

PULASKI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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July 13, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Pulaski Township Board of Supervisors was held on July 6, 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 explained that the River Valley Complex held their 250 All American Event and Fundraiser. It was a wonderful event, thank you to all the volunteers who helped out. They are raising money for a community library. They are also holding their 5th Annual Fall Festival September 12 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and they are seeking vendors.

Public comments regarding items listed on the Agenda: Dan Abramson - What is the Mortgage Satisfaction for Hillsville Road? Solicitor Jones explained it is a Mortgage the resident applied for in 2019 with the Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. and because the debt was forgiven by Lawrence County Social Services. The Township was listed as a mortgagor because the property is in Pulaski Township however the Township did not lend any money, the Township just needs to sign the satisfaction. Mr. Abramson asked what the quotes are for the chipper/roller is that to rent one or buy one? Why would you buy equipment that's going to be stored in the shed for 51 weeks out of the year? Vice Chairman Smith explained the quotes are for the purchase of a chipper and rubber tire roller. The chipper would extend out and cut the time in half and save money on man hours. Chairperson Zinza explained nothing has been decided on whether to rent or purchase. Mr. Abramson expressed that it's a waste of money to purchase something to sit in the garage for 51 weeks out of the year.

Note: The Township received payment from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$110,234.46 representing the Township's allocation for Act 13 UGWF for reporting year 2025.

Note: The Board met in executive session with Teamsters Representative and Road Department employees for the purpose of contract negotiations on June 29, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Kelly Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 1, 2026, with all Board members present, and as presented to the Board on June 4, 2026. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Kelly Smith to approve minutes of the special meeting and hearing held on June 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. with all Board members present and as presented to the Board on July 1, 2026. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to approve the payment of bills: General Fund – \$24,266.52; Fire Fund - \$1,465.25; State Fund - \$31,760.68 and Light Fund - \$500.94. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to approve insurance renewal with EMC Insurance effective July 1, 2026 through July 1, 2027. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

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A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to adopt Resolution No. 8-2026 providing for supplemental appropriations to the 2026 budget to accommodate receipt of Act 13 money from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the Final Plan of Lots 1 and 2 for Renee Johnjulio and Austin D. Dunkel as previously reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission had comments regarding who was signing the paperwork since Renee Johnjulio is deceased, the paperwork shows Christopher Johnjulio is signing as Executor. The County noted the plan indicates that Lot 1 and 2 has access to public sewer but requires that approval from the Township Engineer or Sewer Authority for tap-in approval be provided. Also note PA DEP sewage facilities planning modules, components and waivers where application are also to be provided. None of that has been provided to the Township yet. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to approve the plan contingent upon submission of sewage planning module or approval from the Municipal Authority for public sewer connection. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered request for Mortgage Satisfaction for 4647 Hillsville Road, Pulaski, Pa 16143. Solicitor Jones spoke to Attorney Manolis who is handling this for the property owner, the correct address is 4647 Hillsville Road, the paperwork had a typo. The Township did not lend any money. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to execute the Satisfaction for recording. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered grant for park playground. The Park Committee did an amendment for the extension for the grant to compensate for ground covering encompassing the entire playground area. We were approved for the additional \$4,500 and the Township will need to match that amount. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to add the \$4,500 to the match amount that was previously approved by the Board. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Kelly Smith to approve the Road Department contract with Teamsters. Dan Abramson asked what the wage scale is? Maintenance A \$27.00 as of January, 2027 with a \$0.50 increase for 2028 and \$1.00 for 2029; Maintenance B \$26.50 as of January, 2027 with a \$0.50 increase for 2028 and \$1.00 increase for 2029 and Maintenance A - Crew Leader would be \$29.60 as of January, 2027 with a \$0.50 increase for 2028 and \$1.00 increase for 2029. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered quotes for chipper and roller. Vice Chairman Smith provided quotes from Calvin Group for a chipper \$69,500 and roller \$34,500. Both machines come with a \$10,000 warranty, they have already had their mechanic go over the machine. Chipper got a brand new computer system on it which costs \$30,000 by itself. There was some discussion about whether this would need bid out there are some exceptions if purchased through another Municipality or Costars. Solicitor will need to research this company to see what certifications they may have. Discussion was had about equipment saving us time doing the work, also regarding rental options and location of this equipment and delivery. Guy Morse has concerns regarding having enough trucks to keep up, the wide head will help in some areas that are wider. We've also looked into renting a chipper and it's almost impossible to rent locally and the trucking to haul a chipper in was steep. Chairperson Zinza questioned not being able to see this equipment before we purchase it. Sam Varano asked if Wilmington Township still is part owner of the chipper? The Board explained that they were bought out years ago. Chairperson Zinza asked about delivery and how quick we would get the equipment? Delivery of the equipment is included in the price, they could probably have it here in a week. Tar and chipping is scheduled for the 1st week in September so we'd need to take action on this soon. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to table this until next month. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

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A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to approve park rental for June 14th (received after June meeting). The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Garner Road Culvert/Bridge Replacement - We had Taylor Engineering go out and look at this box bridge. They gave us a quote of \$190,000 to replace it. We need to do something about this there are a lot of water that goes through there. We can look to see if grants are available to help cover this cost. Sam Varano stated Mortimers have done projects like this in the past, make sure they are aware of it.

