

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

July 2, 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, excused
Kathleen Stortz, present

The minutes of the June 4, 2025 meeting were approved on a motion by Michael Mack second by Chris Bender. There were no questions. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

BUSINESS:

COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – Sheila reported that the township received a Franchise Agreement from Comcast who has received funding to extend broadband service to underserved areas of Dennison Township. The contract is under review by the supervisors and Attorney Mulhearn.

WALNUT STREET DRAIN – Mike Mack said he met with the Roadmaster from White Haven regarding a problem with rain water that is not going into the culvert at the end of Walnut Street. Debris has built up over the years in the culvert and water is running across the road and into a property in White Haven Borough. Jim Yackiel is going to clean out the culvert with the backhoe to see if that helps the situation. Sheila Weaver stated she is not sure that will correct the problem and she suggests the Township put a catch basin with a grate on it across the whole street. That way if the water misses the ditch the water will go in the catch basin. Mike Mack stated he thinks cleaning out the ditch will help but he agrees that the catch basin across the whole street is something the township look into. Sheila Weaver suggested the supervisors contact the township engineer about it.

NEW LEAF ENERGY – Shawn Brandt from New Leaf Energy would like to give his presentation to the Planning Commission regarding a possible Solar Farm on Roseann Kauffman’s property. The secretary will contact the Planning Commission to request they set a meeting date to meet with Mr. Brandt.

ZONING OFFICIALS- Sheila Weaver reported the township received the contract from BHW for Zoning and Property Maintenance Services. A motion was made by Chris Bender, second by Michael Mack, to execute the agreement. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ROAD REPORT – Roadmaster Jim Yackiel reported he cut along all the roads.

Sheila Weaver reported that the contract for the work at the Hollenback Bridge has been signed, however, the permit that was issued by DEP to work in the creek expired so that must be renewed before the work can begin.

Bill Covelens from Ramblewood attended the meeting and stated the tree growth on Tunnel Road is out of control. Trees are always coming down and affecting power and cable service. He has had power surges that have damaged appliances and televisions. The supervisors stated they know it is a problem, however, that is a county road. Jim Yackiel stated he was talking to a worker from the county and he told Jim there are only seven employees to take care of all the county roads in Luzerne County.

FIRE REPORT - There were 7 calls during the month of June, 10 hours of service, and 3 hours of maintenance. Two calls were in Dennison Township, three in White Haven, and two in Wright Township. Three dwelling structure fires, one vehicle accident, one vehicle fire, and two trees down.

ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by Mike Mack, second by Chris Bender, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25. Motion carried.