

- MINUTES
- Pittston Township
- Board of Supervisors Meeting
- April 22, 2025
- Pittston Township Municipal Building

Call Meeting To Order 6:00 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance

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- Executive sessions were held on 4/1/2025 and 4/15/2025 regarding contracts and personnel

Minutes: minutes of the Supervisors regularly scheduled March 17, 2025 general meeting was presented to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.
 Questions/Corrections – NONE HEARD.

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of March 17, 2025 general meeting.

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Supervisors Comments

Consideration of Appointment of Resident to Long-Term Planning Committee

The township received a letter of interest from Mia Szumski of Parnell Street wishing to be appointed to the township long-term planning committee.

- **MOTION:** To appoint Mia Szumski of Parnell Street to the Pittston Township Long-Term Planning Committee.

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Letter of Resignation Received from John Cosgrove, Planning Commission Member

A letter of resignation was received from John Cosgrove, Planning Commission member by the township effective March 26, 2025. The township would like to thank Mr. Cosgrove for his dedication and years of service to the township. Mr. Cosgrove served on the planning commission for almost 20 years.

- **MOTION:** To accept resignation from John Cosgrove as a member of the Pittston Township planning commission effective March 26, 2025.

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Consideration of Accepting Resignation of Kim Warunek as Alternate to Pittston Township Planning Commission

Contingent upon appointing Ms. Warunek to the planning commission, she would have to resign as an alternate to the planning commission.

- **MOTION:** To accept the resignation of Kim Warunek as “alternate” to the Pittston Township Planning Commission effective April 22, 2025.

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Consideration of Appointment of Kim Warunek to Vacancy on Pittston Township Planning Commission through December 31, 2026

A letter of interest for the vacancy on the planning commission was sent in to the township from Kim Warunek of Suscon Road. The term would be through December 31, 2026.

- **MOTION:** To enact Resolution 4-01 of 2024—to appoint Kim Warunek of Suscon Road to the Pittston Township planning commission to a term expiring December 31, 2026.

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Request Received from Victory Sports To Utilize Pavilion for Summer Dance

A request was received from Victory Sports to utilize the pavilion at Attardo Park for their summer dance. The date of the dance will be Tuesday, June 10, 2025. The township does not reserve the pavilion to renters during weekdays so either day should not cause an issue.

- **MOTION:** To grant permission to Victory Sports to utilize the pavilion at Attardo Park on either Tuesday, June 10, 2025 for their annual summer dance.

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Garbage Bag Distribution

The distribution of bags is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2025 and Friday, May 9, 2025 from 9am-5pm and Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 9am-1pm, weather dependent, at the Pittston Township Volunteer Fire Dept. building located on North Township Boulevard. A drive thru concept will once again be used whereby households will be given their permit and 208 bags on that date. In case of inclement weather an alternate distribution date will be Thursday, May 15 and Friday, May 16, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 9am-1pm at the same location. Mailings to residents have gone out to each resident.

Yard waste pickup began on April 15, 2025. We are utilizing the same system as last year with residents calling in to the building to schedule pickup. We just want to remind residents that we cannot pick up rocks, concrete, stone, tree stumps, lumber, and plastics including plastic bags and ashes.

“Pittston Township Municipality” now on Facebook

The township created a Facebook page called “Pittston Township Municipality”. The purpose of the page is to pass information along to the residents and the community about township events and happenings. The QR code to the page is on our front door here at the building if anyone is interested in following the page.

Financial

- **Motion:** To ratify March-April pre-paid bills in the amount \$403,840.12 (payments of \$114,586.13 to Pioneer Construction for Baker Chapel Phase 1 final payment which was previously approved and \$41,280.00 to CentralPoly for garbage bag purchases) and bills payable in the amount of \$2,456.36 and payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

3/12/2025	80,206.39
3/26/2025	75,251.10

Automatic Debits:

Amazon	\$157.57
Neopost	\$50.00
Principal Life	\$917.01
Lowes	\$69.92
Amazon	\$389.96
Adobe	\$21.19
Danner—Police Uniforms	\$300.00
Amazon	\$37.51
The Hartford	\$1,519.47

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PR Transfer	\$80,206.39
Amazon	\$59.59
PSATS	\$35.00
PennVet—K-9 License	\$475.00
MadTees	\$124.00
Aflac	\$66.86
Neopost	\$100.00
PR Transfer	\$75,251.10
Intoximeters—Police Supplies	\$79.00
Hampton Inn—Police Training	\$400.32
Amazon	\$31.21
Staples	\$29.97
Neopost	\$100.00
Quadient	\$267.90
Amazon	\$93.85

Handwritten Check:

Check #9133—David Slezak—Replacement of Lost Payroll Check--\$198.47

BHW—March 2025--\$28,902.24

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS – NONE HEARD

Motion to approve payment of bills and unpaid bills.

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Emergency Management Report

Supervisor Hawk did not provide a report.

Fire Department

Incident Report – March 2025

QUESTION/CONCERNS – NONE HEARD.

- Motion to approve incident report for March 2025

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Ambulance Report

Monthly report for March 2025

- Motion to approve ambulance report
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Police

POLICE REPORT - submitted by Chief Angelella -

- Motion to approve police report as submitted
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Consideration of MOU Between Board of Supervisors and Police Department

The Board of Supervisors are considering a memorandum of understanding between the Pittston Township Board of Supervisors and the Pittston Township Police Department amending the salary schedule for 2025. The reason that this came about is that other local police departments/municipalities have been actively recruiting officers of smaller municipalities to come join their departments, with those local police departments/municipalities waiving pre-requisites to join their departments, such as waivers of taking their civil service examination and other pre-requisites. These local police departments/municipalities that are actively recruiting are also enticing officers of smaller municipalities to join their department by enticing these officers with higher salaries. There was significant concern that if nothing was done and everything remained status quo, the Pittston Township Police Department would lose multiple officers, which would create much more overtime pay and losing multiple officers would be detrimental to our police department, our emergency services, and Pittston Township as a whole. Upon hearing about this, the board of supervisors sprung into action and created a MOU amending the salary schedule for 2025 to try to prevent this from happening. The police department voted to approve the MOU and have passed the MOU on to the supervisors for approval.

- **MOTION:** To approve the memorandum of understanding between the Pittston Township Board of Supervisors and the Pittston Township Police Department amending the salary schedule for the year 2025, retroactive to April 1, 2025.

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Consideration for Proposal to Upfit 2024 Chevrolet Silverado Police Vehicle Received from District Attorney's Office

A proposal was received from VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists, a CoStars vendor, to upfit the 2024 Chevrolet Silverado Police Vehicle received for no charge of the township from the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office.

- **MOTION:** To approve proposal from VCI Emergency Vehicle Specialists (CoStars #013-E24-309) for 2024 Chevrolet Silverado police vehicle upfit for \$26,669.70.

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Road Department –

Consideration of Baker Chapel Phase II Payment Application #3

The contractor for Baker Chapel Phase II, M&J Excavation, presented to township engineers the third payment application for \$113,265.00. Township engineers recommended township supervisors approve this payment application. Payment will be fully funded by the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Grant received for the project.

- **MOTION:** To approve payment of payment application #3 for Baker Chapel Phase II to M&J Excavation for \$113,265.00 (payment will be fully funded by PennDOT multimodal transportation fund grant).

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Consideration of Payment of AIA Document #1, #2, and #3 for Pittston Township Bypass Salt Shed Project

Wodock Construction sent payment applications #1, #2, and #3 to township engineers for review. Pennoni, Inc. reviewed the payment applications and recommended payment of the applications.

- **MOTION:** To approve payment of payment application #1, #2, and #3 for the Pittston Township Bypass Salt Shed Project to Wodock

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Construction for the complete contract total of \$227,000 (this is budgeted in the 2025 budget).

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Consideration of Change Order #2 for Baker Chapel Phase II Project

Change order #2 was received for the Baker Chapel Phase II Project for \$68,375.00. This change order is to pave the other side of Chapel Road coming down instead of just milling the road.

- **MOTION:** To approve and ratify change order #2 for the Baker Chapel Phase II roadway infrastructure project for \$68,375.00.

