

PULASKI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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June 4, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Pulaski Township Board of Supervisors was held on June 1, 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.

Public comments regarding items listed on the Agenda: None.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Keith Stowe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 4, 2026 with two (2) Board members present, and as presented to the Board on May 8, 2026. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Kelly Smith to approve the payment of bills: General Fund – \$9,381.37; State Fund – \$1,256.37; Fire Fund – \$120.00 and Light Fund - \$496.12. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board discussed setting a hearing for the Data Center Ordinance 02-2026. Chairperson Zinza stated she'd like to make a comment on the Ordinance before setting the hearing date. She would like to see the language in the Ordinance changed from permitted use to conditional use taking into consideration comments received. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to change the Ordinance language to conditional use. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried. The Board reviewed proposed dates for setting a hearing on the Data Center Ordinance. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to set the hearing date for Monday, June 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried. Ruth Fletcher asked how the hearing will work? Solicitor Perrotta explained a hearing is required under the Municipalities Planning Code and have a stenographer present and people can testify and be sworn in and the Board can hear feedback from the community on the Ordinance. If people are unable to attend the hearing you are able to submit comments in writing to the Township.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Keith Stowe to advertise notice of Intent to Adopt Ordinance No. 02-2026 amending the Pulaski Township Zoning Ordinance to provide definitions and regulations for Data Centers and Data Center Accessory Uses. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Kelly Smith to approve park rentals for May 23rd (received after May meeting), June 21st and July 10th. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Chipper and Roller for roadwork - Vice Chairman Smith advised he is gathering pricing and information. Our chipper is outdated and it needs major maintenance done. The roller they are now recommending using rubber tire roller for tar and chipping. Chairperson Zinza asked about possibly renting this equipment for this year.

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Fire Department Report for the month of May, 2026 given by Guy Morse - structure fires - 1; MVAs - 8; Auto Alarm - 4; Service Calls - 1; trees/lines down: 3; brush fire: 0; mutual aid: 5; EMS Calls: 12; Total Calls: 34. Two personnel 75% finished with EMT class. Department performed traffic detail for the Memorial Day Parades.

Road Department Report for the month of May, 2026 given by Vice Chairman Smith - Culvert replacement on Maple Lane and Evergreen Road; Ditching on Cotton Road, Heather Heights and Woodland; Cleaned and replaced catch basin grate on Cotton Road; Sign repair on Five Points Road; Mowing; General Maintenance and repair on equipment.

Police Department Report for the month of May, 2026 given by Police Chief Jannetti - Motor Vehicle Theft - Auto - 1; Traffic Offenses (court case not DUI) - 1; Alarm - 2; Found Property - 2; Traffic/Parking Problem - 1; Assist Fire Department - 1; Assist - EMS - 2; Follow up Information - 1; Administrative Duty - 4; ATV Complaint - 2; Citation (traffic) - 1; Community Policing - 1; Disabled Vehicle - 1; Road Conditions - 2; Request to Speak to Officer - 1; Subpoena Service - 1; Traffic Warning - 5; Township Business - 2. Total Calls - 31. The Police Department also helped with traffic control at the Memorial Day parades.

Park Committee Report - The Committee did not meet this month there were just a few updates that we did through text messaging. The first request for \$30,000 was submitted for the grant. There were a few more documents submitted through the portal and more documents to be submitted by the Solicitor and Engineer.

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

Elected Tax Collector, Bradley Marshall:

Real Estate Taxes:	\$46,729.42
Fire Taxes:	\$52,570.59
Light Taxes:	\$3,080.76
Equipment Taxes:	\$5,841.17

Per Capita Taxes received from Berkheimer May, 2026:	\$213.90
Wage Taxes received from Berkheimer May, 2026:	\$87,694.18
Local Services Tax received from Berkheimer May, 2026:	\$5,707.40

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 May, 2026:

	<u>COST OF CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>COST OF PERMITS</u>
New Home	\$300,000.00	\$804.50
Swimming Pools (4)	\$30,047.00	\$627.16
Fence	\$9,000.00	\$92.00
Pool Deck	\$11,500.00	\$198.54
Total Cost of Construction:	\$350,547.00	
Total Cost of Permits	\$1,722.20	

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Following is the Treasurer's Report. All balances are as of June 1, 2026.

