residents of Penn Township. All comments/questions should be sent to: Penn Township, 157 E. Airport Road, Butler, PA 16002

Administrative Staff

Township Manager: Linda Zerfoss
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Board of Supervisors

Samuel M. Ward- Chairman
 Douglas A. Roth- Vice Chairman
 Wilbert J. Mowry Jr.- Supervisor
 Matt Salina- Supervisor Elect

