

Mahoning Township

Board of Township Supervisors

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON JULY 14, 2026

The Mahoning Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 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 Attorney Louis Perrotta.

Solicitor Perrotta gave an update and summary of the adopted data center ordinances – initial and amended ordinances along with the land development application that was twice received, deemed incomplete, and returned which has resulted in a hearing and a zoning appeal. The initial ordinance was reviewed by planning then needed restrictions added to it. So, by law the application had to go back through planning and then to back to the supervisors. In the meantime the ordinance was “pending”. During that time a preliminary land development plan was received for consideration and review/approval by the planning board. DelPrincipe would be reviewing the maps as well. The process is extensive and is the same in North Beaver. He noted having a similar scenario with a solar ordinance last year and he won the case.

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: Kory VanTassel, Rick Romeo, and Ed King. Clarifications was given that the township cannot flat out deny a data center thus why the conditional use with restrictions in the ordinance is so very important. A strong group of residents had a vast amount of input in the restrictions added and their every concern has been addressed in the amended ordinance.

Next, resident Scott Fabian noted needing some help with electrical inspections on his property on Route 422, formerly a trailer court and now with the intent of a small homes community. Perrotta noted he could help on this. Resident Linda Van Eman noted concerns of speed of drivers on Hillsville Road. Pezzuolo suggested talking with Chief Sipe and Sargent Magliocca. She suggested digital speed signs and noted more of a police presence is needed.

Yeropoli made a motion to **ADOPT THE MINUTES** of the June 9, 2026 regular meeting. His motion was seconded by Pezzuolo 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 Sackin 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 Pezzuolo with a vote of all in favor.

Greco gave the **ZONING REPORT** which included 2 garages, 2 top solar panels, and a mobile home demolition permit. Virginia Phillips gave the **TOWNSHIP PLANNING REPORTS** for July 9, 2026 and encouraged residents to attend a community wide presentation on the data centers on July 20, 2026 at the Cathedral. She further noted the Battery Storage Ordinance was referred to the solicitor. And a **SUBDIVISION/LOT CONSOLIDATION** for **TERRY JOHNSON** was approved. Yeropoli made a **MOTION** to

approve the agenda item which was seconded by Pezzuolo with a vote of all in favor. No reports were given for the **FIRE and POLICE DEPARTMENTS**.

Yeropoli asked Greco for any **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES** in which Greco the Township phone answering system was worked on and better working order than in years. She also noted the webpage has been updated for agendas and meeting minutes which should be updated monthly ongoing.

Yeropoli asked for **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** in which Pezzuolo noted Quarry Road is reopening once repairs are completed. Sackin noted the need to post the speed limit in which Perrotta suggested adopting an ordinance to set and post. Romeo expressed concerns with the reopening. Yeropoli and Perrotta shared information about a landowner needing access along with a current legal dispute which is also affecting North Beaver.

Yeropoli asked for **NEW BUSINESS** with DelPrincipe opening sealed bid for **ANNUAL COUNTY LIQUID FUELS GRANT FUNDS** of \$12,000 for the lowest bid. Bids were received from Protech Paving for \$111,325 and Youngblood Paving for \$110,201.50. Youngblood Paving by the lowest bid by \$1,123.50. DelPrincipe confirmed all documents as required were complete and in the bid packets. Yeropoli made a **MOTION** to award the job to Youngblood Paving which was seconded by Pezzuolo with a vote of all in favor.

Next, Yeropoli made a **MOTION** to **CONTEST the PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL in the County Court** which was seconded by Sackin with a vote of all in favor. He then made a **MOTION** to **CONTEST the TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD APPEAL as filed by SS PENN LLC** which was seconded by Sackin with a vote of all in favor

Yeropoli noted the **NEXT REGULAR MEETING** will be on Tuesday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m.

At 6:38 p.m. Yeropoli made a motion to **ADJOURN** which was seconded by Sackin with a vote of all in favor.

Jean M. Greco
Township Secretary