Penn Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting of April 13, 2026

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors met on April 13, 2026, in the Township meeting room at 6:30 P.M. In attendance and voting were Supervisors: Chairman Kyle Loder, Vice Chairman Nick Duchan and Supervisor Brian Etchberger.

Also, present was Christy Flaherty, Township Secretary/Treasurer and Norman Ulrich, Township Engineer.

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.

DISCUSSION

Schuylkill River and Tulpehocken Creek Watershed Stormwater Applications and Ordinances

The Board discussed the stormwater applications, ordinances and fees incurred. Secretary Flaherty provided LTL invoices showing charges with regards to stormwater reviews. Engineer Ulrich commented with regards to stormwater thresholds, the application, the ordinances and LTL's billing process. Secretary Flaherty advised that stormwater applications are not being completed; however, there are review fees being charged by LTL Consultants. She questioned if the Board will or will not be requiring applications to be submitted with the appropriate fee. She explained how the process worked with the prior consultant. The Board agreed that the applications/fees need to be submitted. It was agreed that zoning/building permit applications would be submitted to the Township, who will forward the application to the Zoning Officer/Building Inspector for review. If stormwater is needed the Zoning Officer will advise the applicant; once a stormwater permit application/fee is received the Township Secretary will email the application to Steve Tabekelis for his review. Engineer Ulrich suggested increasing the stormwater permit application review fee from $500 to anywhere from $750 - $1,000. Engineer Ulrich advised that he will update the Zoning Officer and Mr. Tabekelis on the process.

The Board discussed the following items:

- Stormwater inspections and escrow monies
- Having a grading permit or requiring a permit plan
- What other Townships are doing and how to get ahead of any issues
- It was noted that the Township does not have a road opening permit

- Having permit applications in place if an ordinance requires one
- Cell towers, solar farms & data centers

Engineer Ulrich advised the Board that they can waive ordinances.

The Board thanked Engineer Ulrich for his attendance. Engineer Ulrich advised that he would not be charging for his attendance tonight.

The Board discussed the proposed poultry house on the Weaver property on Ernst Road.

Equipment update

Chairman Loder updated the Board with regards to the Hydradig and conversations with the salesman from Stephenson Equipment; he hopes to have an update next week. He noted that the 1996 International dump truck will be posted for sale on Municibid shortly. There was also discussion with regards to the 2011 John Deere tractor/mowers. Chairman Loder advised that the big trucks have been inspected.

Employment

Chairman Loder updated the Board; noting that the P/T as needed employment is not working out how he expected. There was discussion with regards to hiring a F/T employee at some point. Supervisor Etchberger offered his and his son's help. There was discussion with regards to drug testing and the PSATS CDL Program.

County's Public Safety Radio System – Replacement of radios

Supervisor Etchberger updated the Board; noting that the County will be going with a new radio system. He provided the history on the prior radio upgrades and financing; noting that the current radios are no longer supported. The County will not be covering the finance charges as they had done in the past. He explained the proposed blanket purchase and additional expenses for additional accessories; noting that orders will not be placed until later this year or early next year. The Township will need to sign the note. The last time the Township covered the cost for the Mt. Pleasant Fire Company; the Bernville Fire Company did not receive any funding from the Township. There was discussion regarding the two (2) Fire Companies developing a partnership. The Board discussed how many radios are needed. Supervisors Etchberger advised that the approximate cost for the Mt. Pleasant Fire Company is estimated between $200,000 - $250,000.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Chairman Loder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 P.M. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Etchberger and passed unanimously (3-0).

The next scheduled meeting is to be held on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christy Flaherty
Secretary, Penn Township