

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

November 19, 2025

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 11.19.2025 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Present: Bill Kline, Paul Long, Jason Kaufman, Matt Smith, Jon Payne, Alex Donchak and Chris Fetter

Minutes – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to approve the November 19, 2025 supervisor's meeting minutes.**

Persons Present to be Heard:

Jason Kaufman, DH&L Fire Company – Jason noted that there were twenty-eight incidents in October within Penn Township. On December 7th the Fire Company will be having an open house with hot dogs and popcorn. The week after the open house the fire truck will be going around the Borough and Township. They will also be filling a boat during both events with donated toys to give to needy children in the area.

Matt Smith, DH&L - Matt explained that they are currently looking to purchase a new vehicle because the van they have now is from 2014 is aging and is not four-wheel drive. He said that they need some financial assistance with the cost of the truck. The new truck will have a place where it mentions that it is in honor of the past captains including Roger Catherman.

Alex Donchak, Personal Trainer – Alex explained that he would like to use a grassy area of East Snyder Park to hold personal training sessions with two or three people at a time. He would have them sign waivers and he is in the process of forming an LLC and will have insurance available at that time. Jim asked about the age of clients and the liability. Alex said that he will be getting liability insurance. Jon Payne asked about other instances when businesses asked to use the park and they were not allowed. After discussion the following motion was made: **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation that the park is public but no specific permission will be given.**

New Business:

Allow Tax Collector Certification to be \$25 instead of \$20 – Ron Zeiders would like the fee that he charges for mobile home certifications to be changed from twenty dollars to twenty-five dollars. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to raise the certification fee for mobile homes to twenty-five dollars.**

2026 My Works for East Snyder Park – The My Works Program would like to have students return for the summer of 2026 to help at the township and East Snyder Park. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to allow the My Works students to work at the township in 2026.**

Amended Stormwater Ordinance – Jim explained that the Planning Commission worked on revising the Township's Stormwater Ordinance with the assistance of Township Engineer Chad Shaffer. The ordinance has undergone major changes and is more user friendly with new waiver requirements. The Planning Commission has recommended that the process moves forward to adoption. It was decided that a public hearing would be held on at the January 21, 2026 meeting. **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to allow advertising for the public hearing on January 21st for the revised Stormwater Ordinance.**

CD Investment, \$240,000 – One of the certificates of deposit has matured from Edward Jones and needs a decision to reinvest. Central Penn Bank has offered a rate of 4.18% to invest it with them for a term of three months to one year. Edward Jones interest rates were lower for those terms. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross**

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Smoker, and Board acclamation to purchase a CD in the amount of \$240,000 for a term of one year from Central Penn Bank and Trust.

Scott Frost Replacement needed for ESCRA – Scott Frost is not interested in being reappointed to the ESCRA board so the Board of Supervisors were encouraged to find someone willing to fill the post before the reorganizational meeting on January 5, 2026.

60-Day Extension for Sissy Boy Trucking Land Development – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to grant a sixty-day extension to Sissy Boy Trucking's Land Development.**

DH&L Fire Police Truck – Matt Smith explained that the truck that they are purchasing through the Costars program has a base price of \$39,000, will have a cap mounted, a sprayed in bed, a crew cab, four-wheel drive, a towing package and a slide out for easy access to their equipment. The truck should be ready in mid-January from Regester's Chevrolet. Matt asked if the Board could donate to help with this purchase. **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to approve a one-time donation of \$15,000 to help DH&L Fire Police to purchase a new response truck.**

Old Business: None

FYI:

- PTMA Oct. 2nd Minutes & Nov. 6th Agenda
- 11.13.25 ACH Payroll Report
- 11.5.25 to 11.19.25 Check Register

Land/Subdivision:

- Sissy Boy Trucking Land Dev., filed 6.23.25, due 2.16.26
- PTMA Well Site Subdivision/Land Development, filed 9.22.25, due 12.19.25
- PTMA Well Site Conditional Use, filed 10.7.25, due 12.8.25, hearing 12.3.25 at 5:30 pm
- Selinsgrove Fair Association Inc., filed 10.14.25, due 12.15.25, hearing 12.10.25 at 7:00 pm

Public Comment: None

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

Adjournment - **On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation the November 19, 2025 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager