

MILLER TOWNSHIP MEETING

The regular meeting of the Miller Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was held Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 6:15 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 6:15 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 June minutes, second by S. Seltzer; motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by S. Seltzer to appoint Elvin Miller as supervisor to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Brian Kish during the May meeting, B. Burger seconded the motion. Motion carried. Elvin Miller was administered the Oath of Office which was notarized.

Visitors present: Lois Schoppy, Jonathan Stoltzfus, Joshua Bartlett, Christie Bartlett, David Sutch
Lois Schoppy who is the township tax collector is proposing a process where landlords are to be disclosing who their tenants are for purposes of updating tax rolls. Information would need to be maintained, and notices sent out. Consider when the township adopts Zoning.

Sign Permits:

- Joshua and Christie Bartlett (339 Old Limekiln Lane) new garage. Motion made by S. Seltzer to approve the permit, B. Burger second. Motion carried unanimously.
- David Sutch (1943 Lower Bailey Road) new garage. Motion made by S. Seltzer to approve the permit, B. Burger second. Motion carried unanimously.
- Scott Leach (52 Hickory Ridge Road) new garage. Motion made by B. Burger to approve the permit, S. Seltzer second. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given to supervisors as follows:

Balances as of June 30, 2026	
General Fund	\$80,839.23
State Fund (Liquid Fuels)	\$69,612.90
Savings Account	\$58,972.45

Copies of the Budget Comparison report as of July 28, 2026, were presented to the board as well as copies of the Income vs. Expense report (which was previously part of the Secretary's report). Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report for June as explained and presented by S. Seltzer, second by Elvin Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

- Update of Township Officials on our website needs to be updated.
- Vacancy Board position now needs to be filled, and letters of interest will be accepted prior to the August meeting.
- Motion made by B. Burger to adopt Amendments and Edits to the Multi-Municipal Picture Perry Comprehensive Plan, S. Seltzer second. Motion carried unanimously.

- Quick Books subscription has been cancelled as of July 8, 2026. We received a credit of \$1,376.04 from Intuit for the cancelled subscription on our township credit card. We will utilize the credit each month.
- IRS has increased mileage reimbursement from 72.5 cents to 75 cents effective July 1, 2026. Approval needed to increase township reimbursement of mileage to new rate.
- Invoice received from FSA Engineering for review of Stormwater Plan for a new build on Hickory Ridge Road. Confirmation of discussion in the past that this should be charged to the property owner and not the responsibility of the township. This was discussed when the fee schedule was implemented
- Cemetery on 400 block of Mahanoy Valley Road – maintenance of cemetery allegedly reverted to township for maintenance after Dave and Darlene Barrick stepped down from taking care of the grounds. This is addressed in the Second-Class Code book
- Act 44 of 2026 signed into effect by Governor Shapiro on July 20, 2026, which sets up a new statewide system for decommissioning of commercial solar facilities that will preempt and invalidate municipal solar ordinance decommissioning provisions Copy of the summary provided by PSATS in your packet.
- Confirmation received from Jim Leshner PennDOT
 - ✓ First- Under Pennsylvania law, it is illegal for the general public to paint markings on a public roadway. All traffic control devices and pavement markings must be authorized and applied by the government agency or municipality that has jurisdiction over the roadway.
 - ✓ Placing unauthorized signs, signal or markings on a highway is considered a public nuisance and is prohibited. Painting on public streets without permission falls under vandalism, graffiti, or criminal mischief, which can result in fines and legal action as detailed in Title 75 PA C.S Section 6125. Recommend township confer with legal counsel and/or PSP.
 - ✓ Motion made by Burger to have legal counsel send James Woodward a warning letter as he has admitted to marking roads inappropriately.
- We are seeing an uptick on property owners that are not complying with building permits being needed for new structures to a property.
 - ✓ What are our options to enforce permits?
 - ✓ Is this something Codes Enforcement Officer would do or should the township administrative office send out correspondence of non-compliance?
 - ✓ Do we impose any type of fine or penalty? If not, is this something we should consider?
 - ✓ Per B. Burger, this will fall under the provision of Code Enforcement and letters of notification will be sent to the property owner. Additional research needs to be done with respect to the entire process, fines and sending to district justice, as well as seeking advice from our legal counsel.
- Proposed dates for budget workshop (which date works best for everyone's calendar) – selected date will need to be advertised
 - ✓ Wednesday September 9th at 6:30
 - ✓ Thursday, September 10th at 6:30
 - ✓ Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30
- E-mail received from Tri-County Planning Commission:
We're writing to pass along an important alert (attached) from the FBI and the Center for Internet Security's Cyber Threat Intelligence Team.
Please be aware that scammers are reportedly impersonating county and municipal planning commissions, zoning offices, and other local government agencies. In the reported scams, recipients receive emails stating that a planning permit, zoning application, or similar

