

PULASKI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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August 11, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Pulaski Township Board of Supervisors was held on August 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Township Municipal Building 1172 State Route 208, Pulaski, PA 16143.

Members present were Virginia Zinza, Kelly Smith and Keith Stowe.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and called to order by Virginia Zinza.

This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of transcribing minutes at a later date.

Chairperson Zinza read a statement. It has been brought to the Board's attention that another serious incident occurred today involving a Township resident who disregarded posted road signs and engaged in aggressive and unacceptable behavior toward members of our Township Road crew. No resident has the right to treat our hardworking Township employees in this manner. Our road crew members have the right to perform their duties without being subjected to intimidation, harassment, threats, or interference. This type of conduct is completely unacceptable and has continued despite previous concerns. This pattern of behavior must stop immediately and will no longer be tolerated by this Board. This conduct also creates an unnecessary safety risk for both our employees and the public. The matter is currently under investigation by the Pennsylvania State Police, and the Board will pursue appropriate legal action against anyone who harasses, threatens, or interferes with Township employees while they are performing their duties. Furthermore, any disruptive behavior or outbursts during public meetings will also no longer be tolerated. Anyone who disrupts a meeting will be directed to leave and, if necessary, escorted from the meeting. Dan Abramson who was in attendance advised he'd like to respond to the statement because it's talking about him. He did not threaten anyone, he asked a question.

Public comments regarding items listed on the Agenda: Dan Abramson - You're still considering buying a chipper and roller? Chairperson Zinza explained they will address that when they get to it on the agenda. Mr. Abramson continued that you had a special meeting last month to advertise for purchase of equipment, why couldn't you have made that motion at the prior meeting to save on cost of advertising? Why can you not use the website to notify residents when you have a special meeting? Solicitor Jones explained the legal requirement for posting a special meeting notice is to post at the Township Building and in the newspaper. Whether or not it is listed on the website is up to the Township. The equipment notice there was an issue with the paper running the notice when scheduled, we can address that when we get to it. Chairperson Zinza explained all agendas are posted on the website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and for the regular monthly meetings she has been posting it on Friday. For the meeting in question she actually posted the agenda two (2) days prior to the special meeting.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Keith Stowe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 6, 2026, with all Board members present, and as presented to the Board on July 13, 2026. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Keith Stowe to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on July 15, 2026, with all Board members present and as presented to the Board on July 16, 2026. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

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A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Kelly Smith to approve the payment of bills: General Fund – \$58,902.89; Fire Fund – \$1,342.16; State Fund -- \$13,772.12 and Light Fund – \$502.92. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to approve the COSTARs contract with Cargill, Inc. for 600 ton (more or less) of road salt at the price of \$89.22 per ton delivered for the August, 2026 thru July, 2027 season (\$8.88/ton increase from last year). The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

Solicitor Jones explained it was discussed at the July meeting to possibly purchase a used chipper and roller for tar and chipping projects. That requires bidding and advertisement because the purchase price exceeds the threshold. After the special meeting the Township authorized the advertisement, the Township sent the notice into the New Castle News to run twice in consecutive weeks with the second notice at least ten (10) days before the opening of bids. The News dropped the ball so the notice didn't run and we missed the ten (10) day window. Given the time restraints there was some discussion about a rental option. Solicitor Jones explained that if you rent the equipment and over half the hours of labor is coming from Township employees you don't have to bid or advertise that. If that doesn't pan out, you'd have to re-advertise to accept sealed bids for purchase. There are two (2) options the Board can approve another advertisement to open bids either later in August at a special meeting or at the September regular meeting or you can approve authorizing Guy or whoever pursue the rental option and then the Board could approve the rental amount. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to reject bids for chipper and roller. The bids remained sealed, were not opened and will be returned to the bidder. In the meantime we can continue to pursue the rental option. Vice Chairman Smith explained he can take Guy tomorrow morning to see a couple chippers and see if there is a rental option of any of them. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to table matter regarding the chipper and roller purchase and/or rental. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to approve Solicitor to conduct a title search for Parcel ID #29-153502. This is for a small parcel adjacent to the Township park that the resident wants to donate to the Township to be consolidated into the Township Park lots. The last step is to conduct the title search to make sure there are no outstanding issues on the title. Once that search comes back we can proceed with preparing the Deed. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

