

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

June 4, 2025

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 6.4.2025 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Present: Bill Kline, Jon Payne, Paul Long, Shellie McCurdy, Chris Fetter, Chad Brandt, Shannon Rudy and Larry Eckstine

Minutes – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to approve the May 21, 2025 supervisor's meeting minutes.**

Recess – Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. recessed the regular meeting at 6:01 pm and turned the meeting over to Shannon Rudy to conduct a public hearing regarding CDBG funding.

Persons Present to be Heard:

Shannon Rudy, Public Hearing for CDBG Funding – Shannon shared that this public hearing is to discuss potential projects for the CDBG block grant funding. This program is designed to assist municipalities in expanding opportunities for low to moderate income residents. August 6th is the project selection deadline and the final hearing for the project is slated for September 16, 2025 in the Snyder County Courthouse. The income requirements are that fifty-one percent of low to moderate income residents must benefit from the project. She asked if any accessibility issues were present in the township. She noted that there are several projects that are eligible for funding. Some of the projects are meals on wheels, a new boiler for the Snyder/Union County Agency on Aging Building and the Selinsgrove Senior Center's boiler. Several potential projects were discussed. Any projects would be subject to environmental review and a historic preservation review. The public hearing was concluded at 6:43 pm.

Larry Eckstine, Waiver from Land Development – Jim Bathgate explained that Larry Eckstine's proposed accessory building is less than fifty percent of the principal building on the lot and there are no other accessory buildings. Chad Shaffer, Township Engineer, was asked to review the stormwater and he concluded that the project should not impact stormwater. Jim explained that in the definition of Land Development, section C, number 2, addition of an accessory building, that an accessory building less than fifty percent of principal building and no other accessory buildings makes it exempt from filing a Land Development Plan.

On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to grant a waiver from filing a Land Development Plan and if the project creates any stormwater issues in the future that they be addressed immediately.

New Business:

ESP Camera Replacement Quote with Surge Protection – **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to purchase two new cameras at East Snyder Park with surge protection.**

Mark Strawser, Resignation of Roadmaster Position – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to accept Mark Strawser's resignation from the position of Roadmaster effective June 16, 2025.**

Roadmaster Position – Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. noted that an interview was conducted on May 22, 2025 at 4 pm for the position of Roadmaster with no decisions made at that time.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to hire Adam Kerstetter as Roadmaster beginning June 16, 2025.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to set Adam Kerstetter's hourly rate at \$24 per hour.

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Mark Strawser, Part-time Road Crew Position – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to hire Mark Strawser as a part-time member of the Road Crew starting on June 16, 2025 at the rate of \$21.00 per hour.

Nicholas Rice Resignation – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to accept the resignation of Nicholas Rice from the part-time Road Crew.

Pay Increases – Isaac Ramer Jr. noted that he researched salaries in the area and believes the employees of the township should receive an increase. On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to give a pay increase of \$1.00 per hour to all employees.

Selinsgrove Ford Land Development Extension Letter – On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to allow an extension to the Selinsgrove Land Development Plan until August 6, 2025.

Advertise for Adoption of Franchise Fee Ordinance, Comcast & Service Electric – Jim said that he has agreements and ordinances ready for Service Electric Cablevision and Comcast franchise fees. A public hearing will need to be set for a public hearing. On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to allow advertising for a public hearing regarding the franchise fee agreements for July 2, 2025.

Old Business:

Rte. 522 Roundabout – No updates at this time.

Public Comment:

Bill Kline – Bill had a question about the two hearings on the same date.

Jon Payne – Jon asked if the Board would like the Planning Commission to review the franchise agreements at their next meeting. He also asked if the Board would consider moving the football shed to accommodate additional parking.

Shellie McCurdy, Selinsgrove REC – Shellie informed the Board that the after-school program has brought in five hundred and ninety-five students with a daily average of thirty-one students. Six new students were registered in May with a total of three hundred and sixty-five registered for this year which is twenty-three more students than last year. A Panera Bread fundraiser is set for June 20th and an amateur wrestling exhibition will be held in the parking lot on July 19th. On September 20th an eighties themed adult prom will be held.

Reports:

- Julie Hartley, Township Manager, Report Provided
- Mark Strawser, Roadmaster, Report Provided
- Julie Hartley, Zoning Officer, Report Provided
- Colin Rice, Emergency Management Coordinator
- James Bathgate, Township Solicitor

FYI:

- ESCRA Apr. Minutes
- ACH Payroll Report, 5.29.25
- Insurance Rates for 2025/26
- Check Register 5.21.25 to 6.4.25

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Land/Subdivision:

- Selinsgrove Ford Land Development, filed 3.21.25, due 8.6.25
- Burlew/Klingler Add-On Subdivision, filed 5.12.25, due 8.8.25
- Henry Chiarkas Cond. Use, filed 5.16.25, due 7.15.25, hearing 7.2.25 at 5:30 pm

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

Adjournment - **On motion by Mark Strawser, second by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation the June 4, 2025 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager