

▪ **MINUTES**  
▪ **Pittston Township**  
▪ **Board of Supervisors Meeting**  
▪ **July 21, 2025**  
▪ **Pittston Township Municipal Building**

Call Meeting To Order                      6:00 PM

- Moment of silence to be held for John “Jack” Cosgrove, Dominick Pepe, and John Baiera Jr., who passed away since the last meeting. Mr. Cosgrove was a member of the planning commission for over 20 years. Mr. Pepe was a longtime zoning and code enforcement officer for the township and an elected auditor for many years. Mr. Baiera was a long-time resident of Pittston Township.

- Pledge of Allegiance

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- Executive sessions were held on 6/23/2025, 6/30/2025, 7/14/2025, and 7/17/2025 regarding contracts and personnel.

**Minutes:** minutes of the Supervisors regularly scheduled June 16, 2025 general meeting was presented to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.  
Questions/Corrections – NONE HEARD

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of June 16, 2025 general meeting.

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**Appointments**

**Consideration of Appoint of Ray Torres-Cruz as Full-Time Patrolman**

Based upon the completion of the police academy at Lackawanna Police Academy and completion of MPOETC exam, Ray Torres-Cruz, a sponsored individual sent by the township to the academy, has met all of the requirements of being a full-time patrolman for the township and is recommended to be formally appointed.

- **MOTION:** To appoint Ray Torres-Cruz as full time patrolman for Pittston Township with salary and benefits as per the police collective bargaining agreement (effective 7-14-2025).

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JUDGE ALEXANDRA KOKURA-KRAVITZ ADMINISTERED THE OATH

**Consideration to Appoint Thor Roempagel as Pittston Township Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer**

- **MOTION:** To appoint Thor Roempagel as Pittston Township Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer (retroactive to 7/7/2025) for \$60,000.00 with benefits in accordance to police CBA (conditioned on completion of BCO exam).

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JUDGE ALEXANDRA KOKURA-KRAVITZ ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE

**Consideration of Appointment of Auditor to Pittston Township Board of Auditors to Fill Vacant Seat**

The supervisors accepted letters of interest for an open period for a vacant auditor position created by the passing of Dominick Pepe. The vacant seat would have a term ending December 31, 2027.

- **MOTION:** To appoint Stan Zurek as auditor of Pittston Township with a term ending December 31, 2027.

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JUDGE ALEXANDRA KOKURA-KRAVITZ ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE

**Consideration of Appointment of Full-Time Firefighters**

The fire department have requested the supervisors to hire additional full-time firefighters due to the lack of part-time firefighters working the required hours to man the fire department. A memo went out to all current part-time firefighters and interviews were conducted by the supervisors.

- **MOTION:** To appoint Allan Capozucca as full-time fire fighter of Pittston Township with benefits in accordance to the fire CBA.

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- **MOTION:** To appoint Christopher DiPierro as full-time fire fighter of Pittston Township with benefits in accordance to the fire CBA.

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JUDGE ALEXANDRA KOKURA-KRAVITZ ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE

**Supervisors Comments**

**Presentation from Attorney Frank Hoegen from Hoegen & Associates to Propose a LERTA Designation for Todd Arthurs Holdings Property**

Attorney Frank Hoegen from Hoegen & Associates provided a presentation to propose a LERTA designation for the Todd Arthurs Holdings property.

**Consideration of Settlement Agreement Addendum with John Bonita**

- **MOTION:** To accept addendum to settlement agreement with John A. Bonita regarding insurance (no cost to township).

Supervisor Hawk inquired if this addendum reopens the whole agreement. Mr. Rozitski said it is just a change to the current agreement.

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**Consideration to Accept Quote for Repairs to Municipal Garage Rubber Roof**

A proposal was received to repair the municipal garage rubber roof. The roof has been severely leaking water for years and is in desperate need to repair. A proposal was received from Spencer’s Real Estate Development for \$5,875.00 to clean the ailing seams and repair the failing seam tape.

- **MOTION:** To accept quote from Spencer’s Real Estate Development for \$5,875.00 to repair the municipal garage rubber roof.

