

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**May 7, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Dennison Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Sheila Weaver. After Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken as follows:

Sheila Weaver, present  
Michael Mack, present  
Chris Bender, present

Attorney Dan Mulhearn, present  
Kathleen Stortz, present

Chairman Sheila Weaver announced that the supervisors met in Executive Session 15 minutes prior to the meeting to discuss personal issues.

The minutes of the April 2, 2025 meeting were approved on a motion by Chris Bender, second by Michael Mack. There were no questions. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s Report was approved on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Chris Bender. There were no questions. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The bills were read and approved to be paid on a motion by Chris Bender, second by Michael Mack. There were no questions. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

**POLICE** – Chief Mocofoan was present at the meeting and reported it was a pretty average month. Chris Bender asked the chief about the moveable digital speed sign. The chief responded that the sign is someone’s private sign but the police were using it. Frank Sitko complained about erratic drivers on SR 437. He asked the chief if 911 should be called if an erratic driver is seen. The chief said yes, however, if charges are filed on a driver because of information received the person making the complaint would have to testify as to their observations. Frank Sitko asked what the township received from police fines. The secretary reported that last month the amount received was \$28.84. The chief responded that the actual fine for speeding is about \$40.00 to \$45.00 but then costs are added to that fine. The township does not receive any of the costs and only half of the actual speeding fine.

**YMCA** - Sheila Weaver reported that a Conditional Use Hearing was held at 5:30 pm for the YMCA regarding their request to build a dining hall in excess of 5,000 square feet. The request was approved.

**TOWNSHIP WEB SITE** – Chris Bender reported that PSATS is hosting township’s web sites on their domain. For a fee of \$200.00 they will do the initial set up and give the township the training to maintain it. Chris stated that he would be willing to maintain the site and feels it would be better for the township because he could upload minutes, etc. right after the monthly meetings. A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver, to change the web site. Motion carried. Sheila Weaver stated that “coming soon” there will also be a link that can be put on the new web site to the townships codification ordinances.

**CLEAN UP DAY** – Dumpsters will be available at the fire house parking lot on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Fall clean up will be the last Saturday in September along with Electronics Recycling.

**HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN** - A draft of Luzerne County's Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for the supervisors to review. The supervisors have until May 28<sup>th</sup> to make any comments. The Township will be asked to adopt the plan once the final draft is available.

**ENGINEERING REPORT** – The township has two on-going projects. The Hollenback Creek project and the Ice Lake Bridge project which are fairly close to being put out on bid.

**ZONING REPORT** - Five zoning permits were issued in April.

**ROAD REPORT** – Roadmaster Jim Yackiel reported he swept all the roads. Picked up 20 bags of trash on the Red Shale Pit Road, fixed a sign on Stolpe Road, put up a new street sign on Peat Moss Road and started cutting grass. He also reported that the gates at Lake Francis are okay and the road closed signs are still there.

**ROAD INSPECTION** – Sheila Weaver reported that the supervisors did their annual road inspection and found most of the roads are in pretty good shape. There is cracking down the center of Fawn Ridge Court and Ramblewood Drive. Peat Moss Road has cracking down the middle mostly at the west end. There are also some potholes on the roads. Sheila Weaver said the supervisors will talk to Barry Isett about putting the cracking work out for bid and maybe the township could fill in the potholes. Jim asked the supervisors if they looked at the culvert on Walnut Street at the corner of Hazle and Walnut. He said there is a metal pipe under the road and part of it is rotted out. The supervisors said they did not look at it but they will.

**FIRE REPORT** - There were 8 calls during the month of April with 20 ¼ hours of service, 10 hours of training, and 4 hours of maintenance. Two calls were in Dennison Township, two in White Haven, one in Foster, one Bear Creek Township, one Fairview Township and one in Butler Township. One dwelling structure, five brush fires, one vehicle fire and one tree down.

Charles Sirosky was present at the meeting and asked a question about the former Keenapple house across from the pumping station. He asked who was responsible for cleaning the pipe that goes under the railroad. Sheila Weaver replied that the railroad will not let the township on their property to clean it. Mr. Sirosky stated that an old garage was torn down and they left the chimney standing and the flues from the chimney are laying on the bank and ready to fall in the creek. There is about a ton of 2B stone in front of the pipe that goes under the railroad which will also get washed into the creek. He also said the owners of the home put a big ditch along the road and filled it with gravel which will make the situation worse. Sheila Weaver stated they would have to take a look at it. Mr. Sirosky also complained about junk cars all over the township and dilapidated properties in the township, especially the ones at the corner of Middleburg and Second Street and Fourth Street. He suggested the township take over the properties, tear down the house and put a lien on the property. Mike Mack suggested Mr. Sirosky send in a written, signed complaint.

**ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by Mike Mack, second by Chris Bender, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried.