

MILLER TOWNSHIP MEETING

The regular meeting of the Miller Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was held Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Miller Township Municipal Building at 554 Old Limekiln Lane. Supervisors present were Bethany Burger, Scott Seltzer, and Brian Kish.

Visitors present: Elvin Miller (Road Master), Jonathan Stoltzfus, Frank Campbell (Perry County Commissioner), Lois Schoppy, Jerry Gibboney (Burget & Associates), Christine Campbell, Francesco Guido and Herb Stoner (Juniata Sewage).

Chairman B. Burger called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with everyone standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Burger asked for supervisor's comments on the previous month's minutes.

- Motion made by B. Burger to approve the December minutes, second by B. Kish, motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by B. Burger to approve the minutes from the Organizational meeting held Monday, January 5, 2026, second by B. Kish; motion carried unanimously.
- The January Board of Supervisors meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, so no minutes for approval.

Visitors:

- Frank Campbell, Perry County Commissioner gave a presentation requesting the township to vote and approve decertification of Visit Hershey & Harrisburg (VHH) as the County's official tourism promotion agency, and creation by the Perry County Economic Development Authority of the Perry County Economic Alliance to serve as the new County's tourism promotion agency (TPA). No cost to the township and in the future, will most likely institute a hotel tax which includes bed & breakfast facilities as well as Air B&Bs. Motion made by B. Burger to approve Resolution 2026-4 to approve decertifying Visit Harrisburg and Hershey (VHH) as the tourism promotion agency (TPA) for Perry County and certify Perry County Economic Alliance as the new County TPA, second by S. Seltzer; motion carried unanimously.
- Jonathan Stoltzfus – building permit
- Lois Schoppy
- Jerry Gibboney – from Burget & Associates for Campbell subdivision plan
- Christine Campbell – subdivision plan
- Francesco Guido – noise complaint as well as waste management from animals from the animal sanctuary on Mahanoy Valley Road.
- Herb Stoner (SEO)

Sign Permits:

- Jonathan Stoltzfus (new horse barn) Motion made by B. Burger to approve the permit, second by B. Kish; motion carried unanimously
- David Little (new modular at 165 Little Lane) permit is still pending upon approval by the Planning Commission.

Treasurer's Report was given to supervisors as follows:

Balances as of December 31, 2025	
General Fund	\$52,122.65
State Fund (Liquid Fuels)	\$13,512.90
Savings Account	\$78,239.78

Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report for December as explained and presented by B. Burger, second by B. Kish; motion carried unanimously.

Balances as of January 31, 2026	
General Fund	\$47,004.71
State Fund (Liquid Fuels)	\$32,009.70
Savings Account	\$58,366.30

Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report for January as explained and presented by B. Burger, second by S. Seltzer; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion made by B. Burger to approve Resolution 2026-1 declaring Local Government Week as April 13-17, 2026, second by B. Kish; motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by B. Burger to approve Resolution 2026-2 establishing a policy for the disposal of electronic tape recordings of public meetings of the Board of Supervisors, second by S. Seltzer; motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by S. Seltzer to approve Resolution 2026-3 designating delegates Eloise Miller and Elvin Miller and voting delegate Bethany Burger to the Annual PSATS Convention, second by B. Kish; motion carried unanimously.
- Update of authorization form for Federal Surplus accessibility and removal of Nick McAlicher from authorized supervisor
- We have begun scanning and sending documents to Amar Pecos from Boyer & Ritter CPA for our annual financial audit; he is scheduled for audit testing in our office on Monday, March 9th as opposed to scanning multiple documents and submitting to him for review and we anticipate having the audit completed this year on a timely basis for submission of the report to DCED.
- Liquid Fuels audit is scheduled for Monday, March 16th in our office.
- Minutes from the Auditors Reorganization meeting have been received.
- PennDOT will be doing traffic counting on Municipally Owned Roads – the only road on the docket for Miller Township is Lower Bailey Road, 500 feet north of Old Limekiln Lane. Copy of correspondence being provided to the Road Master for his records. This will occur at some point between March 2nd through November 19th.
- Update regarding the Quick Books (QB) software that the township uses for payroll and Accounts Payable and Receivable. QB is increasing their annual fee (\$1,768) as well as once again starting to charge per employee per monthly payroll fee which will be \$3.00 per employee (\$27 per month). I have started research on another software package that was created specifically for townships. I have reached out to the organization to get additional information and if the supervisors approve, will schedule a time to visit Saville Township (their secretary has offered to show me their system) before making any decisions. Motion

made by B. Burger to approve research of a potential replacement for QB, second by S. Seltzer; motion carried unanimously.

