

**Tulpehocken Township
Board of Supervisors
Meeting of September 9, 2026**

The Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors met on September 9, 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; and Kathy Judy, Township Secretary / Treasurer.

Members of the audience included Susan Wolfe, Jeff Hahn and Roger Yiengst.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Deck called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Susan Wolfe spoke about the Library, the Legacy Council and asked the Board to consider increasing the amount it donates to the Library in 2027. Also discussed was the traffic and speeding on Wintersville Road and an overall increase in traffic on many other roads right now due to the Route 419 bridge project and temporary road closure were discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve minutes from the August 12, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

Personnel, Planning Commission Recommendations, Land Development & Recreation: None

Solicitor Legal Discussion:

- Update Comcast Franchise Agreement – No action at this time.
- Mountain Meadows Sidewalk – A question of who is responsible for repairs to the sidewalk and curbing at one of the mailbox clusters in the development was asked. Based on research done and in accordance with the Solicitor's recommendation, *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion authorizing a letter be sent to the homeowner advising that under the plan and the property maintenance code, they are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the sidewalk and curbing - - seconded by Chairman Deck and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Escrow Release: Met-Ed requested release of the Bond for the 2017 Substation project. As built plans have been requested for the Township Engineer's review – No action at this time.

Zoning:

- 4992 Rehrersburg Road Sunoco – There's been no response to the letter sent on the allowed use and idling trucks. To follow up on that, and also address a new complaint about lighting, a Notice of Violation has been sent. Deadline to respond is October 8, 2026.
- 7656 Lancaster Avenue – A letter had been sent, but no significant improvement was made. A Notice of Violation has now been sent. The owner has until September 17th to cut the weeds/grass and until October 8th to remove the trash/rubbish.

STAFF REPORTS:

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

	<u>Tulpehocken</u>	<u>Marion</u>
MILES PATROLLED	2000	799
GALLONS OF FUEL	196.9	
HOURS WORKED	389.5	60

PATROL HOURS	329	48
TULPEHOCKEN AREA SCHOOL DIST.	9.75	
TOTAL INCIDENTS	4	3
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	11	7
MISCELLANEOUS CALLS FOR SERVICE	10	0
FOLLOW-UP INVEST	0	0
TELEPHONE ASSIGNMENTS	10	4
COMM/RESIDENTIAL ALARMS	0	0
EMS/FIRE ADVISORIES	51	8
TRAFFIC STOPS	23	8
CITATIONS ISSUED	21	7
NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS	1	1
TRAFFIC WARNINGS	4	0
WARRANTS	0	0
PARKING TICKETS	0	0
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	2	0
DUI ARRESTS	0	0
MISDEMEANOR/FELONY	0	0
SECURITY CHECKS	10	5
POLICE ASSISTS	4	0
MOTORISTS ASSISTS	0	1
COURT APPEARANCES	0	0
SCHOOL (TRAINING) HOURS	0	

Chief Dronick reported that during the month August there were 142 calls received through Berks County 911; noting that forty-four (44) were for Teen Challenge.

- Equipment Repairs and purchases, including:
 - The Chief reported that the 2022 cruiser needs tires that will cost \$913.96 from Custom Exhaust. *Vice Chairman Feick made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the new tires - - seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Chief Dronick reported that the Enradd system was calibrated and is working. It first time out was about two hours on Wintersville Road.

Road Master's Report: Vice Chairman Feick read the August, 2026 report. The work consisted of sewer maintenance, meter reading, highway mowing, cleaning grates, lawn mowing, working in the shop, getting the paint sprayer out and ready, cleaning gutters, and doing some work at Cherry Hill Road and Deck Road that is not complete yet.

The Roadmaster reported that the Road Crew had to put up some barricades for poles that came down in the storms. They also had seven trees that came down.

- Equipment Repairs and purchases: None.

The Board discussed a guide rail on Teen Challenge Road that was damaged in a motor vehicle accident on 9/1/26. Wm. Orr & Sons, Inc. gave an estimate of \$7,150 to repair the guide rail. *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to amend the agenda to include "Damaged guide rail on Teen Challenge Road" - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to move ahead and schedule the repair now; and to notify and seek reimbursement from the driver or the driver's insurance company - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

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

SEWER OPERATIONS:

- Judgements and Delinquent Sewer Accounts – the Board reviewed the report.

- Equipment Repairs and purchases: Vice Chairman Feick reported that A.H. Moyer installed an air-release when they repaired the pipe that had blown out. He also reported that the Mt. Aetna Pump Station is working good, but there are still some issues at the Sewer Plant and another Pump Station.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Update on complaint regarding 7646 Lancaster Avenue – It's been alleged the property is not vacant and Sewer fees are currently being waived. The Police Chief reported that he has not been able to prove someone is residing in the upstairs apartment. *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to authorize the Sewer Service to send a letter notifying the property owner that if proof of vacancy is not provided, monthly billing will resume, the waiver revoked and they will be back-billed for any waived fees to date - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- 44 Rehrersburg Road – The property owners were billed for abatement costs. Payment was due on August 22nd; no payment has been received. Per the court order, *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to file a lien on the property for the unpaid invoice - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- County/Municipal Radio System Replacement – no new information received from the County

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Citizen Compliant Form regarding trees on Summer Mountain Road – Pictures have been gathered. *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to draft a letter to the Public Utility Commission to request action be taken to get the trees cut and removed from the wires - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- Berks County Conservation District request for Donation/Sponsorship of their 80th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve making a \$250 donation - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- Berks County Commissioners on Imagine Berks comprehensive planning process, Regional Corridor Report and GIS training. No action taken.
- PSATS Health Insurance Cooperative Trust – 2026 Ballot for Election of Trustees. The Board reviewed information about the candidates the Trust is recommending. *Vice Chairman Feick made a motion to authorize signing the Ballot for election of trustee candidates Jack Hines and John Wilkes, Jr. - - seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- A request for Fire Police assistance was received from the Borough of Myerstown – *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve providing Fire Police assistance at the Myerstown Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 28, 2026 (or on rain date November 29, 2026) - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- Borough of Myerstown is requesting Rehrersburg and Mt. Aetna Fire Police assistance at their Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 28, 2026 (rain date November 29, 2026).

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension - The MMO for 2027 was prepared on the 2026 wage figures. The Township's obligation will be \$22,174.00. *Vice Chairman Feick made a motion to accept the MMO in the amount of \$22,174.00 and authorize it to be sent to PMRS - - seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- Mobile Phone / Cellular connectivity issues were discussed; the Board intends to ask the Solicitor who they can write to about the problem.

- Diesel Fuel delivery schedule and tank monitor – Mrs. Judy shared information from Leffler Fuel about monitored deisel levels and automatic delivery.

TRAINING AND OTHER INVITATIONS:

- The Berks County Department of Agriculture is hosting a three hour Planning and Permitting Municipal Roundtable on Thursday, September 24, 2026. Attendance was discussed; none attending; information will be passed along to the Planning Commission.
- The Berks County Public Works Association meeting and Trade Show is on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. Registration is due by September 16, 2026. Attendance was discussed; the Secretary will send in the registration.
- 2026 Berks County Association of Township Officials' Annual County Convention is on Thursday, October 15, 2026. RSVP form due by October 1, 2026. Attendance was discussed. *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion authorizing the Secretary to check with the other elected officials and submit the RSVP - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

General Fund Checking	\$ 8,255.97	Recreation Fund	\$ 153,115.12
General Fund Holding	\$ 138,014.09	State LF Account	\$ 335,494.96
General Prime Account	\$ 380,900.79	Street Light Account	\$ 19,519.46
Payroll Account	\$ 36,000.95	EMS Tax Account	\$ 11,406.94
		Fire Tax Account	\$ 11,261.30

Payments of Bills for this September 9, 2026 meeting are:

General Account – Checks #23210-23241 in the amount of \$22,324.29

Street Light Account – Checks #549--550 in the amount of \$2,445.72

Recreation Fund – Checks #263-265 in the amount of \$385.47

Total Expenses for this September 9, 2026 meeting are \$25,155.73

Vice Chairman Feick made a motion to approve the payments of the bills for this September 9, 2026 - - seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).

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

Sewer Operation Class Acct.	\$ 886.36	Sewer Holding Acct.	\$ 13,631.49
Sewer Operation Prime Acct.	\$ 73,919.71	Debt Service Acct.	\$ 517,192.50

Payments of Bills in the Sewer Operation Account for this September 9, 2026 meeting are:

Checks #3636 to 3650 in the amount of \$19,483.91

Vice Chairman Feick made a motion to approve the payments of the sewer bills for this September 9, 2026 meeting - - seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: *Vice Chairman Feick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 P.M. - - seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Judy, Secretary
Tulpehocken Township