

Tuesday October 13, 2026

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors met this evening at 6 p.m. in the Penn Township Municipal Building at 157 East Airport Road, Butler, PA 16002, with Chairman Douglas A. Roth presiding. Also, present were Vice Chairman Wilbert Mowry, Supervisor Matthew Salina, Township Manager Mary Hess, Finance Administrator Nicole Tempalski, Land Use Administrator Philip Mangis III, Solicitor Cosgrove, and 44 residents and visitors.

1. Call to Order

- A. Chairman Roth call the meeting to order at 6 p.m. for a Public Hearing regarding an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to include regulations on data centers. Vice Chairman Mowry made the motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Salina. The motion carried.

Chairman Roth asked for a brief recess after the public hearing and Chairman Roth called the meeting back to order at 6:35 p.m.

- B. Supervisor Roth made a motion to amend the agenda to add a new item under “New Business” for a “Motion to enact Township Ordinance No. 183 amending the Township Zoning Ordinance to establish regulations on Data Centers,” motion was seconded by Supervisor Salina. Discussion was had whereby Solicitor Cosgrove informed the Board that the advertisement for tonight’s public hearing on the proposed Ordinance included notice that the Board would consider adoption of the Ordinance after the public hearing so the Board is free to enact the proposed Township Ordinance No. 183 if they feel so inclined. **The motion to amend the agenda carried.**

1. Executive Session

- A. The board of Supervisors met at an executive session from 5 p.m. - 5:40 p.m. to discuss budget matters.

2. Public Comment

- A. Chairman Roth acknowledged that Sergeant Cranmer was attending her final public meeting with Penn Township. He expressed his appreciation for her many years of dedicated service to the Township and thanked her for her continued support, engagement, and contributions during Board of Supervisors meetings over the years.
- B. Resident Jonathan Gavin expressed concerns regarding the EMS Crisis and asked what the Township was doing to help. Chairman Roth stated that the Township donated \$30,000 to Butler Ambulance for 2026 which was used for a new vehicle unit and are planned to continue that donation in future years.

- C. Resident Barbie Chapman expressed that the Township also offers other donations to emergency services outside of the one-time yearly donation through community fundraiser events. Finance Administrator Nicole Tempalski confirmed that the township donated community fundraising funds raised from the Touch a Truck in April and Community Day in September to the emergency service departments in our area for 2026.
- D. Residents Theodosia Regal, Katie Gemperlein, Kurt Pipes, and Richard Ejzak inquired about the proposed compressor station at the corner of Brownsdale Road and Royal Oak Drive. Solicitor Cosgrove acknowledged that an update was available and asked Mrs. Hess to provide additional information.

Mrs. Hess reported that a submission had recently been received and that the applicant wished to present the proposal to the Planning Commission at its October 20, 2026, meeting. She also stated that residents may submit a Right-to-Know request to obtain copies of the documents that have been provided to the Township. Residents interested in the proposal were encouraged to attend the Planning Commission meeting.

Solicitor Cosgrove explained that, under the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Act, the Township must permit oil and gas operations subject to applicable legal requirements and reasonable, non-exclusionary conditions established through Township ordinances. He stated that the current Township Ordinance No. 153 must be followed. He further explained that the Township has enacted this ordinance establishing conditional-use requirements, like the approach used for data centers, and that the Township's authority to regulate the proposed use is limited by applicable law.

Solicitor Cosgrove indicated that a public hearing was tentatively anticipated for November 2026. Residents were encouraged to attend the hearing, express their concerns, and provide input regarding reasonable conditions they believe should be considered.

Solicitor Cosgrove further explained that a public hearing would provide an appropriate forum for residents to express their concerns and propose conditions they would like to see considered.

3. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes – September 22, 2026

Vice Chairman Mowry made the motion, and Supervisor Salina seconded the motion to approve the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes from Tuesday, September 22, 2026, as presented, with no additions or corrections. **The motion carried.**

B. Approval of Bills September 20, 2026 – October 10, 2026

Supervisor Salina made the motion, and Vice Chairman Mowry seconded the motion to approve the bills to be paid from September 20, 2026 – October 10, 2026, as follows:

- General Fund totaling \$80,732.29
- Park Fund totaling: \$5,552.78
- Fire Tax Fund totaling: \$7,075.30

The motion carried.