	<u>Checking Accts.</u>	<u>Savings Accts.</u>	<u>PLGIT</u>	<u>CD's</u>
General Fund	\$149,407.04	\$540,608.48	\$174,378.12	\$124,523.98
State Fund	\$306,233.58			
Fire Fund	\$3,838.92	\$149,409.86	\$605,102.39	
Light Fund	\$21,696.64			
Equipment Fund		\$33,063.39	\$50,396.23	
Gas Lease Funds		\$86,772.39	\$846,374.09	
Park Fund	\$1,893.18			
Police Fund	\$6,050.87			
ARPA Fund		\$103,531.28		

Vice Chairman Smith talked to PennDOT about some road issues. They are going to fix Pine Glenn and 422 before fall. They are also going to mill some of 208 where its bumpy and they will be doing some tree cutback as well. Guy brought up the question about who's responsible for signage along state roads. Kelly explained that is an old rule that they are starting to enforce because they're short on money. The Agreement is the Township is responsible for 45 mph speed limit signs and now Lawrence County is enforcing it. He asked them about grants and they're supposed to be giving us some information on that since signs aren't cheap.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dan Abramson - He was informed that the Township didn't put any fish in Deer Creek this year. Chairperson Zinza explained the State stocked it twice and the conservation club where the Township usually gets fish from every year didn't have fish this year and we didn't find out until late. Have any meetings be held for the new zoning ordinance re-write? Chairperson Zinza stated not yet.

Dan McFall - What can we do about these data centers? Chairperson Zinza stated property would need to be zoned industrial and go through a conditional use process which would require a hearing and conditions. Mr. McFall asked if the community would have any input? Solicitor Perrotta explained that is what the hearing is for on June 29th.

Bri Cunningham - She won't be able to make it to the hearing on June 29th so she can submit her concerns in writing to the Township. We are a small community and if we wanted that infrastructure in our area we'd go live in a place like that. If this were to go through what kind of safety nets do we have for electric and water usage who is going to police that? The Solicitor explained the way the Ordinance is written is to stay close to a closed loop system for water provided by a public utility and decibel and vibration readings. We don't have any jurisdiction over electric. He's been looking at this legislation since October, 2025 the legislature could easily file for a ban on these type of activities and when they don't the only thing we can do as a community is to regulate it through zoning. It was discussed in executive session prior to the meeting to be a conditional use. So if you wanted to propose that in Pulaski Township you'd have to submit a plan with drawings, water study, noise study and everything would be reviewed by the Township's professionals. Once those check lists are satisfied that the materials have been submitted a public hearing would be set for comment. Additional comments were made about a data center down south it was on the news that they illegally tapped into a water supply and the cost was coming back on the residents in that area. Short of the state filing to ban them this falls in the Township's lap to regulate it.

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Ruth Fletcher asked who polices the gas wells and checks water and air pollution? Company's like that will pay fines and continue to disregard rules for our health.

Loni McFall - Would the Township be the one that needed to handle any re-zoning? The Solicitor explained the Ordinance would account for data centers in the Industrial zoning part of the Township because you can't exclude it. You zone an area that would be least intrusive in your Township and adopt regulations. If we say our entire Township is agricultural and you can't bring that here they could file de facto de jure zoning which basically says that their business is being discriminated against and file for site specific relief. So if the Township doesn't put it in an area they could basically go anywhere that had enough acreage. The Board showed the zoning map showing the Industrial Zoned areas.

David Mast - What are they planning to build, we've heard it was going to be a power station potentially on the Fisher farm and the actual data center is going to be off 422. The Township has not received any proposal at this time. Last week at the Planning Commission meeting it was brought up that Fisher did sign a contract but the Township cannot confirm or deny that.

Sherry Patton - She wanted clarification is there any history of cases that a Township adopted an Ordinance and it was appealed? The Solicitor explained locally Springdale approved one toward Pittsburgh and in other parts of the state they've been denied conditional use wise so there isn't a long history on cases at this time. Can the State pass law to ban them? The Solicitor explained there are several bills in circulation right now, he thought the State would have banned it or taken over regulating them but that hasn't happened yet. People can talk to their State Reps but they're probably going to tell you to talk to your local officials, Pulaski as a community has legislation moving through to put regulations in place. Mrs. Patton expressed it's frustrating not knowing what to expect and even once an Ordinance is adopted you can't guarantee that the company won't appeal it and win. An audience member stated tell the community not to sell their land. The Solicitor explained some company's don't want to appeal they'll move to another area.

Michelle Hoffman - She saw solar panels and cameras on 208 what are those? They are flock cameras installed by the District Attorney's office with plate readers. They are installed on Route 422 as well. Police Chief Jannetti stated it's part of a County program there are 60 or so cameras across the County. They are not constantly monitored they are looked at when a crime is committed and can help law enforcement locate vehicles. Another audience member asked in the future will the cameras be used for another purpose? If so, does that get announced? The Solicitor explained we don't have access to the cameras it's strictly law enforcement and strategically placed throughout the County to assist law enforcement.

Jennifer Bennett - Will the Ordinance be available for review? Yes, it will be available once in final draft and advertised. Copies are \$0.25 per page or you can request a copy electronically.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Keith Stowe to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.


Megan Allison, Secretary