

# MILLER TOWNSHIP MEETING

The regular meeting of the Miller Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was held Wednesday, May 27, 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.

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 April minutes, second by B. Kish, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Burger clarified there is no ordinance currently in the works for the township regarding animals and complaints. If and when this subject is addressed, the public has the opportunity to comment during public hearings.

## Visitors

Visitors included Sue Seltzer, Bonnie Heisey – Planning Commission, Jessica Kish, Robert Macedonio, Traci Foltz, Lois Schoppy, Charles Schoppy, Jason Finnerty – Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Theresa Ryan, Donna Hudson, Joe Hudson, Justan Turnbaugh, Sr. - Planning Commission, Justan Turnbaugh, Jr. – Planning Commission, Sarah Shaffer, Matt Wise, Meleana Howell-Collins, John Steffen and Mike Hammar

Jason Finnerty with the Tri-County Planning Commission presented information regarding land use. Highlights of his presentation included:

- Of note, land use should be regulated through zoning, which Miller Township does not have currently. He provided a draft copy of a zoning ordinance for the township to review and modify as needed. Single land use ordinances such as solar farms and data centers would be incorporated into a zoning ordinance.
- We cannot refuse land use for specific items such as data centers but CAN specify where items can be constructed or provided. This is for protection of the land.
- Zoning districts would need to be established within township boundaries.
- Will require zoning hearing board and zoning officer once ordinance is approved.
- LPA Agreement presented to assist township Planning Commission with completion and finalizing zoning ordinance.
- Possibility of joint municipal zoning with other townships which would give a larger area for unwanted land use
- Agriculture is protected by the Acre Act which most of Perry County falls under.
- Zoning map and ordinance would need to be presented at a public hearing and subsequently approved by the board of supervisors
- Question raised if there is potential for a county-wide moratorium, which needs to be run by the township solicitor

Motion made by B. Burger to amend the agenda to include the approval of 2026 agreement for Local Planning Assistance, second by S Seltzer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by B. Burger to continue work on the Data Center Ordinance while pursuing generation of a Zoning Ordinance, second by S. Selter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by B. Burger to amend the original motion approving the 2026 agreement for Local Planning Assistance to include contracting amount not to exceed \$3,500.00, confirming \$50.00 per hour additional fee for remainder of year upon depletion of initial retainer, second by S. Seltzer. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission:

- Motion made by B. Burger to approve the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting held on April 14, 2026, second by S. Seltzer. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by B. Burger to approve the minutes from the Planning Commission meeting held on April 21, 2026, second by S. Seltzer. Motion carried unanimously.
- Minutes from the workshop held on May 21, 2026, will be presented once revised.

Sign Permits:

- No permits for signature

Treasurer's Report was given to supervisors as follows:

| Balances as of April 30, 2026 |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| General Fund                  | \$75,271.34 |
| State Fund (Liquid Fuels)     | \$83,097.58 |
| Savings Account               | \$58,726.83 |

Budget report comparison also provided to the supervisors for review and comment which is now being compiled through the new accounting software, eliminating the need to re-create the report in Excel.

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

Secretary's Report:

- Update regarding the Best Choice accounting software – I have had 3 training sessions and have done payroll three times with the new program. I am impressed with the reports that are included in the software which I am now doing manually, so I will be saving duplication of efforts.
- Revised bid award based on delivered price of products; bids were originally awarded erroneously on pick-up price of stone products –revised spreadsheet in packet. Motion made by S. Seltzer to approve awarding of 1B#8 stone product to Jay Fulkroad who was the low bid for the delivered item, second by B. Burger. Motion carried unanimously.
- FYI – from PennDOT, with respect to future Turnback allocations, a bill has been referred to the Transportation Committee requesting an increase the annual allocation for roads from \$4,000 to \$6,000. The current annual allocation has been in place since 2006.
- Information from the Perry County Farm Bureau addressing preservation of farmland from solar farms and data centers (copy in packet)
- The compliance date for municipalities to bring their websites into compliance (with a total population of less than 50,000) is extended from [April 26](#), 2027, to [April 26](#), 2028. So this gives our township an additional year to update ordinances onto the website. We have contracted with Sock'Em Website Solutions who has already begun the revision and update of our website. Pete Socks highly recommended not "recreating the wheel" with respect to ordinances, resolutions and minutes, but designating a starting point "stake in the sand" and

adding a disclaimer that ordinances, resolutions and minutes prior to that time could be reviewed in the office by making an appointment, rather than re-typing everything to have them added to the website.

- Official report from Boyer & Ritter CPA which was presented as a draft during the April Board Meeting
- Upset Tax Sale correspondence received for township review
- 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

Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC):

- Nothing to report

Road Master's Report (RM):

- Road checks
- Cleaning ditches on Lower Bailey Road, Narrows Road
- Cleared tree off Turkey Path Road (5/6/26)
- Cleared roads by state game lands and Mahanoy Valley Road
- Annual spring cleanup was held on May 8 and 9, 2026
- Take down signs for spring clean up
- Obtain vegetation spray
- Prepare building for election site
- Visited Penn Township to view demonstration of road reclaimer (Asphalt Zipper)
- Visited Juniata Township to correlate tar and chip project scheduling
- Ordered and picked up headlight for Dodge
- Hooked up Boom mower for road maintenance
- Wash trucks
- Clean up garage and township building area

Tar and chip is scheduled for the week of July 6 – 10, 2026, working in conjunction with Juanita and Tuscarora Townships.

Motion made by B. Burger to approve the Road Master report as presented, second by S. Seltzer. Motion carried unanimously.

Outstanding/Pending from Previous Meeting: None

Supervisors Comments:

Approval of Expenditures: Motion made by B. Burger to approve expenditures for the month of May, 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 8:02 pm made by B. Burger, second by B. Kish; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eloise M. Miller  
Secretary/Treasurer