# **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING- June 18, 2025**

Minutes of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at 7:00 on June 18, 2025 at the Pequea Township Municipal Building

Present at the meeting were:

Others present:

Harry Lehman, Chairman

John Michener

**Brad Shenk** 

Tom Haas, Vice-Chairman

Davis Espenshade

Jackie Johns

Jeff Kreider, Supervisor

Brenden Curry-LNP

T.J. Acosta

Eric Lucas, Supervisor-absent

Ken Stauffer

Mike Novak, Supervisor-absent

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Lehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Public meetings may be both audio and video recorded.

The Board of Supervisors, office staff, and roadmaster have all completed cyber training.

## MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the April 16, 2025 Ordinance Hearing

Supervisor Kreider moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2025 Ordinance Hearing.

Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

2. Consider approving the minutes of the May 21, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Supervisor Kreider moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2025 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A copy of the bill list is on the table

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Vice-Chairman Haas moved to approve the Treasurer's Report: checks #15697-15727 from the General Fund/checks #2236-2244 from the Recreation Fund/checks #105-106 from the Escrow Fund/check #1019 from the American Rescue Plan Fund/checks #1222 from the Donation Fund/ checks #425-426 from the Highway Aid Fund. Supervisor Kreider seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (following Chairman Lehman's synopsis of the 9 agenda items)

### Items on the agenda:

Jackie Johns complained that Bird-In-Hand Structures removed trees fronting Millwood Road and has not replaced them. Chairman Lehman said that they are likely waiting for a Fall planting, She then questioned why we need a legal expert to negotiate the new police contract. Chairman Lehman replied that this round of negotiations is more extensive than in past years.

David Espenshade asked if the percentage of the security deposit is the same for commercial and residential construction.

### Items not on the agenda:

Jackie Johns asked if the results of the WAWA well drilling would be announced. Chairman Lehman said they would be made known at the next BOS meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Consider Request for Financial Security Release #1: Catherine Hershey School-393 Long Lane Supervisor Kreider moved to reduce the escrow for the Catherine Hershey School according to the Solanco Engineering documents down to \$7,331.83. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.
- 2. Consider Approval of Well Isolation Waiver for 511 Byerland Church Road
  Vice-Chairman Haas moved to approve the well isolation waiver for 511 Byerland Church Road. Supervisor
  Kreider seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.
- 3. Consider Request for Financial Security Release #1 for: Andrew Enck-18 Hill Road Supervisor Kreider moved to reduce the escrow for Andrew Enck-18 Hill Road Security Release #1 according to Solanco Engineering- that number now being \$25,436.40. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.
- 4. Consider Approval for Part-Time Road Crew Employee Wage Increase

Vice-Chairman Haas moved to set Part-time employee Darren Heugel's wages at \$23 per hour. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

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Chairman Lehman moved to approve the conditional approval outlined by Solanco Engineering dated June 6, 2025. Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

- 6. Consider Pequea Township Police Department Disposition of Records via Resolution #734-2025 Supervisor Kreider moved to dispose of records via Resolution #734-2025. Vice- Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.
- 7. Consider Approval of the Land Development Plan and StormWater Management Plan for Bird-In-Hand Pet Structures- 470 Millwood Road

Chairman Lehman moved to conditionally approved the Land Development Plan and Stormwater Plan and all waivers requested by the applicant subject to the comments contained within Solanco Engineering Associates' review letter dated May 11, 2025. Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Chairman Lehman then moved that the chairman be authorized to sign all required agreements and the plans when appropriate, Supervisor Kreider seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

- 8. Authorize Chairman to Sign a Letter of Agreement with Labor Law Council

  Vice-Chairman Haas moved to authorize Chairman Lehman to sign a letter of engagement with legal labor counsel- Eckert, Seamans, Cherin and Mellott. Supervisor Kreider seconded the motion. All
- 9. Consider Approval for a Memorial Tree at Silver Mine Park in Memory of Michael Pechiro
  Chairman Lehman moved to approve the Pechero Memorial Tree. Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed

### **REPORTS/UPDATES:**

voted in favor; none opposed.

**Pequea Township Police Report-** Chief's report on table. Chief Michener reported his progress in researching solicitation ordinances from some neighboring townships. He discussed some of the benefits of a "no solicitation" ordinance and some of the current problems of not having an ordinance.

**Pequea Township Road Department-** Roadmaster report on table. Vice-Chairman Haas reported that work on the Sprecher Road pipe replacement is going well.

**Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee-** last meeting 6/11/25, next meeting 8/13/25. Supervisor Kreider rode along with the road crew and reported how pleased he was with their teamwork and work procedures.

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**Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer-**

Pequea Township Zoning Hearing Board- last meeting 6/3/25

Planning Commission- last meeting 5/28/25

Pequea Township Safety Committee- last meeting 6/4/25; next meeting 7/2/25

Pequea Township Emergency Management-

**Chairman Lehman** urged residents to contact Re. Steve Mentzer and urge him to oppose Gov. Shapiro's efforts to usurp local zoning laws with his state zoning override.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reidenbach, Township assistant/recording secretary