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Consideration of Resolution 4-02 of 2025 – Application for PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant for Sterling Street Stormwater Improvements

The supervisors are considering an application for a grant for stormwater improvements for Sterling Street through the PA Small Water and Sewer program.

- **MOTION:** To approve Resolution 4-02 of 2025 – Application for PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant for Sterling Street Stormwater Improvements.

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Consideration of Resolution 4-03 of 2025 – Authorizing Township to Remove a Tree Which Would Constitute a Dangerous Condition for the Roadway

The supervisors are considering a resolution establishing procedures which would give the township authority to remove a tree which would constitute a dangerous condition for the roadway. The procedure would constitute sending a certified letter to the abutting property owner informing them of the removal of the tree.

- **MOTION:** To approve Resolution 4-03 of 2025 – Authorizing Pittston Township to Remove a Tree Which Would Constitute a Dangerous Condition for the Roadway

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Consideration of Awarding of Parnell Street Stormwater Project

The supervisors are considering awarding the Parnell Street stormwater project at this time. The township received a grant for the project of \$384,336.00 with a 15% match to bring the total project cost to \$441,986. The opening of the bids for the project was held at 10:00am on April 17, 2025 at the municipal building and the results were as follows:

American Asphalt	\$297,385.00
J. Leiphard Construction	\$339,415.00
Stafursky Paving	\$339,595.00
M&J Excavation	\$349,312.50
RLE Enterprises	\$358,595.00
Don E. Bower	\$391,128.30
Ed Krasavage Construction	\$397,398.00
Multiscape, Inc.	\$414,765.00
Linde Corporation	\$446,115.00

- **MOTION:** To award Parnell Street stormwater project to American Asphalt for \$297,385.00.

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Zoning

Consideration of Approval of Mericle 112 Armstrong LLC – Centerpoint East Phase IIB Lot 39 Land Development

At their November 13, 2024 meeting, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the land development plan, contingent upon authorization of the NPDES permit amendment by PA DEP. The NPDES permit amendment was approved by DEP on April 3, 2025. Township engineers issued correspondence to us on April 3, 2025 recommending the Supervisors approve the plan.

- **MOTION:** To approve the land development plans of Mericle 112 Armstrong LLC—Centerpoint East Phase IIB Lot 39.

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Consideration of Approval of Vesper Logistics Land Development

Mr. Rozitski recommended to the board of supervisors to table the plan approval since the full executed plans from the applicant were not provided prior to the meeting.

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- **MOTION:** To TABLE the land development plans of Vesper Logistics.

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Engineering Report –March 2025-April 2025

Mr. Rozitski provided highlights from the engineering report.

MS-4 Report

Supervisor Taroli reported that she attended the WVSA Steering Committee meeting on 3/27/2025. She reported that there are 10 catch basin replacements free of charge to the township to utilize. Matt Chesniak, road foreman, compiled a list of the catch basins and reported it to WVSA. She also reported that there is a rain barrel workshop on May 31, 2025. The balance in the MS-4 savings account at March 31, 2025 was \$149,248.81.

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Tim Bartuska—

Mr. Bartuska requested that he put a port-a-potty outside the left field fence on the baseball field across from Oriole Park for his 4th of July festivities. Attorney Sanguedolce recommended to add the motion to the agenda:

- **MOTION:** To add to the agenda to grant Tim Bartuska permission to put a port-a-potty outside the left field fence on the baseball field across from Oriole Park, pending road master approval of the location.

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- **MOTION:** To grant Tim Bartuska permission to put a port-a-potty outside the left field fence on the baseball field across from Oriole Park, pending road master approval of the location.

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Dennis Fritz—


Mr. Fritz inquired about the status of code enforcement at Decker Lane trailer park and commented on other various issues with the park over the many years.

Theresa Kockis—

Ms. Kockis inquired about the status of code enforcement at Decker Lane trailer park and commented on other various issues with the park over the many years.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn
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Roll Call: Slezak Y Hawk Y Taroli Y

Respectfully submitted,


Kyle Rozitski
Secretary to Board of Supervisors
Pittston Township