

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**September 3, 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 August 6, 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 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:**

**COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT** – Justin Edwards, a representative of Comcast, attended the meeting to answer questions regarding the Franchise Agreement Comcast would like the Township to sign. Sheila Weaver stated that she understood there is a program available for underserved residents that would provide high speed internet. Mr. Edwards stated that money has already been dispersed. He said the goal of the bill was to expand broadband throughout the nation. Funds were distributed from the Federal Government to State Governments at which point broadband companies can apply for those funds. The Franchise Agreement is to establish cable service in Dennison Township but does not preclude internet service. Mr. Edwards said there is a list of underserved or unserved properties in the state, however, Comcast must have a signed franchise agreement to come into the township. Frank Sitko asked if the entire township was considered underserved because residents currently only have one provider to use. Mr. Edwards said that was correct. Mr. Edwards told Sheila he would send the township the link to the list of those properties. Sheila stated there are potential customers in the area that are out of the 125 foot drop and asked if that was negotiable. Mr. Edwards said it is difficult in some areas to get service to people and there may be a cost to the homeowner but he said the township should put together a list of those properties and they would see what they can do. Chris Bender stated he thought the program was to provide broadband to everyone but it appears they can get it but must pay if there property is further back than the 125 foot drop. Mr. Edwards suggested the supervisors have the township attorney red line the agreement and make any changes the township would like and send it in.

**CODE OF ORDINANCES** – Sheila Weaver reported the codification of the Township ordinances is Completed and ready for adoption. A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Chris Bender to advertise the ordinance for adoption. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

**LUZERNE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION RESOLUTION** – A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Chris Bender to adopt the Luzerne County Hazard Mitigation Resolution. All supervisors voted in favor. Motion carried.

**Luzerne County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update  
Municipal Adoption Resolution**

Resolution No. 4-2025

Dennison Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Dennison, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural and human-caused hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Dennison acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the Luzerne County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update has been developed by the Luzerne County Department of Planning & Zoning and Luzerne County Emergency Services in cooperation with other county departments, local municipal officials, institutional stakeholders, and the citizens of Luzerne County, and

**WHEREAS**, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Luzerne County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, and

**WHEREAS**, the Luzerne County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-caused hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body for the Township of Dennison:

- The Luzerne County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Dennison Township, and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Luzerne County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

**ADOPTED**, this 3rd day of September, 2025.

ATTEST: Kathleen Stortz, Secretary

Sheila Weaver, Chairman  
Michael Mack, Vice Chairman  
Chris Bender, Supervisor

**FALL CLEAN UP** – Fall clean up day and Electronics Recycling will be September 27<sup>th</sup>. Paper Shredding will be October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**ENGINEERING REPORT** – The secretary read the Engineering Report. The YMCA plan is being reviewed. A letter will be finalized and sent on Friday, September 5. The site design team reviewed the site conditions and are preparing E&S plans in anticipation of County and State applications for the Ice Lake Bridge Project. Barry Isett is working on the line painting project for the Red Shale Pit Road.

**ZONING REPORT** – The secretary read the Zoning Report from BHW. Six Zoning Permits and four Building permits were issued.

**ROAD REPORT** – Roadmaster Jim Yackiel reported he cleaned out the ditch at 31 Fawn Ridge Court, did brush cutting, cleaned stones off the road by Natures Lane, weed spraying, cleaned out the truck, put the cutter on the loader, and cut grass. Someone damaged the upper gate on Lake Francis Road.

**FIRE REPORT** – No report, however the Dennison Township Block Shoot will be October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by Mike Mack, second by Chris Bender, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07. Motion carried.