

**Tulpehocken Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting of July 8, 2026**

The Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors met on July 8, 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 Mike Najarian and Susan Wolfe.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Deck called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Najarian shared the latest statistics information from the Bethel-Tulpehocken Public Library. He and Susan Wolfe both spoke about the success the library has had with their Summer Reading Program and the Library Summer Carnival scheduled for July 25th this year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve minutes from the June 10, 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 had been submitted to Comcast and we are still waiting for a response. No action at this time.
- Omnibus Traffic and Road Ordinance – Chief Dronick reported that he reviewed the Ordinance and did not note any concerns. There was discussion about fine amounts and raising the penalty amount for parking violations, which is currently \$15.00. *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to set the parking violations fine to \$50.00 (a \$35 increase) - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

To combine all of the traffic regulations, speed limit, stop sign and snow emergency route regulations that may have been in separate documents previously, and have all traffic and road related regulations in a single document going forward; *Vice Chairman Feick made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to advertise Amendments to the Omnibus Traffic and Road Ordinance to be considered for enactment - - seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Escrow Release: None

Zoning: For the month of June, the Zoning Officer reported that:

- 4992 Four Points Road – Illegal Truck Idling/Parking – “A letter was sent letting the Owner know that a truck terminal is not a permitted use and there should be no overnight parking or idling trucks allowed. The owner was asked to install ‘No Overnight Parking’ and ‘No Idling’ signs.” The Board and Chief discussed this; if the property owner does not comply, they would like the Zoning Officer to continue with a Notice of Violation if warranted. They also instructed the Secretary to remind the complainant that it is important to call; officers have to observe idling while it is taking place, in order to take any allowable enforcement actions.

- 7656 Lancaster Avenue – “The dumpster was emptied, but the rest of the stuff is still there including trash right next to the dumpster. A letter was sent and nothing was done to clean up. A Notice of Violation will be sent out for the cleanup.”

Land Development: None

Recreation:

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

STAFF REPORTS:

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

	Tulpehocken	Marion
MILES PATROLLED	1601	587
GALLONS OF FUEL	178.9	
HOURS WORKED	386	60
PATROL HOURS	167.25	42
TULPEHOCKEN AREA SCHOOL DIST.	0	
TOTAL INCIDENTS	1	1
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	2	3
MISCELLANEOUS CALLS FOR SERVICE	17	11
FOLLOW-UP INVEST	3	0
TELEPHONE ASSIGNMENTS	13	6
COMM/RESIDENTIAL ALARMS	0	0
EMS/FIRE ADVISORIES	26	9
TRAFFIC STOPS	4	7
CITATIONS ISSUED	7	8
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	0	0
TRAFFIC WARNINGS	0	0
WARRANTS	0	0
PARKING TICKETS	0	0
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	2	6
DUI ARRESTS	0	0
MISDEMEANOR/FELONY	0	0
SECURITY CHECKS	12	3
POLICE ASSISTS	3	0
MOTORISTS ASSISTS	0	0
COURT APPEARANCES	1	1
SCHOOL (TRAINING) HOURS	0	

Chief Dronick reported that during the month June there were 112 calls received through Berks County 911; noting that fifteen (15) were for Teen Challenge.

- Equipment Repairs and purchases: None
- Police Coverage - Marion Township Addendum and Heidelberg Township Agreement: Amending the hours for Police coverage on Saturdays and Sundays is going to be presented to Marion and Heidelberg Townships – no action at this time.

Road Master’s Report: Vice Chairman Feick read the June, 2026 report. The work consisted of highway mowing, sewer work, mowing lawns, took the Police car to Keller Brothers for warranty work, met with Brian Blouch, sign maintenance, line painting, sewer call-outs, a new pipe and drop box at Goose Alley & Market Street were put in, cleaned pump stations, fixed a section of force main that broke inside a manhole. Also, Host Road was undermined near Church Road; a new pipe was put in and the blacktop needs to be patched still.

- Mountain Meadows street light repair: Vice Chairman Feick shared that, because testing found an electrical failure to be underground where a driveway and sidewalk join; in this case boring and pulling wire was determined to be the best method to get two street lights repaired.

