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- **Board of Supervisors Meeting**
- **February 17, 2026**
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Call Meeting To Order 6:00 PM

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call Hawk ___P___ Taroli ___P___ Slezak ___P___

- Executive sessions were held on Wednesday, February 4th, 2026 and Friday, February 6th, 2026 regarding contracts, personnel, and pending litigation.

Minutes: minutes of the Supervisors regularly scheduled January 20, 2026 general meeting and January 23, 2026 special meeting was presented to Supervisors for their review comments and/or corrections.

Questions/Corrections – NONE HEARD

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of January 20, 2026 general meeting and January 23, 2026 special meeting.

Hawk ___M___ Taroli ___S___ Slezak ___S___
 Hawk ___Y___ Taroli ___Y___ Slezak ___Y___

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Supervisors Comments

Consideration of Appointment of John Fagotti of Suscon Road to Pittston Township Long-Term Planning Committee

A letter of interest was received from John Fagotti of Suscon Road wishing to be appointed to the Pittston Township Long-Term Planning Committee.

- **MOTION:** To appoint John Fagotti of Suscon Road to the Pittston Township Long-Term Planning Committee.

Hawk ___S___ Taroli ___M___ Slezak ___M___
 Hawk ___Y___ Taroli ___Y___ Slezak ___Y___

Consideration of Resolution 2-01 of 2026—Declaring Disaster Emergency for January 25, 2026 Snowstorm (Retroactive to January 25, 2026)

The supervisors are considering declaring a disaster emergency for the January 25, 2026 snowstorm in the township. The resolution would be retroactive to January 25, 2026. Other

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surrounding communities have done the same thing. This was done as a precaution if extra personnel, costs, etc. were needed but none were needed.

- **MOTION:** To enact Resolution 2-01 of 2026—Declaring Disaster Emergency for January 25, 2026 snowstorm (retroactive to January 25, 2026)

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2026 Recycling Event—Electronics Recycling or Paper Shredding—OPEN DISCUSSION

The township is trying to decide if we should have an electronics recycling or paper shredding event for 2026. The township has received calls inquiring about both. Mr. Rozitski just wanted to have an open discussion with the supervisors and public on which they prefer more.

Based on the feedback, the supervisors decided that both events would be possible. Mr. Rozitski will begin looking at possible dates.

Garbage Bag Distribution

The distribution of bags is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026 and Friday, May 15, 2026 from 9am-5pm and Saturday, May 16, 2026 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 21 and Friday, May 22, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, May 23, 2026 from 9am-1pm at the same location. Mailings to residents will be sent out in the near future.

Financial

- **Motion:** To ratify January-February pre-paid bills in the amount of \$270,402.79 and bills payable in the amount of \$53,386.96 and payroll and related expenses for payroll period ending

1/14/2026	98,170.42
1/28/2026	90,616.17

Automatic Debits:

Chewy.com	75.52
SmartSign	74.58
Amazon	113.27
Walmart	18.77

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Adobe	21.19
Amazon	53.95
Madtees-Admin	
Uniforms	122.00
Amazon	131.64
Bank Fees	95.00
Amazon	83.38
1099 Efiling	26.25
Aflac	133.72
Neopost	100.00
PSATS	
Conference Reg	488.00
Comcast	181.12
Amazon	225.78
USPS	37.06
Highmark EDI	316.44
EZPass	100.00
Standard Ins	3,146.10
Amazon	124.99
Lowe's	1,058.94
Neopost	100.00
Standard Ins	5,112.48
Amazon	28.99
Adobe	13.77
USPS	7.47
Galls-Police Uni	80.97
Madtees-Admin	
Uniforms	88.00
AED Batteries	1,340.89

BHW—January 2026--\$7,898.55

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS – NONE HEARD

Motion to approve payment of bills and unpaid bills.

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Emergency Management Report

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Supervisor Hawk commented on the emergency resolution for the snowstorm and that extra costs and personnel were not needed. The resolution was passed on to Luzerne County, who declared a disaster emergency as well.