Chairperson Zinza explained at the last meeting the Board voted to approve the Teamster's Contract with the Road Department. After that meeting an error was found in the wage language that needed to be corrected. Teamster's made that correction and provided an amended contract for the Board's review. A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to approve the amended Teamster's contract with the Road Department. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered quote for picnic tables for the pavilion and park benches. Andy DeVite has procured five (5) sponsors for the benches. H & M Polywood Furniture on Mast Lane gave us a quote for benches at \$360 each so five (5) benches would total \$1,800 and ten (10) ADA accessible picnic tables at \$920 each so ten (10) would total \$9,200. There are more people interested in sponsoring benches or tables so there may be additional monies received for that. There have been fliers made for people who want to sponsor a

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bench it would be \$390 total. Anybody can sponsor a bench or table by filling out the form. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to approve purchase of five benches at \$360 each and ten picnic tables at \$920 each to be paid from the gas fund to include the bench sponsorship money received. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered quote for bench foundations. Bayer Crete was already approved to put in the sidewalk at \$8,330 so we contacted them about doing bench foundations since DCNR has requirements for the foundations before the playground can be installed. Bayer Crete provided a quote for the bench foundations at \$4,600. Supervisor Stowe advised he has another contact we can reach out to and see if they can give us a quote. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to table and seek a second quote. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered purchasing signage for the Park. DCNR requires that a specific sign is installed indicating they helped finance the project and they recommend using PCI for the sign at a cost of \$65. We also need to purchase handicap parking signs, no atv signs and some additional signs for the park. A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Kelly Smith to purchase signs needed not to exceed \$500. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Kelly Smith to approve park rental for July 26th (received after July meeting). The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Obtain quotes for Anti-Skid - We can call and get quotes to review at the next meeting will talk to Guy about how much we need to order.

*Fire Department Report for the month of July, 2026: Vehicle Fire – 5, MVA – 3, Auto alarms – 1; Service Calls - 2; trees/wires down - 11; Mutual Aid Calls - 7; EMS calls – 9, total calls - 38. The Department will be hosting a trench rescue class on Saturday, August 8th and Sunday, August 9th at the Township Park. The class is paid for by the Lawrence County Fire Chief's Association.

*Road Department Report for the month of July given by Vice Chairman Smith: Cleaned/cut-up trees on Cotton Road, Topper Hill, Maple Lane, Evergreen Road and cemetery on Pulaski Mercer Road; Spread limestone sand during hot days; Paved dutch groove on Cotton Road and Heather Heights; Continued Mowing Township Roads; Prepped and maintained patcher for patching roads; Broomed N. Valley View, Mercer Street and Pulaski-Mercer Road after rain; General Maintenance and repair on equipment.

*Police Department Report for the month of July, 2026 given by Chief Jannetti - Fraud - 1; Harassment - 4; Township Ordinances - 2; Motor Vehicle Accident - 1; Suspicious Auto - 2; Civil (other) - 1; Animal (other) -1; Assist Other Police/Agency -2; Assist EMS - 3; Warrant - Local Traffic - 1; Administrative Duty - 8; 911 Hangup -2; Attempt to Locate - 1; ATV Complaint - 1; Citation (traffic) - 2; Court Hearings - 2; Drug Task Force - 2; Roadway Hazard - 5; Request to Speak to Officer - 2; Subpoena Service - 2; Traffic Warning - 7. Total calls 21. Vice Chairman Smith wanted to thank both Departments for working together during storms and getting things cleaned up.