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**Consideration to Accept Quote for Badge Reader System for Municipal Garage**

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, it was discovered that an individual broke in to the municipal garage down on the bypass. There was nothing noticeable taken that we are aware of and a police report has been filed. For further security of the building, the township obtained a quote from Hillman to install a fob system similar to what we have here at the municipal building. The badge system down there would be integrated to the hosting system we have here at the municipal building. The badge readers would be installed at the main entry door to the building and the side entry door. The cost for the system is \$4,385.00 plus a \$478.80 annual fee for the web hosting.

- **MOTION:** To accept quote from Hillman Security Systems for a badge reader system \$4,385.00 plus a \$478.80 annual fee for web hosting.

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Supervisor Slezak inquired if the township could look into a camera system for the garage as well due to the amount of illegal dumping taking place at the municipal garage.

**Consideration of Resolution 7-01 of 2025—Establishing Alternate Representative to North East Pennsylvania Land Bank Authority**

The supervisors are considering a resolution establishing an alternate representative for Pittston Township to the NEPA Land Bank Authority in the event that the representative cannot attend for any reason. Mr. Rozitski contacted Pittston City and they said a non-elected official could service as the alternate.

- **MOTION:** To approve Resolution 7-01 of 2025—Establishing Kyle Rozitski as alternate representative to NEPA Land Bank Authority for Pittston Township

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**Consideration of Resolution 7-02 of 2025—Public Comment Resolution**

The supervisors are considering a resolution to establish public comment procedures. The same procedures with the signing in for public comment will remain in place. The change is that each individual public comment period will be limited to 10 minutes.

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- **MOTION:** To ratify Resolution 7-02 of 2025 – Establishing rules and regulations for public comment

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**Consideration of Purchase of Plaque Dedicating Township Stone Wall to John Pagliante, Former Township Supervisor**

The supervisors are considering dedicating the stone wall that was recently redone in front of the municipal building to John Pagliante, Former Township Supervisor. A quote from obtained from American Cast Bronze Plaques, which is a veteran owned and operated business, for the plaque that would stick in the ground. The cost of the plaque is \$1,215.00. If the plaque is purchased and once it comes in, a dedication ceremony would occur with Former supervisor Pagliante’s family. Mr. Pagliante would consistently maintain the front stone wall during his time as a supervisor.

- **MOTION:** To purchase a plaque dedicating the Township stone wall to John Pagliante, former township supervisor, from American Cast Bronze Plaques for \$1,215.00.

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Supervisor Slezak inquired if the township could look into a dedication for former supervisor Pagliante at the municipal garage since he maintained that significantly as well. Mr. Rozitski said he could look into it.

**Pennoni and PennDOT LTAP Program Conducting Traffic Study on Broad Street**

At the request of the board of supervisors, Pennoni and the PennDOT LTAP program will be conducting a traffic study on Broad Street to provide us with options to alleviate the speeding concerns. This is a free program with no cost to the township. The anticipated turn around time is around one month. Once we receive the traffic study results back, it will provide us with a clearer picture in the direction the township should take.

**Financial**

- **Motion:** To ratify April-May pre-paid bills in the amount \$301,480.24 (payments of \$56,875.00 to Bonner Chevrolet (reimbursable through DCED 2024 LSA Grant) and to Latona Trucking for \$16,800.00 (reimbursable through MS-4 savings account)) and bills payable in the amount of \$4,742.05 and payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

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6/4/2025      81,467.77  
6/18/2025      81,968.40

**Automatic Debits:**

Bank Fees	\$95.00
Indeed	\$105.59
Principal Life	\$917.01
Amazon	\$69.69
Amtrust	\$4,605.00
Amtrust	\$8,826.00
Amazon	\$28.99
Techsmith—Police Software	\$50.88
Neopost	\$100.00
Chewy—K-9 Supplies	\$49.34
Adobe	\$21.19
Aflac	\$66.86
Hartford	\$1,445.32
Amazon	\$282.25
Minute Book Paper	\$268.25
Amazon Prime Subscription	\$129.00
Amazon	\$207.26
UPS	\$9.05
Amazon	\$91.87
Neopost	\$100.00
Police Holster	\$115.28

BHW—May 2025--\$36,315.53

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS – NONE HEARD.

Motion to approve payment of bills and unpaid bills.

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**Emergency Management Report**

Supervisor Hawk wanted to thank all of the emergency service participants that attended the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Pittston Township Emergency Services Day on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Bryden Street grounds, which was a partnership with Geisinger.