Fire Department

Incident Report – January 2026 – Supervisor Hawk dispensed with the reading of the monthly report

QUESTION/CONCERNS – NONE HEARD

- Motion to approve incident report for January 2026

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Request Received to Purchase New Turnout Gear for Two Current Full-Time Firefighters

A request was received by Tony Angelella III to purchase new turnout gear for two current full-time firefighters, himself and Russ Searfoss. Their turnout gear is extremely out of date. Tony Angelella III’s is 15 years old and aside from it being aged, it no longer fits. Russ Searfoss’ is 10 years old and not sized correctly. A quote was received from Municipal Emergency Services (MES) for the two sets of turnout gear for \$9,703.16. According to CBA, the township has supply turnout gear that is in good serviceable condition.

- **MOTION** : To approve quote from MES for new turnout gear for two current full-time firefighters for \$9,703.16.

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Ambulance Report

Monthly report for January 2026 – Supervisor Hawk dispensed with the reading of the monthly report

- Motion to approve ambulance report

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Police

POLICE REPORT - submitted by Chief Angelella – Supervisor Hawk dispensed with the reading of the monthly report

- Motion to approve police report as submitted

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Formal Purchase Request Received to Purchase CVSA Machine for Township Police Department

A formal purchase request was received to purchase a CVSA machine for the Pittston Township Police Department. The request is for \$11,995.00 from NITV Federal Services. They are the only ones that supply these machines. The cost includes the machine and two officers to attend a class for training. The police department will hold a training seminar that is open to other agencies in the summer time. This cost is included in the capital expenditures line item in the police department budget for 2026.

- **MOTION:** To purchase CVSA machine and training slots from NITV Federal Services for \$11,995.00 (included in 2026 budget).

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Road Department –

Consideration of Acceptance of Resignation from Richard Chesniak, Street Dept. Employee

A resignation letter was received from Richard Chesniak as an employee for the Pittston Twp. Street Dept., effective January 31, 2026.

- **MOTION:** To accept resignation of Richard Chesniak as Pittston Township Street Department employee, effective January 31, 2026.

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Supervisor Taroli wished Mr. Chesniak the best of luck and commented positively about his work ethic. Supervisor Hawk concurred.

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Consideration of Approval of Payment Application #1 for Parnell Street Project

Payment application #1 for the Parnell Street Project was received by township engineers from American Asphalt for \$298,629.76. Township engineers sent the payment application over to the township recommending approval and payment. This payment would be covered by the DCED ARPA Small Water and Sewer Grant for the township.

- **MOTION:** To approve payment application #1 for Parnell Street Project for \$298,629.76.

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Ridge Road Update

Pittston Township has begun having discussions with township engineers about the plans for the Ridge Road infrastructure project. The township was awarded a grant for the project back in January 2026. Township engineers have taken the feedback and are currently adjusting the plans. An open session will occur with interested township residents once plans are finalized.

Pittston Township Having Discussions with Pittston City For Mill Street Infrastructure Project

Township officials met with officials from Pittston City, including Mayor Lombardo and the city administrator, over the possibility of submitting a joint grant application for infrastructure repairs for Mill Street. The township thought it would be best to see if the city was interested in repaving the whole road instead of just the township section. A resolution will be considered in the next month or two once more details are finalized.

Engineering Report –January 2026-February 2026

Mr. Rozitski dispensed with the reading of the highlights of the report.

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MS-4 Report

Supervisor Taroli commented that there was a balance of \$47,271.47 as of January 31, 2026 in the MS-4 savings account. She further commented that the township is looking at 10 catch basins that are in need of replacement by WVSA, free of charge to the township.

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Dennis Fritz—

Mr. Fritz commented about the ongoing issues at Decker Lane and commented on the septic in the park. He also addressed his complaint regarding Supervisor Taroli and inquired about information about the MS-4 ballpark project.

Will Koons—

Mr. Koons complained about the increase in truck traffic on Baker Road. The township has responded with various actions on the truck traffic, including more signage, code enforcement speaking to the organization where the trucks are going to, etc. He also expressed concerns about the weight limit on the Suscon Road bridge and the tractor trailers.

Ron Suthutski—

Mr. Suthutski commented and expressed concern on the number of feral cats surrounding his property.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn

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Respectfully submitted,



Kyle Rozitski
Secretary to the Board of Supervisors
Pittston Township