document is under review. The email then directs the recipient to pay a fee by wire transfer or through a fraudulent online portal. To be clear, the only way TCRPC communicates is via emails from our domain (tcrpc-pa.org) or by phone. Also, we never request payment by wire transfer or online portal. You may want to share the attached alert with residents, property owners, local firms or anyone else you see fit to advise them about the issue. I have a copy of the alert if any board member wants to review, but we might consider posting something for our residents on our website as well as our Facebook page.

- The township has been approached about possibly submitting a bid for our liability and workers' compensation insurance. We went out for competitive bids last October (2025) and typically do every 2 years but given the quote would be from Gladfelter who we previously contracted with, what is the pleasure of the board? Our current coverage is due for renewal January 6, 2027, and is with EMC Insurance (Cupp Insurance Agency)

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

Planning Commission:

- Draft of the Data Center Ordinance has been returned to the Planning Commission from our legal counsel for review and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors
- Copies of the sample Zoning Ordinance has been provided to the Planning Commission members to begin the process of review and revision to meet the needs for Miller Township. Of note, standalone Solar Farm and Data Center ordinances will be incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance to give each "separate: ordinance more weight with respect to enforcement.
- Jason Finnerty from Tri-County Planning Commission will be attending each meeting to assist with the sample Zoning Ordinance. Next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2026.

Code Enforcement Officer (CEO): Miller Township will be seeking to fill the position of Code Enforcement Officer. Motion made by B. Burger to accept notices of interest for qualified individuals, once a job description has been created, S. Seltzer second. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC): Perry County Emergency Management Agency has been notified and packet for Clark Steele has been received, which now needs to be completed and processed by county and state.

Road Master's Report (RM):

- Road checks
- Swept roads in preparation for tar and chip project
- Tar and chip on Lower Bailey Road (Duncannon side), Hickory Ridge Road and Old Limekiln Lane to state game lands (7/10/26)
- Assisted Juniata Township with tar and chip (7/7, 7/8, 7/9 and 7/20/26)
- Assisted Tuscarora Township with tar and chip (7/13, 7/17 and 7/20/26)
- Trees down across roads on Lower Bailey Road (Duncannon side) and Old Limekiln Lane (took power lines down) (7/7 and 7/15/26)
- Picked up loads of cold mix
- Clean drain crossover pipes on Turkey Path Road, Upper Bailey Road and Mahanoy Valley Road
- Attended John Deere product show at Little Buffalo State Park

- Replace water pump in Dodge 5500 truck which cost \$87.82 and two hours of labor by Road Master
- Cleaning of equipment after completion of all tar and chip projects
- Change headlight assembly on Dodge 5500 truck
- Swept roads in preparation for line painting
- Line painting of Old Limekiln Lane, Hickory Ridge Road, Narrows Road, Mahanoy Valley Road, and Lower Bailey Road (Newport side) even though some of the roads were not recently tar and chipped, but lines were fading
- Salt will be ordered early to take advantage of 5% discount.

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:

- Notification of resignation of Bethany Burger and re-appointment of Clark Steele as EMC to Perry County Emergency Management as well as Governor's Office.

Supervisors Comments: Comment on mutual aid from other townships (labor vs. use of their equipment)

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

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

Motion made to adjourn at 7:15 pm made by B. Burger, S. Seltzer second; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eloise M. Miller
Secretary/Treasurer