

PULASKI TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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April 13, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Pulaski Township Board of Supervisors was held on April 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.

Public comments regarding items listed on the Agenda: Barb Taylor commented that the playground at the Park is a good thing for the community if we're trying to attract young people to the area and we promote park rentals.

Note: On March 18, 2026 the Township received liquid fuels payment from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$178,166.40.

A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Kelly Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 2, 2026, with all Board members present, and as presented to the Board on March 5, 2026. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Keith Stowe to approve the payment of bills: General Fund – \$20,105.48; State Fund – \$5,676.89; Fire Fund – \$1,861.00 and Light Fund – \$466.12. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

As advertised in the New Castle News on March 9th and March 20, 2026 the Board opened sealed bids for the following materials, all quantities approved are more or less:

Bids received for 1,100 ton #8 Stone:

East Fairfield Coal Company	\$30.50/ton Delivered
McClymonds Supply & Transit	\$32.08/ton Delivered

Bids received for 100 ton 2A Stone:

East Fairfield Coal Company	\$21.50/ton Delivered
McClymonds Supply & Transit	\$22.58/ton Delivered

Bids received for 50 ton #3 Stone:

East Fairfield Coal Company	\$26.50/ton Delivered
McClymonds Supply & Transit	\$28.08/ton Delivered

Bids received for 50 ton R4 Rip Rap:

McClymonds Supply & Transit	\$28.08/ton Delivered
East Fairfield Coal Company	\$28.25/ton Delivered

Bids received for 40,000 gallon CRS-2:

Suit Kote Corporation	\$2.13/gallon delivered
Midland Asphalt	\$2.33/gallon delivered
Russell Standard	\$2.43/gallon delivered

Bids received for 5,000 gallon CRS-2P:

Suit Kote Corporation	\$2.530/gallon delivered
Midland Asphalt	\$2.57/gallon delivered
Russell Standard	\$2.87/gallon delivered

The Board discussed issues with Suit-Kote we've had with their product. Solicitor noted concern about not taking the lowest bid if there is something substantial, this matter can be tabled to address this. A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Keith Stowe to table CRS-2 and CRS-2P bids until the next meeting. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

Bids received for 5,000 gallon CRS-2 (FOB pick up only):

Russell Standard	\$2.05/gallon FOB
Midland Asphalt	\$2.33/gallon FOB

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A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to approve the bid from Russell Standard as low bid for 5,000 gallon of CRS-2 at \$2.05 per gallon FOB pick up (all quantities approved are more or less). The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

Bids received for 360 Superpave Wearing:

Lindy Paving \$92.60/ton Delivered and \$77.60/ton FOB

Bids received for 100 Superpave Binder:

Lindy Paving \$85.10/ton Delivered and \$70.10/ton FOB

Bids received for 8,000 gallon Diesel (off road):

Reed Oil \$4.4108
Glassmere \$4.7868

Bids received for 4,000 gallon Gas (87 octane):

Reed Oil \$2.9956
Glassmere \$3.3716

A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Kelly Smith to approve the low bid for East Fairfield Coal Company (EFCC) for #8 stone \$30.50/ton delivered; 2A Stone \$21.50/ton delivered; #3 Stone \$26.50/ton delivered; McClymonds Supply & Transit for R4 rip rap at \$28.08/ton delivered; Lindy Paving Superpave Wearing \$92.60/ton delivered and \$77.60/ton FOB; Lindy Paving Superpave Binder \$85.10/ton delivered and \$70.10/ton FOB; Reed Oil off-road diesel \$4.4108/gal and 87 unleaded gas \$2.9956/gal. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to approve the 2026 summer roadwork: Woodland Drive, Cotton Road, Deer Creek, Pine Glenn, Oakridge Road; culvert replacement on Shady Lane and Evergreen Road; Tree cutback and mowing will take place as well. Ruth Fletcher brought up wash out areas with all this rain we've been getting. The Board advised the road crew has been busy getting ditches cleared. Vice Chairman Smith advised he's been making a list and he'll be having a meeting with PennDOT to bring some issues to their attention. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to hire Alyson Boyer and Shane Santiago at \$16.50 per hour to mow cemeteries, ball fields and township building grounds for 2026.

The Board reviewed the Letter of Interest received for the Code Enforcement Officer position. There has been one letter of interest received, we're trying to coordinate schedules to set up an interview prior to the next meeting. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to table this matter. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Keith Stowe and second by Virginia Zinza to accept the resignation of Scott Petroff. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the County Application for Liquid Fuels Funding. Guy presented a couple options - paving the dutch groove on Cotton Road total cost \$46,448; large culvert replacement on Evergreen ranging between \$5,000 to repair or \$9,839 for total replacement; Tar and Chipping project totaling \$150,000. A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to adopt Resolution No. 06-2026 authorizing the Township to make application requesting funding from the County Liquid Fuels Program for tar and chipping project. We don't know how much funding we'll be awarded. The application has to be submitted to the County before April 30, 2026. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

