

MILLER TOWNSHIP MEETING

The regular meeting of the Miller Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was held Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Miller Township Municipal Building at 554 Old Limekiln Lane. Supervisors present were Bethany Burger and Scott Seltzer.

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

Chairman Burger explained timelines for posting agenda and minutes on the township website – agendas are posted at least 24 hours in advance; minutes are posted once they have been approved by the board of supervisors at the subsequent meeting.

Chairman Burger asked for supervisor's comments on the previous month's minutes. Motion made by B. Burger to approve the May minutes, second by S. Seltzer; motion carried unanimously.

Visitors

- Bonnie Heisey – Planning Commission
- Jim Woodward voiced his “heated frustrations” about the Road Master, complaining about the driveway, the culvert and ditch by his property. Jim will maintain the road frontage on his property to avoid confrontation of what he perceives the road crew not knowing how to run the backhoe and causing issues. He confirmed that he was marking/painting township roads and was advised to cease and desist as the township roads are the responsibility of the township. He indicated he was also doing things with respect to the game lands, diverting water, etc. and to quote him - “I’ll do anything I want on the State Game Lands” He also complained about the guide rails along Narrows Road being illegal; it was confirmed with PennDOT that the referenced guide rails were grandfathered in and we are not required to replace until they are damaged and need repair at which time we would have to replace them.
- Clark Steele advised the township there was a problem occurring with a company installing new power lines/poles, in that they were dragging new poles down the road behind a backhoe with no flagger impacting traffic flow (almost hitting an oncoming vehicle) and blocking roads without any warning at the Oliver/Miller Township lines. Workers became belligerent with drivers.

Sign Permits:

- Renee Evans (1405 Newport Road) installing an 8’ privacy fence. Motion made by B. Burger to approve the permit, S. Seltzer second. Motion carried unanimously. Renee will be given the packet for BIU inspection since the fence exceeds 6’
- Scott and Shannon Burdette (298 Hickory Ridge Road) new house build. Motion made by S. Seltzer to approve the permit, B. Burger second. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report is tabled for conversion from Quick Books report to the new accounting software.

Secretary’s Report:

- Update regarding the Best Choice accounting software – things seem to be running smoothly, and reports are now being generated from the software. Quarterly reports will be pulled within the next 2 weeks.

- Spreadsheet for final report of 2026 Spring Clean Up provided. Township used Sylvester's for metal this year which was credited to invoice for dumpsters. After income credited and expenses (payroll for workers and cost for dumpsters) were entered, the cost of the spring clean-up was \$2,347.84
- Nick McAlischer is still listed as our designated representative for the Juniata Sewage Committee. Motion made by B. Burger to designate Elvin Miller as the representative for Miller Township to the Juniata Sewage Committee, S. Seltzer second. Motion carried. This will involve attending 5 meetings annually at various locations between Perry and Juniata counties.
- Invitation flyer from Perry County Farm Bureau for a walking tour of Chicano Sol Farms
- Recommend creating a Complaint Form for township; secretary tasked with researching and creating form for review.
- Budget workshop proposed for September, will need to be advertised
- Income vs. Expense

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

Planning Commission:

- The standalone draft ordinance for data centers has been submitted to the township solicitor for review, and there is no further update at this time. Motion made by B. Burger to approve the Planning Commissions report, S. Seltzer second. Motion carried unanimously.

Code Enforcement Officer (CEO): Through communication with Harry Nazarro, it was determined that the township no longer has a CEO. Copies of sample job descriptions for CEO were provided to Chairman B. Burger for review and this agenda item will be tabled for further discussion. Clark Steele said he can cover the position until the township fills the CEO slot.

Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC):

- The current EMC, Bethany Burger, has resigned for this position, citing demands to maintain EMC certification is conflicting with her full-time job. Clark Steele has expressed interest to accept reappointment to the position of EMC. The secretary will start the process of transferring the responsibility to C. Steele.

Road Master's Report (RM):

- Road checks
- Installed Wood's 5 ft mower on tractor
- Ordered parts from Smith's Farm Equipment for tractor due to damage incurred
- Patch Hickory Ridge Road with cold mix in preparation for tar and chip, and Lower Bailey Road (Newport side)
- Assisted Penn Township with tar and chip
- Cleared intersection of Narrows and Royer Road with weed whacker to improve visibility
- Picked up loads of cold mix
- Weed whacked around cross overs on Lower Bailey Road and Turkey Path Road
- Picked up clevis at Messick's in Halifax
- Repair C-70 tractor which is now ready for mowing
- Mowing on Lower Bailey Road, Upper Bailey Road, Turkey Path Road, Old Limekiln Lane, Hickory Ridge Road, Mahanoy Valley Road, Narrows Road and Royer Road over the course of several days

- Cleared roads after storms including trees on Upper Bailey Road (6/17 and 6/30/26) and Turkey Path Road (6/24/26)
- Cleaned ditch on Upper Bailey Road after storm debris on road (Belmont complaint)
- Install chipper on truck
- Hang signs for notification of upcoming tar and chip project on July 8 and 9

The water pump is out on the 5500 Dodge truck and will need to be replaced which can be done in-house, saving the township money.

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

Outstanding/Pending from Previous Meeting: None

Supervisors Comments: Letter of resignation was submitted by Supervisor Brian Kish due to family issues, effective immediately. Motion made by S. Seltzer to accept this resignation as of June 30, 2026; B. Burger second. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisors will start the process of filling the vacant position.

One resident requested consideration that “no jake brakes” be used on Mahanoy Valley Road, and the resident who was inadvertently doing this has been asked not to use the jake brake.

Approval of Expenditures: Motion made by S. Seltzer to approve expenditures for the month of June, second by B. Burger; motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Eloise M. Miller
Secretary/Treasurer