Penn Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting of February 23, 2026

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors met on February 23, 2026, in the Township meeting room at 6:30 P.M. In attendance and voting were Supervisors: Chairman Kyle Loder and Vice Chairman Nick Duchan and Supervisor Brian Etchberger.

Also, present was Christy Flaherty, Township Secretary/Treasurer.

Members of the public included Carmen Chiumento, Fred Russell, Evan Kinzey, Chief Brennan Beltz (Mt. Pleasant Fire Company) and Deputy Chief Derek Kissling (Bernville Community Fire Company).

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Loder called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting continued with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Loder made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Supervisors meeting held on December 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Duchan and passed unanimously (3-0).

Chairman Loder made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Supervisors Reorganization meeting held on January 5, 2026. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Duchan and passed unanimously (3-0).

Chairman Loder made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Supervisors Work Session meeting held on January 12, 2026. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Duchan and passed unanimously (3-0).

Chairman Loder made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Supervisors Work Session meeting held on February 9, 2026. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Duchan and passed unanimously (3-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Televising the Sewer Lines in the Penn Hills Development – Bernville Borough is requesting permission to televise the sewer lines

Chairman Loder made a motion giving Bernville Borough consent to televise the sewer lines. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Duchan and passed unanimously (3-0).

Creating New Township Emails for the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission Members

Vice Chairman Duchan updated the Board with regards to the presentation Solicitor Mayfield gave at a class he attended through the Center for Excellence and the suggestion that the BOS and PC have Township email addresses. It was agreed to request Solicitor Mayfield to attend the March Work Session to provide more information with regards to the legality. Secretary Flaherty would also contact SmrtGuys to see what's involved with setting up the emails.

Data Centers

The Board discussed the email received from the Township Solicitor. Chairman Loder noted that he didn't feel there was anywhere in the Township to have a data center. It was agreed to have Solicitor Mayfield give an update at the March Work Session.

ENGINEERS' REPORTS – LTL Consultants, LTD.

LTL Consultants Report of Engineering, Zoning and Building Services – January, 2026 & February, 2026

The Board reviewed the January & February reports for Engineering, Zoning & Building Services.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

REPORT OF ROADMASTER

Chairman Loder informed attendees that the road crew has been working on the following projects:

- Snow events
- Wash trucks/clean shop
- Equipment repairs/maintenance
- Tree trimming

LSA Statewide Grant Update for the Stainless-Steel Dump Body

Supervisor Etchberger made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the quote dated January 19th received from Stephenson Equipment, Inc. for $58,750 to purchase a new stainless steel dump body for the Peterbilt. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Duchan and passed unanimously (3-0).

2026 Road Project Discussion

Chairman Loder updated the Board with regards to the proposed 2026 Road Project.

Chairman Loder made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the 2026 Road Project. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Duchan and passed unanimously (3-0).

The bids would be opened at the March 30th meeting.

MT. PLEASANT FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Chief Beltz

Chief Beltz reported on the number of calls received in January; noting there is no January report due to changing software. He provided an update on the meeting with the Bernville Community Fire Company and the meeting with Representative Weaknecht. He also advised with regards to the installation of a new air handler at the club.

Vice Chairman Duchan inquired as to how things are at the fire house. Chief Beltz provided an update.

There was also discussion with regards to the run cards.

BERNVILLE COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Deputy Chief Kissling

Deputy Chief Kissling reported on the number of calls received in January. He also provided an update with regards to Life Lion and Northern Berks.

PA STATE POLICE REPORT – Lt. Trate

None.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Chiumento thanked the Public Work Department for doing a great job with regards to maintaining the Township roadways and the snow removal.

Mr. Kinzey provided an update with regards to Voilet Vintage Winery; noting that LHAI have completed their inspections, the septic upgrade has been completed, the project is on track, business is good and they are hoping to make settlement on the property in May. The Board thanked him for the update.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Account balances for the end of December, 2025 were as follows:

General Fund	$ 960,607.70
Liquid Fuels Fund	$ 118,733.77
Sewer Fund	$ 72,275.51
Light Fund	$ 1,660.04

Account balances for the end of January, 2026 were as follows:

General Fund	$ 961,791.75
Liquid Fuels Fund	$ 119,117.95
Sewer Fund	$ 68,385.19
Light Fund	$ 1,154.69

Secretary Flaherty advised that the closeout report has been completed with regards to the American Rescue Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

Municipal Officials Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4th. Does the Board wish to attend?

The Board agreed they were not interested in attending the dinner.

Discuss PTO for Secretary Flaherty

Chairman Loder made a motion authorizing three (3) days of PTO for Secretary Flaherty in 2026. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Etchberger and passed unanimously (3-0).

Discuss reimbursing the Township Secretary and Assistant Roadmaster for the use of their personal phones for Township business

The Board agreed to table the matter until the March Work Session.

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Loder made a motion to approve the payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Duchan and passed unanimously (3-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Supervisor Etchberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M. The motion was seconded by Chairman Loder and passed unanimously (3-0).

The next scheduled meeting is to be held on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christy Flaherty
Secretary, Penn Township