

MILLER TOWNSHIP MEETING

The regular meeting of the Miller Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was held Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Miller Township Municipal Building at 554 Old Limekiln Lane. Supervisors present were Scott Seltzer, Brian Kish and Bethany Burger. Visitors present: Bonnie Heisey and Ralph Lesh. Chairman S. Seltzer called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with everyone standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman S. Seltzer asked for supervisor's comments on the previous month's minutes: no comments. Motion made by S. Seltzer to accept the March minutes, B. Kish second, motion carried unanimously.

Visitors: No comments

Sign Permits:

- Ralph Lesh (new build) Motion made by S. Seltzer to approve permit, B. Burger second; motion carried unanimously.
- Patrick Patry (pole building) Motion made by S. Seltzer to approve permit, B. Burger second; motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given to supervisors as follows:

Balances as of April 30, 2025	
General Fund	\$91,135.96
State Fund (Liquid Fuels)	\$89,638.79
Savings Account	\$76,939.17

Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented by S. Seltzer, B. Kish second; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

- Resolution needed for Picture Perry Comprehensive Plan. We currently do not have any projects showing on the plan but need to adopt for the record.
- Act 537 Sewage Plan e-mail from Perry County Planning Commission (copy in packet). After discussion, motion made by S. Seltzer to table until the June 24, 2025, meeting which allows time to ask questions of Herb Stoner (SEO) and Jason Finnerty, B. Kish second; motion carried unanimously.
- Right To Know (RTK) policy needs to be approved by the supervisors and will be posted on our website (copy in packet). Motion made by B. Kish to approve RTK policy, B. Burger second; motion carried unanimously.
- Pennian Bank – Secretary/Treasurer is the only signatory authority as of now. Joyce Stultz needs to be removed from the account as the previous treasurer and suggest a 2nd person be on the account as back-up. Also suggest requiring having both individuals sign for withdrawals (i.e., withdrawals to transfer funds to State Fund Checking which is currently at Orrstown Bank). Motion made by S. Seltzer to designate Bethany Burger as the 2nd person, B. Kish second; motion carried unanimously.
- Business cards for the township which includes the new website address have been received and it was discovered that the website address is not correct (secretary's mistake).

Motion made by B. Kish to order replacement cards with correct website address, S. Seltzer second; motion carried unanimously.

- Verizon needs updated to remove phone previously used by Landan Yohn as we are paying for a service which is not being used. After discussion comparing Verizon and Blue Ridge Mobile, motion made by S. Seltzer to switch township cell phone currently used by Road Master to Blue Ridge Mobile, B. Kish second; motion carried unanimously.
- PEMA has endorsed Bethany Burger as our Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) and the process is now with the governor's office for an official appointment.
- Postage is increasing again effective July 13, 2025, from \$.73 to \$.78, We currently have 10 rolls of Forever Stamps. Motion made by S Seltzer to purchase \$500 of additional stamps before the increase, B. Burger second; motion carried unanimously.
- Update on website – items needing to be posted include the Right-To-Know policy (once approved) and the Land Use/Building Permit.
- Anonymous complaint received via US Mail.
- Request for donation received from the Citizens Fire Company #1 of Newport.
- Income vs. Expense (copy in packet)

Motion made to accept Secretary's report as presented made by S. Seltzer, second by B. Kish; motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement Officer (CEO): None

Planning Commission: Bonnie Heisey indicated the Planning Commission met to approve the subdivision plans presented for Miske/Huss/Howell property. Motion made by S. Seltzer to approve the report from the Planning Commission; B Burger second. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC): Nothing to report.

Road Master's Report (RM)

- Road checks
- Clean ditch line on Old Limekiln Lane and Narrows Road
- Spring clean-up on May 2nd and 3rd
- Take down spring clean-up road signs
- Repair pothole on Narrows Road which allegedly caused damage to a vehicle – reported to insurance company
- Patched Narrows Road, Old Limekiln Lane, Mahanoy Valley Road, Upper Bailey Road and Lower Bailey Road (Duncannon side)
- Cut grass and weed whacked township building property
- Call out by 911 for tree down on Turkey Path Road (5/14/25)
- Attend demonstration of JBC equipment
- Pull tree off road by game lands on Old Limekiln Road
- Remove hydrostatic salt spreader motor from 550 Ford
- Prepare township building for election
- Pick up cold patch mix
- Deliver computers and electronics to Mission Central after spring clean-up
- Receipt of stone for tar and chip which will be done on July 17th and 18th
- Deliver hydrostatic salt spreader motor to Blain Supply for rebuild
- Clean shop due to inclement weather not allowing for cutting grass or road repairs

Motion made by S. Seltzer to accept Road Master's report, second by B. Kish. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors Comments:

- Discussion on new animal sanctuary Hope and Hooves located on Mahanoy Valley Road, their alleged 501(c) status and if they have certification from the Department of Agriculture. Motion made by S. Seltzer to reach out to legal counsel if the township should be involved proactively in the event residents question if the sanctuary is legitimate and number of animals, B. Burger second; motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion on purchase of 2012 International truck with plow from Tuscarora Township to replace 2003 Ford F650 truck. Motion made by B. Burger to approve purchase not to exceed \$37,500, with intention to sell 2003 Ford F650 and proceeds deposited back into Liquid Fuels account, S. Seltzer second; motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by S. Seltzer to approve advertisement for part-time road crew position with starting rate of \$18.00 per hour, increase to \$19.00 per hour after a successful 90-day probationary period, and additional increase to \$20.50 per hour after 6 months, B. Burger second; motion carried.

Approval of Expenditures: Motion made by B. Burger to approve expenditures for the months of April and May, S. Seltzer second; motion passed unanimously.

Motion to pay bills and sign checks made by B. Burger, S. Seltzer second. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:39 pm made by B. Burger, S. Seltzer second. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eloise M. Miller
Secretary/Treasurer
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