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*Park Committee Report - The committee discussed bench sponsors, and Andy reported that he has procured five bench sponsors. We also discussed ordering the benches and picnic tables and obtaining quotes for approximately 1,500 square feet of flooring. The installation timeline for the new playground, the quote for the bench footers, and the sidewalk installation timeline were reviewed. The committee also discussed the possibility of a church sponsoring pavilion lighting and ceiling upgrades, as well as plans for the new playground opening celebration. Next Meeting: August 31, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Following is the report of taxes collected during the month of July, 2026:

Elected Tax Collector, Bradley Marshall:

Real Estate Taxes:	\$3,017.20
Fire Taxes:	\$3,394.35
Light Taxes:	\$72.64
Equipment Taxes:	\$377.15

Per Capita Taxes received from Berkheimer July, 2026:	\$2,897.40
Wage Taxes received from Berkheimer July, 2026:	\$25,130.16
Local Services Tax received from Berkheimer July, 2026 :	\$3,745.88

Following is the report of zoning permits issued by the Zoning Administrator, Mourice Waltz and building permits issued by the Building Code Official, Pennsylvania Construction Inspection, Inc. during July, 2026:

	<u>COST OF CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>COST OF PERMITS</u>
Deck Addition	\$15,000.00	\$232.86
Shed	\$10,300.00	\$73.50
Front Porch Addition	\$30,000.00	\$211.74
Total Cost of Construction:	\$55,300.00	
Total Cost of Permits	\$518.10	

Following is the Treasurer's Report. All balances are as of August 3, 2026.

	<u>Checking Accts.</u>	<u>Savings Accts.</u>	<u>PLGIT</u>	<u>CD's</u>
General Fund	\$172,874.34	\$525,005.60	\$175,468.48	\$125,247.59
State Fund	\$256,116.78			
Fire Fund	\$1,724.54	\$210,388.38	\$608,887.21	
Light Fund	\$24,399.19			
Equipment Fund		\$40,307.25	\$50,689.08	
Gas Lease Funds		\$197,647.38	\$851,668.02	
Park Fund	\$1,893.99			
Police Fund	\$6,050.87			
ARPA Fund		\$103,990.35		

NOTE: Balances do not reflect taxes collected from elected tax collector as they have not yet been deposited.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ruth Fletcher - How would she find out about the opportunity to sponsor a bench at the Park? Chairperson Zinza stated you can sign up for email alerts that she sends out typically weekly with event information or things going on in the Township. It's also posted under events on the website. We have a form available to be completed that Megan will have on file for people to get. Ms. Fletcher also asked where she can get a copy of meeting minutes? Those are also available on the website after they are approved at the next meeting. So tomorrow or Wednesday she will post July's minutes on the website. If she doesn't want area near her property sprayed how does she go about that? Vice Chairman Smith advised you have to sign up for the state registry and the Township will be notified.

Sam Varano - He noticed all the playground equipment was removed at the Park, what did that go? It was scrapped.

Dan Abramson - When are you going to do something about cleaning up Heritage Hills Trailer Park? It's a disaster. Chairperson Zinza stated it's been an ongoing issue and the Township has been in contact with the Park about complaints. Solicitor Jones explained the owner of the park has a consultant managing the property and unfortunately both are out of State which makes day to day maintenance difficult. Question for Kelly Smith - What's your vision for Pulaski Township? Mr. Smith said to have great roads, never raise taxes and help clean it up. There was a lengthy discussion about how much money the Township has in the bank and the cost of future bridge maintenance projects. Mr. Abramson had a question for Keith Stowe - you've been here what 11 years now? Supervisor Stowe stated no, he was appointed to fill a vacancy in 2019, so 7 years. Mr. Abramson asked what's your greatest accomplishment in 7 years? Mr. Stowe responded existing through total harassment here. Chairperson Zinza wanted to comment on the Heritage Hills comment, as everyone knows she is the pride and joy of the trailer park or so it's been said on Facebook. She wants to see the park get cleaned up as well, there are wonderful residents there. There have been conversations about holding their permits moving forward.

Shane Santiago - There are certain things that he agrees with and others he doesn't however that being said the stuff that he's witnessed and seen working for the Township it seems like a rough job. So thank you he appreciates the things you have to put up with. That being said, he's heard rumors about delinquent sewer accounts and peoples refusal to pay, is there a way to add sewage on the tax invoice? The Board explained the Municipal Authority has their own Board that deals with the sewer rates and liening properties for non-payment and they are working on a solution.

Tony from Calvin Group was in attendance and they put a bid in for the chipper. If it's going to be re-bid let him know.

Vern Eppinger - Talk to the sewer board, he's tired of paying everyone elses sewer bill.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.


Megan Allison, Secretary