

**Penn Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting of July 27, 2026**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors met on July 27, 2026, in the Township meeting room at 6:30 P.M. In attendance and voting were Supervisors: Chairman Kyle Loder, and Supervisor Brian Etchberger. Not present was Vice Chairman Duchan.

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

Members of the public included Carmen Chiumento, Fred Russell, John Kissling, Seth Etchberger, and Chief Brennan Beltz (Mt. Pleasant 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 June 29, 2026. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Etchberger and passed unanimously (2-0).

Supervisor Etchberger made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Supervisors Work Session meeting held on July 13, 2026. The motion was seconded by Chairman Loder and passed unanimously (2-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the bid for the 2026 Dirt & Gravel Road Project (Bootleg Road), contingent upon all the paperwork being reviewed and accepted

The Board reviewed the bid received.

Company	Total
H&K Group, Inc.	\$91,776.25

Chairman Loder noted that the bid received was over budget by \$16,776.25 and reported on receiving information regarding the shortage of the materials used for the project and the bidding/billing for a similar project a few years ago on South Garfield Road.

Supervisor Etchberger made a motion to accept the bid from H&K Group, Inc. for the 2026 Dirt & Gravel Road Project (Bootleg Road), contingent upon all the paperwork being reviewed/accepted by the Township Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Chairman Loder and passed unanimously (2-0).

Resolution 2026-10; Statewide LSA Grant – The Mt. Pleasant Fire Company has requested the Township to apply for a grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority on the behalf of the Mt. Pleasant Fire Company to purchase underwater rescue equipment in the amount of \$337,871.50.

*Supervisor Etchberger made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2026-10; Statewide LSA Grant – applying for the grant on behalf of the Mt. Pleasant Fire Company to purchase underwater rescue equipment in the amount of \$337,871.50.** The motion was seconded by Chairman Loder and passed unanimously (2-0).*

Resolution 2026-11; Category 4 Facilities LSA Grant – The Mt. Pleasant Fire Company has requested the Township to apply for a grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority on the behalf of the Mt. Pleasant Fire Company to purchase underwater rescue equipment in the amount of \$337,871.50.

*Supervisor Etchberger made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2026-11; Category 4 Facilities LSA Grant – applying for the grant on behalf of the Mt. Pleasant Fire Company to purchase underwater rescue equipment in the amount of \$337,871.50.** The motion was seconded by Chairman Loder and passed unanimously (2-0).*

ENGINEERS' REPORTS – LTL Consultants, LTD.

LTL Consultants Report of Engineering, Zoning and Building Services – July, 2026

The Board reviewed the July reports for Zoning & Building Services; no Engineering report was received. They discussed the following:

- 20 Swisssdale Road – The dumpster needs to be emptied again and the grass should be mowed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

REPORT OF ROADMASTER

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

- Park maintenance - weeding/mowing/mulching/install playground matting/paint parking lines
- Wash vinyl fencing/trim bushes at Municipal Complex
- ROW mowing
- Clean basins
- Flush stormwater pipe along North Garfield Road/wash out repairs
- 2026 Sealcoating Project has been completed/roads have been swept and lines painted
- 96 International Dump Truck sold and has been picked up

MT. PLEASANT FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Chief Beltz

Chief Beltz reported on the number of calls received in June and invited the Board to attend a training session on Tuesday, July 28th; he noted that he did provide the Board with a rough estimate regarding the radio replacement.

BERNVILLE COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Deputy Chief Kissling

Chief Kissling reported on the number of calls received in June. He also inquired if Penn Township would be contributing anything towards the cost of their radio replacements. There was discussion with regards to the County radio replacement; it was believed that the County is still in negotiations. Chief Kissling reported that North Heidelberg contributed towards Mt. Pleasant's radio replacement previously and that Bernville Borough Community Day is August 1st.

PA STATE POLICE REPORT – Lt. Trate

No one from PSP was present; no report was provided.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Chiumento commented with regards to a tractor trailer entering 809 North Garfield Road.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

General Fund	\$1,079,008.59
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 244,554.55
Sewer Fund	\$ 78,731.91
Light Fund	\$ 4,507.22

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Supervisor Etchberger made a motion to approve the payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Chairman Loder and passed unanimously (2-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Chairman Loder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 P.M. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Etchberger and passed unanimously (2-0).

The next scheduled meeting is to be held on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christy Flaherty
Secretary, Penn Township