The Board reviewed and considered the Final Plan Subdivision/Lot Consolidation for Gary David and Matthew Lockwood as previously reviewed by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Keith Stowe to approve the Final Plan Subdivision/Lot Consolidation for Gary David and Matthew Lockwood. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

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The Board reviewed and considered the energy contract proposal. The existing contract is expiring with AEP Energy for \$.07734 at this month's meter read. The current default rate with Penn Power is \$.13729 cents/kwh. The Board was provided with some supplier rates from AEP Energy and Dynegy with different terms. Vice Chairman Smith has concerns over supplier rates and hidden fees and charges with suppliers. A motion was made Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to go back to default rate with Penn Power of \$.13729/kwh. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried. The Board wanted to further discuss this and will come back to it.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to re-appoint Brian Main to a four (4) year term on the Planning Commission. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to donate \$390.00 to the Laurel Conservation Club for fish for Deer Creek children and handicap fishing area to be included with other donations received from local businesses. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried. The Township will list names on the website of people who donated.

The Board discussed purchasing weed killer from Tractor Supply Company in the amount of \$1,399.90. There was a lengthy discussion held regarding spray regulations and setbacks from water wells.

The Board discussed renting 20-yard roll off dumpsters for Spring Clean Up in conjunction with the County's hard to recycle program April 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to get dumpsters from Aiken Refuse for \$480 and they will swap them out if we contact them. If someone brings in scrap we can separate to take in to scrap it. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made by Kelly Smith and second by Virginia Zinza to approve park rentals for March 11th, April 4th (received after March 2nd meeting), May 30th, August 8th and December 3rd. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Data Centers - This is something that has been brought up in other Municipalities and it's good for us to understand the benefits and challenges that come with this. The Board is looking closely at what Mahoning and North Beaver Township have done and take steps to prepare Ordinances for guidelines. Our goal is not to prevent growth but to ensure that any future development aligns with the best interest of our residents, protects our resources and preserves the character of our Township. By putting regulations in place now we can maintain local control and make informed decisions moving forward. We are gathering information to prepare an Ordinance with the Solicitor. Solicitor Perrotta explained one of the biggest things about this issue is if you don't include it in your Zoning a company or property owner can file a petition for an amendment to the zoning and if the petition is granted not necessarily locally but by a Common Pleas Court or Commonwealth Court that property owner or company can get site specific relief so with the adoption of an Ordinance you designate an area where it would be permitted and regulations they would need to follow. We have to protect ourselves locally, it is addressing the next zoning hot button issue. He's studied this since October and he's looked at other cases throughout Pennsylvania. A draft Ordinance was provided to the Board to review and would be advertised for public comment prior to adoption. The sooner we get something advertised it's called the Pending Ordinance Doctrine it puts everyone on notice that we have this legislation coming. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to authorize administration and the Solicitor to move forward with the Data Centers Ordinance and provide a semi-final document to the Supervisors for the May, 2026 meeting. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

Landscaping at Township Park - A & L Lawn Care has done the landscaping the last several years for \$750. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Kelly Smith to have landscaping done at the Park to not exceed \$750. The Board voted all in favor; motion carried.

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*Fire Department Report for the month of March, 2026: 0 structure fires; 4 MVA; 1 alarms; 0 service calls; 7 trees down; 5 brush fire; 2 mutual aid; 14 EMS calls. Ladies Aux Ham Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 25th from 12 - 3 p.m. tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Several members are enrolled in training classes. The Board thanked the Department for bringing a truck over for the kids night out at the Park, the kids enjoyed it.

Road Department Report for the month of March given by Vice Chairman Smith: Patching on Cotton Road, Heather Heights, Marr Road, Garner Road, Canterbury; Prepped broom for street sweeping; Ditching on Evergreen, South Valley View, Deer Creek, Coffee Run; Tree cleanup on Coffee Run, Deer Creek, Thornhill Drive, S. Stateline Road, S. Valley View; Treated roads during snow; Street sweeping completed on numerous Township Roads, in Village of Pulaski, bridge decks and intersections; Prepped mowers for spring mowing and General Maintenance and repair on equipment.

Police Department Report given by Chief Jannetti - Suspicious Person - 2; Wires and Poles Down - 1; Assist Other Police or Agency - 3; Administrative Duty - 7; 911 Hangup - 1; Animal Complaint - 2; Assist Public - 1; Court Hearings - 1; Crash (fatal) - 1; Investigation/Follow-Up - 2; Meeting - 1; Roadway Hazard - 2. Total Calls - 24.

