

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove, PA

April 15, 2026

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 4.15.2026 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Isaac Ramer Jr. then turned the meeting over to Jim Bathgate for a public hearing on the Fire Tax Milage Increase Ordinance.

Public Hearing for Fire Tax Milage Ordinance 2026-01 – Jim Bathgate called the Public Hearing to order at 6:01 pm. He noted that the public meeting was advertised to adopt an ordinance to increase the fire protection tax that helps fund DH&L Fire Company. The township is authorized to have a fire protection tax not to exceed three mils. Three mils are equal to thirty cents per one hundred dollars of property value. The ordinance would become effective on January 1, 2027. Jim asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board and there were not. He then asked if there were any public comments and there were not.

On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to adopt Ordinance 2026-01 Fire Tax Increase Ordinance effective January 1, 2027.

Present included: Supervisors: Isaac Ramer Jr., Mark Strawser, Jon Payne, Solicitor Jim Bathgate, and Township Manager Julie Hartley

Public Present: Bill Kline, Paul Long, Daniel Chase, Ed Delosier, Wayne Haines, Alyssa Shanner, Allison Norman, and Chris Fetter

Minutes – **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to approve the April 1, 2026 supervisor's meeting minutes.**

Persons Present to be Heard: None

New Business:

Ordinance 2026-01, Fire Protection Tax – Adopted at the end of the public hearing.

Ed Delosier, Waiver from Land Development – Jim said that the property is at 335 Fair Oak Road and the proposed building will be somewhere between twenty-three hundred to twenty-seven hundred square feet. Under the township's subdivision ordinance, a land development would have been required for this size of building but a waiver can be granted. Ed met with the township engineer and he agreed that the stormwater system that is proposed will take care of a two-year storm event. The Planning Commission also reviewed the waiver request and proposed stormwater system and recommended approval with the following three conditions: 1) If any stormwater issues arise in the future that they are addressed immediately; 2) That the Township Engineer is contacted to inspect the stormwater facilities before closing; 3) That a clean-out is installed in the stormwater facilities.

On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to grant the waiver from land development to Ed Delosier with the three conditions given by the Planning Commission.

Susquehanna University MOU for Website Redesign – Julie explained that Susquehanna University has offered an intern to redesign the township's website during the fall semester of 2026. A memorandum of understanding will need to be signed to participate in this program.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to have the Manager sign the memorandum of understanding with Susquehanna University pending an approved review by the Solicitor.

Quote to replace two slides at orange playground – Discussion was held about the replacement of two slides at the orange playground that need replaced.

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On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to order the two slides for the orange playground and the mallet and attachment for Everyone's Playground.

3-5-Year-Old Playground Mat Condition – The mat at the three through five-year-old playground area is cracking and is in poor condition. The Park Committee recommended that the mat and coping be removed and the ADA mulch be placed in the area. ESRRA has agreed to purchase the ADA mulch to not exceed five hundred dollars.

On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to remove the matting on the three through five-year-old playground and replace it with ADA mulch.

Two CDs Due, \$250,199.99 & \$83,399.99 – Discussion was held regarding rates and which CDs to purchase. After discussion the following motion was made:

On motion by Isaac Ramer, seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to purchase a certificate of deposit from Edward Jones in the amount of \$250,199.99 for three years at an interest rate of 4.05% and one from Central Penn Bank in the amount of \$83,399.99 for one year at an interest rate of 3.90%.

Old Business: None

FYI:

- Selinsgrove Pool Thank You Letter
- Selinsgrove Outdoor Ed Thank You Letter
- 4.16.26 ACH Payroll Report
- 4.1.26 to 4.15.26 Check Registers
- TNR Thank You Letter
- Auditor Response Letter
- PTMA March 5 Minutes and April 1 Agenda

Land/Subdivision:

- Sissy Boy Trucking Land Dev., filed 6.23.25, due 6.12.26
- PTMA Well Site Subdivision/Land Development, filed 9.22.25, due 6.17.26
- ESCRA Land Dev., filed 2.27.26, due 5.22.26

Public Comment:

Bill Kline – Bill asked about the dugouts being built at the park. Little League is building them.

Chris Fetter – Chris asked about the parking lot expansion and it will be worked on by the road crew as their schedule allows.

Approval of Accounts Payable (State and General Funds)- **On Motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation, to pay bills.**

Adjournment - **On motion by Mark Strawser, second by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation the April 15, 2026 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager