

**Tulpehocken Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting of June 10, 2026**

The Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors met on June 10, 2026, in the Township meeting room at 7:00 P.M. In attendance and voting were Supervisors: Chairman Gary Deck, Vice Chairman Lester Feick and Harold Zimmerman. Also present were Bryan Dronick, Police Chief; Kathy Judy, Township Secretary / Treasurer and Atty. Christopher Hartman, Township Solicitor.

Members of the audience included Kris Martin, Bill Dewart and Susan Wolfe.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Deck called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susan Wolfe spoke about the Bethel-Tulpehocken Library, sharing that numbers are on the rise and they deserve the Township's support and inquired about displaying Library information on the Township sign.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve minutes from the May 13, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Personnel: None

Planning Commission Recommendations: None.

Solicitor Legal Discussion:

- Update Comcast Franchise Agreement – The Solicitor advised that revisions have been submitted to Comcast and we are waiting for a response. No action at this time.
- Omnibus Traffic and Road Ordinance – Since updates are needed, the Solicitor recommended incorporating previously adopted amendments to traffic regulations including other up to date speed limit, stop sign and snow emergency route regulations that may have been in separate documents previously, so that all of the traffic and road related regulations are in a single document going forward. The Board asked that fine penalty amounts be researched and that the Chief review the Ordinance and confirm that the regulations are supported by the vehicle code allowing enforcement by traffic citation. Tabled for a future meeting.

Escrow Release: None

Zoning: No correspondence from Zoning Officer was received; the Board reviewed a log of Permits issued.

Land Development: None

Recreation:

- Lions Park: Maintenance & operation repairs and purchases: None

STAFF REPORTS:

Police Report – Chief Dronick read the May, 2026 Police report as follows:

	Tulpehocken	Marion
MILES PATROLLED	2002	742
GALLONS OF FUEL	180	
HOURS WORKED	426	60
PATROL HOURS	207.5	44
TULPEHOCKEN AREA SCHOOL DIST.	41.5	
TOTAL INCIDENTS	5	1
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	1	1
MISCELLANEOUS CALLS FOR SERVICE	58	5
FOLLOW-UP INVEST	3	0
TELEPHONE ASSIGNMENTS	27	6
COMM/RESIDENTIAL ALARMS	0	2
EMS/FIRE ADVISORIES	24	14
TRAFFIC STOPS	23	13
CITATIONS ISSUED	18	15
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	0	0
TRAFFIC WARNINGS	6	0
WARRANTS	1	0
PARKING TICKETS	0	4
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	5	3
DUI ARRESTS	1	0
MISDEMEANOR/FELONY	1	0
SECURITY CHECKS	15	2
POLICE ASSISTS	12	0
MOTORISTS ASSISTS	0	1
COURT APPEARANCES	5	0
SCHOOL (TRAINING) HOURS	0	

Chief Dronick reported that during the month May there were 158 calls received through Berks County 911; noting that nine (9) were for Teen Challenge.

- Equipment Repairs and purchases: None
- Memorandum of Understanding: *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tulpehocken Police and Tulpehocken Area School District for the 2026/2027 School Year - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

At 7:25 PM the Board called for an Executive Session. At 7:47 PM the Board returned from an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation regarding the existing police contract with Marion Township – No action taken.

- Police Coverage at Alden on 6 Development: No action was taken on the Addendum to the Marion Agreement and the Agreement with Heidelberg Township; both were tabled for a future meeting.

Road Master's Report: Vice Chairman Feick read the May, 2026 report. The work consisted of maintenance work on fleet trucks, pot hole patching, sewer maintenance, new employee orientation, phone calls, working in the shop, lawn mowing and sign maintenance.

- Speed Limit Signs in Mountain Meadows: No action at this time; signs will be installed after the Ordinance noted above in Solicitor Legal Discussion is amended.
- Equipment Repairs and purchases: No action

Fire Chiefs' Report – Vice Chairman Feick reviewed activity for the Keystone Fire Company and read the report for the Rescue Fire Company for May, 2026.

SEWER OPERATIONS:

- Judgements and Delinquent Sewer Accounts – The Board reviewed the report
- Additional Tapping Fee for 19 West Market Street, Mt. Aetna – this was discussed with Kris Martin, the builder for a proposed duplex at the property. The Board reviewed the records and agreed that only one tapping fee was paid for this property. *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion that an Application to Connect, payment of a \$4,421.55 tapping fee and a \$150 connection fee are required in order for the proposed duplex, or anything more than a single family dwelling, to be permitted at 19 West Market Street - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- Equipment Repairs and purchases, including:
 - o Update regarding dialers – one has been serviced and is operating again.
 - o Vice Chairman Feick said that he priced, and would like to order, a magnet that can be used on the service truck crane to lift manhole lids – *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the purchase of the manhole magnet from L.B. Waters for \$1,052.80 - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Contract with Cintas for Uniform Service – *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the contract on the conditions that under item 7 of the contract terms, the Secretary/Treasurer is authorized to reject any price increases and that the days payment is due within is changed from 10 days to 45 days instead - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- Berks County Association of Township Officials asked if the Board would like to see PSATS seek any legislation. Deadline to submit Resolutions is August 31, 2026. This was discussed and no action taken.
- 33 Deck Road - Approve a partial refund of taxes paid due to a change in assessed value – approved under payment of bills.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Berks County Redevelopment Authority letter regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2027-2029 - *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to remain in the County's CDBG Program - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- Complaint from resident about trucks idling overnight at Rehrebsburg Sunoco Station. It was discussed that: - it can't be ruled out that sometimes trucks may be parked and running a reefer unit versus idling, - a letter was sent to the property owner requesting them to put up no idling signs, but no response was received, - the trucks are not parking in the right-of-way or along the road so it cannot be enforced by the Police under vehicle the vehicle code, - the property owner does have a sign that says tractor trailer parking only and that inviting truck parking may not comply with the Zoning for the property. *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to refer this to the Zoning Officer to review for potential zoning violation - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0)*

- Email from resident and communication with PennDOT regarding intersection of Route 419 and Rehrersburg Road. It was discussed and decided that the Chief will research and provide information about the number of reportable accidents at the intersection to see if there are enough to meet the requirements to qualify for a traffic signal.
- Letter from PennDOT regarding severe winter adjustment and additional payment to Township – No action necessary.
- Request for Fire Police assistance – *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve providing Fire Police Assistance at the Borough of Robesonia Annual Fireworks and Street Fair on June 27, 2026 - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- Received Magisterial District Justice 2025 Financial Statement Audit as a copy for our records – No action necessary.

Mrs. Judy reported that Township Auditor Christopher Maillie requested to review the CPA 2025 Fiscal Audit when received. Considering his position as a Township Auditor, *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to waive the requirement for an official Right to Know Request and to provide Mr. Maillie with a copy of the 2025 Fiscal Audit and Financial Statement - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

OTHER BUSINESS:

- *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to ratify authorizing the Police Chief to send a letter to Bernville Borough requesting Fire Police assistance at the Mt. Aetna Fire Company's Annual Carnivals on June 13 and June 20, 2026 - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

TRAINING AND OTHER INVITATIONS:

- Berks Nature Municipal Luncheon for Conservation, June 24, 2026 – No action
- BCPWA July 15, 2026 Meeting – Mrs. Judy will register Lester Feick and Dale Swope to attend.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Account Balances for the end of May, 2026 were as follows:

General Fund Checking	\$ 9,369.92	Recreation Fund	\$ 151,735.22
General Fund Holding	\$ 91,321.53	State LF Account	\$ 332,347.86
General Prime Account	\$ 377,327.20	Street Light Account	\$ 25,913.59
Payroll Account	\$ 17,855.49	EMS Tax Account	\$ 68,657.06
		Fire Tax Account	\$ 109,863.07

Payments of Bills for this June 10, 2026 meeting are:

General Account – Checks #23091-23128 in the amount of \$37,473.99
 Street Light Account – Check #542 in the amount of \$2,033.44
 Recreation Fund – Checks #251-256 in the amount of \$1,261.81
 Fire Tax Account – EFT & Checks #101-102 in the amount of \$108,863.07
 EMS Tax Account – EFT & Check #101 in the amount of \$63,657.06
 Total Expenses for this June 10, 2026 meeting are \$213,289.37

Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the payments of the bills for this June 10, 2026 meeting - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Sewer Accounts balances for the end of May, 2026 were as follows:

Sewer Operation Class Acct.	\$ 4,249.79	Sewer Holding Acct.	\$ 33,669.22
Sewer Operation Prime Acct.	\$ 103,134.51	Debt Service Acct.	\$ 512,340.22

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this June 10, 2026 meeting are:

Checks #3586 to 3601 in the amount of \$ 33,112.37

Vice Chairman Feick made a motion to approve the payments of the sewer bills for this June 10, 2026 meeting - - seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M. - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Judy, Secretary
Tulpehocken Township