- Compliance notice sent to Charles Cope with township copied from Perry County Conservation District.
- Perry County Conservation District and Keep Perry County Beautiful are reaching out to secure pledges of \$250 for the 2026 Electronics Recycling Collection Day which is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2026. Due to tight financial constraints, Miller Township is declining to pledge for this event.
- Spoke with Farren Rothman who is the Recycling Coordinator for Perry County. Because of the size of our population, we are not required to recycle (we are under the population threshold) but if we choose to implement recycling, she can provide assistance and background information on various aspects of a program. She is also updating the 10-year solid waste plan which is submitted to DEP and will need input from all of the municipalities in Perry County.
- Invitation for a representative of Miller Township to attend the Perry County America 250 Celebration on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 2:00 pm held at Newport Assembly of God Family Life Center in Newport. We must RSVP by March 1st.
- Invitation for a representative and guest of Miller Township to attend the Newport Fire Company annual banquet on Friday, April 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm held at Newport Fire Company. Supervisor B. Kish will check his availability.
- Signature needed on accident report which occurred in December.
- As a result of an investigation of a case involving one of our demolition permits, the investigating officer from PSP Criminal Investigation Division highly recommended that we add verbiage to our permits as follows:

"I, _____ verify that the facts set forth in this permit application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. This statement is made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code (18 PA, C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities."

Direction of the Board before this is added to the Land Use (Building) Permit, Driveway Permit and Demolition Permit. Motion made by B. Burger to approve addition of language to applicable permits, second by S. Seltzer; motion carried unanimously.

- Local Share Account (LSA) Grant update. I spoke with the Board Chair for Wayne Township who gave updated information on how they applied for the grant.
 - It is a reimbursement grant
 - We cannot spend any funds towards a potential project before the grant is awarded
 - We may have to apply for a short-term bid loan to accomplish the project
 - Highly advised to have the support of our state and local representatives
 - Take documenting pictures as to why the project is needed
 - Emphasize the project is vital is maintain safety

Secretary has a connection with someone who recently retired from the LCB who was involved in grants for the agency, and she potentially would be willing to assist the township with grant writing. Additionally, all supervisors, Road Master and Secretary are tasked with brining suggested projects to the March Board meeting.

- Income vs. Expense in packet

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

Code Enforcement Officer (CEO): None

Planning Commission:

- Upon recommendations of the Planning Commission, motion made by B. Burger to approve the permit for the Stahl & Campbell subdivision plan which reconfigures lot lines, second by B. Kish; motion carried unanimously.
- Plans for the Bordner lot revision were given to the Planning Commission for review.
- Plans for the Ratcliffe & Reaver build were given to the Planning Commission for review.

Motion made by B. Burger to approve Planning Commission's report; second by S. Seltzer; motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC):

- Attended a PSATS webinar
- The Floodplain management report has been filed on behalf of the township.

Motion made by S. Seltzer to approve the EMC report, second by B. Kish; motion carried unanimously.

Road Master's Report (RM):

For the month of January:

- Road checks
- Push salt and anti-skid back
- Took delivery of anti-skid (1/17/26)
- Called for delivery of salt
- Mix anti-skid and salt in preparation for winter treatment of roads
- Clean anti-skid cinder spreader and grease
- Wash trucks
- Clean up garage
- Get oxygen for torch
- Pick up F-550 Ford truck from Hoover Brothers
- Preparation and paint ceilings in office and bathroom (several days duration between painting with Kilz and regular paint)
- Make contact with Stephenson Equipment for JCB backhoe repairs
- Pretreat roads (1/17, 1/18 and 1/24/2026)
- Plow, salt and/or cinder roads (1/18, 1/25 and 1/26/2026)
- Push tree off Lower Bailey Road (1/19/26)
- Plow snow on Short Road to railroad tracks
- Pick up windshield wiper

Motion made by B. Burger to accept Road Master's report for January second by S. Seltzer; motion carried unanimously.

For the month of February:

- Road checks
- Remove plows
- Took delivery of salt (2/4 and 2/6/26)
- Pick up battery for F-550 Ford spotlight

- Mix anti-skid and salt in preparation for winter treatment of roads
- Wash trucks including spraying salt neutralizer
- Clean up garage
- Pick up spinner disc from Stephenson's Equipment
- Preparation and paint window trim in office (2 days duration between painting with Kilz and regular paint)
- Pretreat roads (2/21//2026)
- Plow, salt and/or cinder roads (2/22 and 2/23/2026)

Motion made by B. Burger to accept Road Master's report for February second by B. Kish; motion carried unanimously.

Outstanding/Pending from Previous Meeting:

- Dash cameras have been received and need installed.
- Status of recycling station at township property was addressed as part of the Secretary's report.

Supervisors Comments:

- B. Kish and Elvin Miller attended the Council of Government (COG) meeting as representatives of Miller Township where most of the discussion was in reference to the decertification of VHH and creation of Perry County Economic Alliance as the TPA for Perry County which was explained in detail earlier in the meeting by Frank Campbell.
- B. Kish also shared the discussion about Data Centers and their impending growth in the county. B. Burger shared she had attended the meeting in Spring Township addressing potential Data Centers and actions we should be considering – creation of an ordinance, perhaps in collaboration with other townships. Of note, Center Township has one in progress. Herb Stoner offered a potential legal contact who deals with solar farms and data centers which township can follow up on if the attorney is agreeable. In addition, secretary has been compiling documents and sample ordinances referencing Data Centers.
- The next COG meeting will be held in September.

Approval of Expenditures: Motion made by B. Burger to approve expenditures for the months of January and February, second by B. Kish; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay bills and sign checks made by B. Burger, second by B. Kish; motion carried unanimously.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:42 pm made by B. Burger, second by S. Seltzer; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eloise M. Miller
Secretary/Treasurer
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