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**Fire Department**

Incident Report – June 2025

QUESTION/CONCERNS—NONE HEARD

- Motion to approve incident report for June 2025

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**Ambulance Report**

Monthly report for June 2025

- Motion to approve ambulance report

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Mr. Rozitski further wanted to thank all Pittston Township emergency services (police, fire, ambulance) for their cohesiveness and working together on the day of the 911 outage that affected the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Police**

**POLICE REPORT** - submitted by Chief Angelella – NONE HEARD.

- Motion to approve police report as submitted

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**Road Department –**

**Quotes Received to Make Swale Improvements and Pipe Upgrades for Ridge Street**

The township with our engineers Pennoni solicited three quotes to perform swale improvements and pipe upgrades to Ridge Street. With the recent rainfall, it caused a lot of washout from the swales and made us realize that improvements and pipe upgrades are

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needed to prevent property damage from further significant rainfall. The three quotes received are as follows:

Latona Excavating	\$19,740.25
H&K Group	\$25,099.25
Pennsy Supply	\$36,825.00

The funds for these improvements would come from the township’s MS-4 fund, so there would be no taxpayer money spent.

- **MOTION:** To accept quote from Latona Excavating for \$19,740.25 for swale improvements and pipe upgrades for Ridge Street (funded through township MS-4 funds) (retroactive to 6/20/2025)

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**Consideration of Change Order #2 for Additional Piping and Inlet for Parnell Street**

Change order #2 for Parnell Street was received for \$4,800 for additional piping and an extra stormwater inlet on Parnell Street near the corner of Parnell Street and Ford Street. The change order is reimbursable through the DCED Small Water and Sewer Project and MS-4 savings account from WVSA.

- **MOTION:** To accept change order #2 for \$4,800.00 (funded through DCED Small Water and Sewer Grant and MS-4 savings account from WVSA)

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**Consideration of Approval of Payment Application #3 for Armstrong Road**

Payment application #3 for Armstrong Road, the final payment application, was presented to the supervisors for approval. The final payment is for \$53,651.61. Township engineers recommended approval of the payment application. The payment application would be fully covered by the DCED Multimodal Grant.

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- **MOTION:** To approve payment application #3 for Armstrong Road for \$53,651.61 (fully funded by the DCED Multimodal Grant)

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**Consideration of Resolution 7-03 of 2025—Authorization of DCED Multimodal Grant Application for Ridge Road**

The supervisors are considering a grant application through the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund program for Ridge Road in the Suscon area of the township. \$400,000 was already obtained for the project through grant funding, but more funding was determined to be needed to complete the project.

- **MOTION:** To approve Resolution 7-03 of 2025—Authorization of DCED Multimodal Grant Application for Ridge Road

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**Engineering Report –June 2025 – July 2025**

Mr. Rozitski dispensed with the reading of the status of some projects that are currently under review with the planning commission.

**Long-Term Planning Committee Quarterly Report (April-June 2025)**

Mr. Rozitski dispensed with the reading of the long-term planning committee quarterly report with highlights of current discussions that the committee is holding.

**MS-4 Report**

Supervisor Taroli discussed and reported on stormwater improvements made on Langans Road, Church Drive, and Ridge Street utilizing the MS-4 savings account. Supervisor Taroli commented on the number of catch basins cleaned during June 2025 and the balance of the June 30, 2025 MS-4 savings account was \$168,506.25.

Supervisor Taroli congratulated Mr. Zurek on this appointment to the board of auditors and just explained that she had another candidate she would have preferred.

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organization. All guests are invited to speak for up to 10 minutes. Note that meetings are being audio and video recorded.

**Dennis Fritz—**

Mr. Fritz commented on the continuous ongoing issues with Decker Lane trailer park that have been ongoing for a number of years.

**Christine Menichini—**

Ms. Menichini provided a statement of behalf of the Menichini family for the situation that occurred on her property on Oak Street. She brought up several concerns about safety improvements to the road, speeding, etc.

**Arthur Menichini—**

Mr. Menichini further commented on Oak Street safety concerns. He provided documents to the supervisors with facts about the traffic and width of Oak Street.

**Adjournment:**      Motion to Adjourn  
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 Roll Call: Slezak \_Y\_      Hawk \_\_\_Y\_\_\_      Taroli \_Y\_

Respectfully submitted,



Kyle Rozitski  
 Secretary to the Board of Supervisors  
 Pittston Township