Park Committee Report - Since the last meeting there have been two (2) Kids Night In events at the Park. The Park Committee met on March 30th and went over the inspection report of the playground equipment. When we met with DCNR they needed paperwork from the Solicitor which was provided and an inspection report on the existing equipment to make sure it's up to code and ADA standards and a report from the Engineer. The inspection report stated that the equipment failed to meet the mandatory safety standards creating substantial liability and injury risks and he recommended that the units be designated as off limits immediately. This was sent to the Solicitor and we were advised to put a lock on the playground fence to close it down until these are removed and the new playground equipment is installed. Vice Chairman Smith advised he had a long conversation with Kevin Becker and he is not a park certified inspector he can only inspect the grounds. He never went to the park in person it was all done by pictures and he's not certified. Vice Chairman Smith was told by Mr. Becker that he was contacted by the people we're buying the equipment off of and asked to put something on paper to make people happy. The inspector told Kelly he does not want to get into a legal battle and he will retract everything. Chairman Zinza stated that DCNR advised to have the company we're working with get their inspector to conduct an inspection. This is the second inspection that's been done on the existing equipment and deemed not fit. To address this, the delay in removing the existing equipment is hindering the ability to move forward with the grant. The project cannot progress to the next phase to include site preparation, layout and installation until the outdated structures are fully removed. As a result this delay is affecting our compliance with DCNR grant expectations which are tied to project timelines and measurable progress. It's important to understand that playground equipment is not designed to last indefinitely industry standards generally place the life span of playground structures between 15 and 20 years depending on materials, usage and most importantly routine maintenance. DCNR stated that unless that equipment has been routinely maintained and we have a book that says maintenance was provided every 6 months it needs to come out or we're not getting our grant. The Solicitor stated this could go on all night, DCNR is giving us the money for this so we have to comply with what DCNR wants us to do. Inquire on the gentleman's credentials and get the necessary report that is needed to move forward. He was told that there was a report that equipment wasn't safe and in our litigious society he made a liability call and told you to close it.

The Board went back to discuss the energy contract renewal. The Solicitor explained that if the Board doesn't select a supplier listed on the email with the term and rate then it defaults back to the Penn Power rate which is higher. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to rescind the previous motion regarding the energy renewal contract. 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 renew the energy contract with Dynegy for 18 months at \$.10070/kwh. Kelly Smith abstained from voting. The remaining members voted all in favor; motion carried.

Chairman Zinza stated to go back to the Park Committee report, we cannot move forward and submit the bid to DCNR, they cannot approve any start up work. If the equipment is staying it needs to be fixed and re-fabbed and the area needs to be extended out. It's going to cost an additional \$15,000-\$20,000 for additional ground covering and fencing to incorporate the old equipment with the new equipment. So we'd have to increase the grant and the Township would be responsible to match 50% of that. A motion was made by Virginia Zinza and second by Keith Stowe to remove the old playground equipment to allow the DCNR grant procedure to proceed. Kelly Smith opposed. Sam Varano asked about a slide that was purchased and has never been installed. Chairman Zinza stated that can be incorporated it's never been used there is no wear and tear on it. Everything is under a fine tooth comb moving forward anything done in the park must be ADA compliant.

Vice Chairman Smith stated if the old equipment is removed he'd like to see it be donated. An audience member asked how it could be donated if it's not safe. The Solicitor interjected and advised that this is Township equipment at some point in time somebody paid for that equipment and we just can't give it out. If we're concerned about the safety of the equipment then have the Township Engineer go look at it and write up a report on it.

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

Per Capita Taxes received from Berkheimer March, 2026:	\$295.16
Wage Taxes received from Berkheimer March, 2026:	\$15,377.90
Local Services Tax received from Berkheimer March, 2026 :	\$3,295.04

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 March, 2026:

	<u>COST OF CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>COST OF PERMITS</u>
Three - Residential Additions	\$217,500.00	\$773.60
Two - Pole Bldg. Demo w/ rebuild	\$130,000.00	\$574.50
Swimming Pool	\$12,000.00	\$218.53
Fence Installation	\$8,500.00	\$70.00
Four (4) Sheds	\$23,000.00	\$216.00
Total Cost of Construction:	\$391,000.00	
Total Cost of Permits	\$1,852.63	

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

	<u>Checking Accts.</u>	<u>Savings Accts.</u>	<u>PLGIT</u>	<u>CD's</u>
General Fund	\$150,058.65	\$447,148.87	\$173,296.99	\$123,805.91
State Fund	\$315,737.17			
Fire Fund	\$956.83	\$115,908.28	\$601,349.61	
Light Fund	\$21,422.31			
Equipment Fund		\$28,710.55	\$50,110.84	
Gas Lease Funds		\$86,395.52	\$841,124.97	
Park Fund	\$1,823.61			

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Police Fund	\$6,050.87	
ARPA Fund		\$103,081.63

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ruth Fletcher - Mahoning Township is having a meeting on April 14th at 5:30 p.m. concerning the data centers.

Sam Varano - The playground equipment was paid with Township funds generated through the Fall Gathering. Chairman Zinza stated she understands that a lot of work went into getting the old playground installed. There are a lot of hoops to jump through with the DCNR grant and this money must be spent before the end of the year under the American Rescue Plan funds.

Dan Abramson - Has there been a Zoning Board Committee meeting yet? Chairman Zinza stated that a meeting hasn't been scheduled yet. Ruth Fletcher stated this was brought up several meetings ago about coordinating with the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board. Chairman Zinza stated yes, the issue is getting someone to spearhead getting this all coordinated and scheduled it's going to be a major undertaking.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 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 8:30 p.m.



Megan Allison, Secretary