4. Finance Report

- A.** Mrs. Tempalski read the list of Township invoices paid since the last report was read on September 8, 2026. Township Fund: \$80,732.29, Fire Tax Fund: \$7,075.30, Park Fund: \$5,552.78. Deposits into the various Township Funds totaled \$235,292.47. Balances were read as follows: Township Fund: \$460,863.55, Fire Tax Fund: \$51,333.63 Act 13 Impact Fund: \$300,574.75, Township Capital Savings Fund: \$210,207.73, State Fund: \$309,268.83. Supervisor Mowry made the motion, and Supervisor Salina seconded the motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. **The motion carried.**

5. Correspondence

- A.** Mrs. Tempalski reported that the Township received a letter from Pennsylvania American Water regarding the renewal of its Subsidiary Water Allocation Permit. Resident John Shirra requested clarification regarding the letter. Chairman Roth shared the areas of the Township that PA American water services. Mrs. Tempalski advised that the letter was available for his review to help address his questions.

6. Planning

- A.** Mr. Mangis presented the Planning Department's request for approval of the land subdivision at 256 Mushrush Road. Vice Chairman Mowry made a motion to approve the requested land subdivision. Supervisor Salina seconded the motion. During discussion, Solicitor Cosgrove referenced the discussion from the previous meeting regarding the submission of all lot line and subdivision plans to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation before being presented to the Board of Supervisors. He noted that this would be a beneficial best practice moving forward, regardless of the current procedures outlined in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). The Board agreed to implement this practice moving forward. **The motion carried.**
- B.** Mr. Mangis presented the Planning Department's request for approval of the lot line

revision at 203 Meridian Road and 199 Meridian Road. Supervisor Salina made a motion to approve the requested lot line revision. Vice Chairman Mowry seconded the motion. **The motion carried.**

7. Public Relations

- A. Mrs. Tempalski reported on the success of Community Day 2026. Total revenue collected was \$9,235.00, with event-specific expenses totaling \$4,361.66 and donations to emergency services totaling \$4,875.00, distributed as follows: Butler Ambulance Service (\$1,625.00), Penn Township Volunteer Fire Department (\$1,625.00), and Penn Township Police Department (\$1,625.00). Total expenses amounted to \$9,236.66, resulting in a net cost of \$1.66 to the Township, excluding Mrs. Tempalski's staff hours spent coordinating the event, which were contributed by the Township.

Mrs. Hess added that the overall cost of the event exceeds the revenue generated and that the Township has subsidized the difference in previous years. She stated that the Township is actively seeking a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to assume responsibility for organizing and coordinating Community Day, with the goal of encouraging greater public involvement and ensuring the event continues in 2027 and beyond.

8. Parks and Recreation

None.

9. Old Business

None.

10. New Business

- A. Mrs. Hess reported that during the preliminary stages of the Renfrew Bridge replacement project, PennDOT arranged for archaeologists and anthropologists to conduct a study of materials found at the park. The study resulted in the collection of approximately 10,500 artifacts, dating from the early 1800s through 2025. Mrs. Hess stated that a request had been made for the Township to donate the artifacts to the Pennsylvania State Museum for educational and research purposes, allowing students to study the items.

A motion to donate the artifacts to the Pennsylvania State Museum for study and educational purposes was made by Vice Chairman Mowry, seconded by Supervisor Salina. During discussion, Mrs. Hess mentioned that the township would like to share the list of artifacts found on the township website for community members to view. **The motion carried.**

- B. A motion to approve Scott Longdon as the Townships Full-time exempt working Police Chief effective October 19, 2026, on the condition he passes all physical, psychological and all background tests was made by Supervisor Salina, seconded by Vice Chairman Mowry. **The motion carried.**

- C. A motion to enact Township Ordinance No. 183 amending the Township Zoning Ordinance to establish regulations on Data Centers was made by Vice Chairman Mowry, seconded by Supervisor Salina. **The motion carried.**

11. Other Business

- A. Motion to approve Officer Mathews and Officer Scalise to attend the Investigating Child Abuse Training on October 23, 2026, from 9am-4pm was made by Supervisor Salina, seconded by Vice Chairman Mowry. **The motion carried.**
- B. Mrs. Hess recommended that the Township appoint Computer Guys as its new IT service provider, citing their submitted quote and experience working with police departments and municipalities. Supervisor Salina made a motion to approve Computer Guys as the Township's new IT service provider, seconded by Vice Chairman Mowry. **The motion carried.**
- C. Motion to approve the remaining yearly donations: **South Butler Library-\$5,000, Butler Library-\$5,000, Audubon Society-\$3,000, and The Penn Twp Halloween Parade-\$200** was made by Vice Chairman Mowry, seconded by Supervisor Salina. **The motion carried.**
- D. Motion to approve the appointment of John Schirra to the Saxonburg Sewer Authority Board on behalf of Penn Township as of January 2027 made by Vice Chairman Mowry, seconded by Supervisor Salina. **The motion carried.**

12. Adjournment

Chairman Mowry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Salina seconded the motion. **The motion was approved.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately **7:20 p.m.**

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted:

Douglas A. Roth
Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Mary Hess
Township Manager
Penn Township