

PORTER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

June 9th, 2025 7:00PM

Attendance was Supervisors Phil Courter, Keith Yearick, Ryan Gates, secretary treasurer Carol Colucci, Property manager and Zoning Officer Rich Brungard and 11 members of the public.

Public comments were from Sue Wilt inquiring if there was any update on the cell tower installation? She reported there is a telephone phone in very bad condition can the township do anything about getting it replaced? Charlene Loose asked if ATV's and mini bikes are allowable in the township? She reported there are problems on Silver Avenue. Zoning Officer stated if they are kids is a volitation cause they actually need to be old enough to drive.

Also inquired what are the rules for farm animals in residential area? Zoning officer Brungard replied there cannot be large animals and 4-H animals are exempt. Dennis Brickley reported about mini bikes running on the road of all hours and asked who is responsible for them? There was a near accident. Brungard again said they need to be a licensed driver.

Lori Dotterer is requesting to use the township barrel train for the annual sunflower maze event this year called "Kiddy Day" The township has a policy agreement in place for the barrel train. Solicitor Houser read the agreement and discussed that it is intended for only non-profit organizations. He suggested item E could be changed along with organizations could be charged a fee. Preference would be for use in Porter Township only. There was no final decision to allow the train to be lent out. It was tabled until the July meeting. Houser will draft revised terms and conditions.

Nick Wargo reported Berry Lane is getting damaged from the garbage truck and should be looked into before the fiber matting project starts. Wargo inquired what the township ordinance is for compliance with taking care of the road leading to four houses and when they will need to bring the road up to township standards. Brungard replied it is five houses then it must be paved.

Sharon Schrack with PTAC verified after the supervisors inspected the community building multi-purpose room that the wrestling event was not properly cleaned and there were scuff marks on the floor and marks from the wrestling ring that was not there previously. All agreed the \$75.00 refundable deposit should not be returned.

The May monthly minutes were reviewed on a 1st motion by Gates and a 2nd by Yearick motion passed to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

The Nittany Valley Volunteer Fire Company is requesting the supervisors to waive the fee for a pavilion rental. On a 1st motion by Yearick and a 2nd by Courter motion passed to waive the fee.

The township had advertised a bid for the 2005 Sterling Actera plow truck. There was one bid received from Dave Veneziano for \$5,007.00. The Supervisors made a final decision to reject the bid and set a reserve total of not less than \$10,000.

The Heritage Days Committee has scheduled the community day for Saturday June 14th in the park. There was a lengthy discussion on following up with the recommendation for one day event insurance

for coverage to be paid by the township or the committee. The committee wants Washington Avenue closed for the day which requires a permit from Penn Dot due to it is a state road. Penn Dot is requesting a permit to close the road and a certificate of insurance from the township insurance which is a fee of \$88.00.

The one-day event insurance was quoted for \$176.00. The debate was if the committee should be responsible for paying it or the township. It was pointed out that it is not worth the risk of liability on the township to avoid the expense of \$176.00. The final decision was the township would pay it for now to eliminate the risk of liability issues however it will be discussed later. On a 1st motion by Gates and a 2nd by Courter motion passed to pay the fee of insurances of \$264.00 with Yearick abstaining.

The library summer program is scheduled to start June 10th – July 1st A request for a donation was submitted for \$500. to off set the cost of the program and any balance will be used to maintain the public library needs throughout the year. On a 1st motion by Courter and a 2nd by Yearick motion passed to approve the donation.

PTAC treasurer Judy Briggs provided a financial report for the breakfast season and an updated bank account report with an itemized list of donations that was given last month. The Recreation Board Chairman Brungard requested a donation of \$500. for the upcoming event 'Fall festival'

Solicitor Houser was in attendance to follow up on the Community building lease renewal. At this time, he reported there is no new update and is he is recommending to just continue as is, receiving the monthly rental payments as long as the deposits are on time.

Richard Stover with Berkheimer Business Services was attending virtually online. He presented information about the tax collection services they have to offer. Act 32 covers EIT, earned income tax. Keystone Central School District Tax office will no longer be offering this service after 2025. Solicitor Houser asked many questions and stated we have different options. Proposals will be presented at the next TCC, Tax County Collection meeting June 30th 2025.

Old business was the publication for Art Post Awareness group scheduled to present a concert on Saturday June 14th. The publication flyer was reviewed and approved with the correction of the address. On a 1st motion by Gated and a 2nd by Yearick.

Chairman Courter announced the township needs an elected Auditor. There was a discussion about John Shapiro was interested.

There was a follow up response letter from a Penn Dot traffic study the township requested. At this time Penn Dot refused to make any changes to the traffic pattern on route 64 Nittany Valley Drive at Farms Daughters.

The Ironman biking event is scheduled to pass through the township Sunday June 12th as it has for the third year.

New business was the county is requesting municipalities to sign and return the Resolution for America 250 celebration sponsored by the County. All agreed and signed to be part of the upcoming event.

The building renovations are scheduled to start July 1st. The down payment has been made of \$73,640.00. The landfill will need called to move the recycling large bins to the opposite side of the parking lot. And the office will need closed to the public while under renovations. Midland road project will start soon but no start date.

Brungard reported the quote for new picnic tables from Fisher Woodworking would be for (8) eight foot tables a total of \$2,352.00. Fisher's also offered the township a model 12 foot wide 15 feet long gazebo for \$250.00. This would be for the cost of the tin roof to be replaced. A gazebo has been on the township wish list for many years. On a 1st motion by Gates and a 2nd by Courter motion passed to purchase the tables and gazebo.

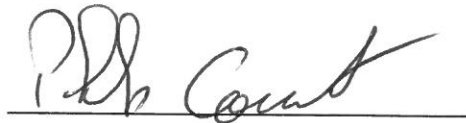
There was NO May Planning Board meeting. The board is reviewing plans for Lykens property. Zoning Officer Brungard reported the design plans were not necessary and disregarded.

Zoning Officer report was permits for the month of May was one addition, one new structure, pole building, an addition and a driveway a total of \$734.00. A correction is needed for the business permit is for Andy Zook.

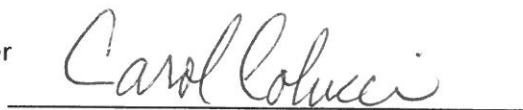
The Secretary reported the office will be closed for PSATS training June 17th and 18th in State College. The total revenue for the month of May was \$52,411.69 total expenses \$94,419.67 net income -\$42,007.98. The large expense was due to the half downpayment of the building renovations payment.

On a 1st motion by Courter and a 2nd by Yearick motion passed to approve all the bills to be signed and paid. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14th at 7:00PM. On a 1st motion by Courter and a 2nd by Yearick motion to adjourn 8:12PM.

Township Supervisor Chairman
Philip Courter



Township Secretary, Treasurer
Carol Colucci



Date :

07/14/2025