

Mahoning Township

Board of Township Supervisors

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON JUNE 9, 2026

The Mahoning Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 which was scheduled for and began at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Mahoning Township building located at 4538 West State Street, Edinburg, PA 16116.

Chairman Vito Yeropoli called the meeting to order by all reciting the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**.

ROLL CALL was taken by Jean Greco, Secretary. Members present were Mark Sackin, Gary Pezzuolo and Vito Yeropoli. The Township's Engineer Gregg DelPrincipe and Solicitor's representative Kyle J. McCree, Esq. were also present along with Police Officer Alfred DeCarbo.

Chairman Yeropoli called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag by all in attendance.

Chairman Yeropoli asked for any guest speakers or residents with comments or complaints. The following residents spoke on the topics of data centers, power plants, and battery storage facilities: Linda Van Eman, Ann Phillips, Shannon Wojtowicz, George Huncik, Denise Pia. On the same subject matters Pulaski resident Ruth Fletcher spoke.

Brief facts, opinions, and questions by the guests included:

1. Van Eman - scares of the data center including; chemical pollutants and noise; remediation of land at the Hickory Run Power Plant;
2. Phillips – inquiry of a timeline for the battery storage ordinance. Yeropoli noted a public hearing on June 24, 2026 6:00 p.m. Also questioned Act 14 notices and the process for public review and comments. Yeropoli noted asking Solicitor Perrotta's staff to direct to Phillips and noted caution pending anticipated future law suits at the county and state levels.
3. Wojtowicz – status of the application of the land development. Yeropoli and McCree noted it was deemed incomplete and returned to the applicant twice for incorrect fees. She further questioned the timing and filing date requirements. McCree noted this is a preliminary plan, changes will be made based on review and then plans will be resubmitted with those changes.
4. Huncik – noted information and the zoning ordinance being available on the Township's website. He understands this can be a lot to maintain; and maybe a 3rd party's help would prove beneficial.
5. Pia – handout for gravity of vibrations and importance of these being felt up to 3.5 miles away from the data center or serious medical conditions can be caused along with the sensitivity to environment and wildlife.
6. Fletcher – applauded and thanked everyone's efforts and expressed gratitude at a neighbor to be included and hopeful in Mahoning Township's leadership on keeping data centers out of her home area.

Pia also made mention of concerns of the intersection of Sky Hill Road and Route 224 near Tony's Lounge needed a 4 way stop and additional signage. Yeropoli noted those are both state roads and the township has no authority over them. He suggested contacting Penn DOT.

Resident Lee Hampson addressed the supervisors with strong concerns about the trash, dust, and mud on Route 224 due to the truck traffic to the Carbon Limestone Landfill. He requested a stronger police presence in the area.

Yeropoli made a motion to **ADOPT THE MINUTES** of the May 12, 2026 regular meeting. His motion was seconded by Sackin with a vote of all in favor. Yeropoli made a motion to **PAY THE BILLS** as prepared by Greco since last month's meeting which was seconded by Pezzuolo with a vote of all in favor. Yeropoli made a motion to **PAY THE PAYROLLS** as prepared by Greco since last month's meeting which was seconded by Sackin with a vote of all in favor.

Greco gave the **ZONING REPORT** which included a fence, a new home, a demolition, and roof top solar panels. Virginia Phillips gave the **TOWNSHIP PLANNING REPORTS** for May 27, 2026 which included ongoing discussions and amendments to the data center and power plants ordinances along with the new battery storage ordinance. Phillips noted more work will be done on these items ongoing and applauded the efforts especially of a small group of residents to include most of the speakers from earlier in the meeting. Next, Phillips noted the planning committee approved a subdivision/lot consolidation for property owners **COWHER/VAN EMAN**. Yeropoli made a **MOTION** to approve the agenda item which was seconded by Pezzuolo with a vote of all in favor. Poncho Exposito gave a **FIRE DEPARTMENT** report for May 2026 of 25 calls. The **POLICE REPORT** was given by Officer DeCarbo of 101 incidents for the month of May 2026.

Yeropoli asked Greco for any **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES** in which Greco noted June 15th as the opening date for the swimming pool.

Yeropoli asked for **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** in which Sackin noted the pipe on Evergreen Road. Sackin mentioned agreeing with Hampson's concerns earlier and added in the condition of the dumpsters and trash on the ground all around the dumpster area. Sackin noted a road project with temporarily shut down Hillsville Road at the North Beaver Township line the following Tuesday. Yeropoli asked for additional unfinished business in which there was none. A short discussion took place on the ongoing issue of unwelcomed visitors to the area of quarries known as the Bahamas and parking in the area of Eric Drive. More parking tickets are going to be issued and citations issued.

Yeropoli asked for **NEW BUSINESS** which the first topic was the reopening of East Main Street which North Beaver Township has already opened its end. Yeropoli made a **MOTION** which was seconded by Sackin with a vote of all in favor. Sackin noted the road will be in need of repairs.

Yeropoli next brought up the **ANNUAL COUNTY LIQUID FUELS GRANTS** in which the 2026 funds are \$12,000 for Mahoning Township. DelPrincipe will prepare the advertisement with bids due by Noon on the date of the next meeting. Pezzuolo made a **MOTION** for this action with a second by Sackin and a vote of all in favor.

Next, Yeropoli asked to schedule the **PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR ORDINANCES 2026** pertaining to the data centers, power plants, and battery storage warehouses. He made a **MOTION** for Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. which was seconded by Sackin with a vote of all in favor.

McCree next noted needing a **MOTION** to approve the **JUNE 8, 2026 LAND DEVELOPMENT PRELIMINARY PLAN AS INSUFFICIENT** in which Yeropoli made the motion which was seconded by Sackin and a vote of all in favor. McCree then noted needed **A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THESE ITEMS NOT ADVERTISED**. Yeropoli made a motion which was seconded by Sackin and a vote with all in favor.

Yeropoli noted the **NEXT REGULAR MEETING** will be July 14th at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:47 p.m. Yeropoli made a motion to **ADJOURN** which was seconded by Pezzuolo with a vote of all in favor.

Jean M. Greco
Township Secretary