- Equipment Repairs and purchases: Vice Chairman Feick updated the Board on fleet maintenance – work getting transmissions flushed on the trucks is ongoing. The 550 Dump Truck will need transmission lines replaced.
- There was discussion about replacing some road signs that have become faded, and the need to repaint some of the road surface “Stop Ahead” lettering and lines, at various locations throughout the Township.

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

SEWER OPERATIONS:

- Judgements and Delinquent Sewer Account – The Board reviewed the report
- 469 Godfrey Street – The owner would like to extend the 50% waiver of sewer service fees that expired on July 1, 2026. *Chairman Deck made a motion to grant an extension of the 50% waiver of fees, on the condition that the property owner submits a written request or application within 90 days - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- Equipment Repairs and purchases, including:
 - o New panel at Market Street pump station – the Board reviewed a proposal from Slaymaker for a new alternating duplex control panel with remote monitoring/alarming and new three phase pump units. It was agreed that further research should be done to look at alternatives and the Board would also like to have a meeting with Slaymaker to discuss the proposal and options before taking any action.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Resident communication regarding intersection of Route 419 and Rehrersburg Road. The Police Chief advised that there have been five reportable accidents and zero fatalities at the intersection in three years. It was agreed that the number of incidents are too low to warrant a traffic study and it is highly improbable the location would meet any PennDOT requirements for improvements. The Police Chief was asked to have the Department increase Police presence in the area around the intersection to help promote awareness and decrease reckless driving.
- 44 Rehrersburg Road – Cleanup at the property was done on June 24, 2026. *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to invoice all costs, subject to the Township Solicitor’s review - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Keystone Fire Company of Rehrersburg Annual Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 4:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M. – *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to authorize signing and sending the PennDOT road closing request form and letters requesting Fire Police assistance for during the event - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- The Board reviewed a list of improvements for property valuation updates. *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion authorizing the Secretary to submit the updates to Mutual Inspection Bureau - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- Having reviewed a proposal from the current CPA firm for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 fiscal year audits of Township and Sewer Funds, *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to accept and sign Riley and Company’s proposal for a three-year engagement - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

- *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-8; naming Gary Deck and Lester Feick as Township Representatives to the Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter and 2026 Affiliate Member Form from Berks County Conservation District requesting contribution to environmental education programs – *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve a donation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

OTHER BUSINESS:

- It was noted that at the July 7, 2026 Hearing the Zoning Hearing Board denied Rushtown Foods application.

TRAINING AND OTHER INVITATIONS:

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

General Fund Checking	\$ 9,187.61	Recreation Fund	\$ 153,340.22
General Fund Holding	\$ 137,276.72	State LF Account	\$ 333,366.54
General Prime Account	\$ 378,483.93	Street Light Account	\$ 24,359.50
Payroll Account	\$ 17,469.10	EMS Tax Account	\$ 6,890.08
		Fire Tax Account	\$ 4,035.37

Payments of Bills for this July 8, 2026 meeting are:

General Account – Checks #23129-23168 in the amount of \$65,021.25
 Street Light Account – Check #543 in the amount of \$2,039.55
 Recreation Fund – Checks #257-259 in the amount of \$875.10
 Fire Tax Account – EFT in the amount of \$410.55
 EMS Tax Account – EFT in the amount of \$256.59
 Total Expenses for this July 8, 2026 meeting are \$68,603.04

Vice Chairman Feick made a motion to approve the payments of the bills for this July 8, 2026 meeting - - seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).

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

Sewer Operation Class Acct.	\$ 4,173.24	Sewer Holding Acct.	\$ 33,925.60
Sewer Operation Prime Acct.	\$ 83,407.94	Debt Service Acct.	\$ 513,910.85

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this July 8, 2026 meeting are:

Checks #3602 to 3616 in the amount of \$ 34,247.32

Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the payments of the sewer bills for this July 8, 2026 meeting - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 P.M. - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Judy, Secretary
 Tulpehocken Township