*Fire Department Report for the month of June, 2026 given by Guy Morse - Structure fires - 0; MVAs - 9; Auto Alarm - 5; Service Calls - 1 (traffic control); trees/lines down: 4; brush fire: 1; mutual aid: 2; EMS Calls: 15; Total Calls: 37. Provided traffic control and medical standby for the Villa 5K. The Board thanked the Fire Department for their help during the storms.

Road Department Report for the month of June: Prepped roller; Mowing; Sign repair on Evergreen Road; Ditching on Villa Maria Road, Tree cleanup on Brown School Road, Tanglewood, Oak Street Ext, Cotton Road and Hillside Road; Replaced driveway culvert on Marr Road; Replaced speed limit signs on several roads; General Maintenance and repair on equipment. Chairperson Zinza asked if we were done spraying, Vice Chairman Smith advised he still needed a couple days to finish up, weather permitting. Vice Chairman Smith stated while he was out spraying he noted some wash out areas that he's notified the road crew about that filled in.

Police Department Report - Harassment - 3; Alarm - 3; Abandoned Vehicle - 1; Assist Other Police Agency - 3; Warrant - Local - Criminal - 1; Administrative Duty - 6; Animal Complaint - 1; Citation (traffic) - 3; Court Hearings - 1; Disabled Vehicle - 2; Roadway Hazard - 2; Request to Speak to Officer - 1; Scam/Phone Call - 1; Subpoena Service - 1; Traffic Warning - 3. Total Calls - 32. Unit 25 has 11,222 miles on it; Unit 26 has 56,790 miles on it and Unit 27 has 73,229 miles on it. Department has also had roughly 15 incidents in the last 4 days so it's getting busier.

Park Committee Report - The Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on June 29th after the Data Center Hearing. We decided on five (5) 5 foot benches for inside the playground area we've been talking to Harvey Hostetler who lives in the Township on making the benches for us. Andy advised he may be able to get sponsors for the benches and put plaques on them. Also reached out to the concrete company for the footer for the benches. The timeline is the current equipment needs to come out by the end of July, the footers for the benches need to be done at the beginning of August and the playground equipment will be installed end of August - beginning of September. Once the playground is in Bayer Concrete will come out and complete the walkways and we'll get the signage up. We'll also need to mark the ADA parking spaces in the parking lot. We are also looking at braving another DCNR grant in 2027 for the nature walking trail, drudging the pond. We'll be working with Fred at Lawrence County Conservation. We'll be working towards writing the grant in January to submit it by the March, 2022 deadline. We are also discussing shading for the playground, there are no trees there to provide shade. Also will be working on getting new flooring quotes for the Park Building to replace the carpet and the kitchen flooring. We'd like to get something similar to what they got here in the Township Building. Also looking at additional signage for the park area (i.e. no atvs, etc.). We also need to talk to a plumber to see if they can put in a hose hook up for us at the park building. We can reach out to Bintrim and Ed Eppinger who both are in the Township.

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

Elected Tax Collector, Bradley Marshall:

Real Estate Taxes: \$3,169.77
Fire Taxes: \$3,565.99
Light Taxes: \$109.48
Equipment Taxes: \$396.22

Per Capita Taxes received from Berkheimer June, 2026: **\$5.50**
Wage Taxes received from Berkheimer June, 2026: **\$8,104.86**
Local Services Tax received from Berkheimer June, 2026 : **\$249.47**

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 June, 2026:

	<u>COST OF CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>COST OF PERMITS</u>
Residential Addition	\$10,000.00	\$209.10
Barn Addition	\$15,000.00	\$87.00
Deck Addition	\$6,000.00	\$51.79 (Zoning Only)
Swimming Pool	\$723.00	\$152.44
Fence	\$11,000.00	\$65.00
Total Cost of Construction:	\$42,723.00	
Total Cost of Permits	\$565.33	

Following is the Treasurer's Report. All balances are as of July 6, 2026.

	<u>Checking Accts.</u>	<u>Savings Accts.</u>	<u>PLGIT</u>	<u>CD's</u>	
General Fund	\$184,059.73	\$549,828.64	\$174,912.52		\$124,878.71
State Fund	\$275,161.58				
Fire Fund	\$1,658.52	\$209,930.85	\$606,957.39		
Light Fund	\$24,787.31				
Equipment Fund		\$39,823.57	\$50,539.79		
Gas Lease Funds		\$197,217.56	\$848,968.73		
Park Fund	\$1,893.59				
Police Fund	\$6,050.87				
ARPA Fund		\$103,764.20			

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

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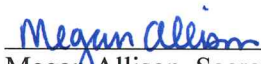
Sam Varano - What happened with employee who didn't want to join the union? The Board explained that all road department employees have agreed to join the union. The Road Crew discussed it among themselves and decided to stay in the Teamsters Union.

Guy Morse - How much do we usually spend for tar and chipping? The stone this year cost about \$33,000 and the oil was bid out at \$2.33/gallon for approximately 40,000 gallons so that's approximately \$93,200.00 so total probably around \$130,000. The last time we called around about possibly having a company come in and do our tar and chipping the cost was \$189,000 and that was years ago.

Dan Abramson - What happened with fish donations? The Township sent out letters asking people who donated if they wanted the donation returned or held on to for next year so far all responses have been to hold onto the money for next year. Mr. Abramson explained Carlisle Road is falling apart. Height of grass at the playground exceeds limit of the Ordinance, several properties in New Bedford have high grass. The Board explained letters have been sent out we've also reached out to a couple realtors who have signs in the yards of some homes with high grass. Chief Jannetti explained he's stopped at the house on Oak Street numerous times to talk to her about the high grass with no response.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Megan Allison, Secretary