



.MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Eric J. Weidman, commencing with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: Eric J. Weidman, Chairman
John DeSantis, V. Chairman
Adam Saul, Supervisor
Andrew Morrow, Solicitor
Lauren Ritchie, Sec./Treas.

Public Comment - None

Reports of Organizations:

- *Millcreek Township Planning Commission minutes-July-Reviewed
- *Commonwealth Code Report-June-Reviewed
- *Newmanstown Water Authority minutes-June-Reviewed
- *Newmanstown Volunteer Fire Company minutes-July-Reviewed
- *Newmanstown Recreation Board minutes-June-Reviewed
- *Police Activity report-June-Reviewed

Police Activity Report-Chief Katzaman reported on the department's activity for the Month of June. Call volume for the department is up from last year.

Minutes: Approval of June 10, 2026, Board of Supervisors. **Weidman made a motion to approve the minutes as printed for the June 10th meeting. Second by DeSantis, all in favor aye. Motion carried.**

Solicitor:

Proposed adoption of Solar Energy Systems Ordinance No. 070826

The Solicitor spoke regarding Solar Ordinance #070826. He reported that at the June 10th Supervisor meeting a public hearing was held on proposed Ordinance #070826 and possible amendments to Article 16, Section 16.21. of the Millcreek Township Zoning Ordinance entitled "Solar Energy Systems." The Solicitor stated that these were amendments recommended by the Planning Commission, and last month The Board authorized him to publish a notice of intent to enact the proposed ordinance. The Ordinance was published twice in The Lebanon Daily News, first on June 19th, and second on June 26th. The Solicitor requested a motion from the Board to adopt Ordinance #070826 regarding amendments to article 16, Section 16.21 of the Millcreek Township Zoning Ordinance that pertains to solar energy systems.

A motion was made by Weidman to adopt ordinance number 070826 regarding the amendments to Article 16, Section 16.21 of the Millcreek Township Zoning Ordinance that pertain to "Solar Energy Systems". Second by DeSantis, all in favor, aye. Motion carries. Copies of this Ordinance will be filed with the Law Library and Lebanon County Planning.

Update on possible dog kennel ordinance

The Solicitor updated the Board on possible dog kennel ordinance. He stated he has provided the Board with information on the dog kennel ordinance. At last month's meeting, The Board authorized him to start a working draft of a Dog Kennel Ordinance. The Solicitor stated that he prepared a working draft of the ordinance and it will need to be presented to the Millcreek Planning Commission and eventually Lebanon County Planning for review. The Solicitor requested a motion from the Board to authorize him to pass along the working draft dog kennel ordinance to the Township's Planning Commission for review and comment.

Weidman made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to pass along the working draft dog kennel ordinance to the Township's Planning Commission for review and comment. Second by Saul, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Fire Tax and Incentive Program

The Solicitor reported that he and Supervisor DeSantis have been in communication monthly. He has begun consolidating materials he anticipates beginning to work on an applicable ordinance and a resolution. The Solicitor stated he is hoping to have something in place for the October or November time period for next year.

Agricultural Security Area Application- Jeffrey & Lucinda Newswanger-563 State Route 419, Newmanstown-24-2389890-368760-0000- Pending, 180—days Deemed Approved Resolution

The Solicitor stated that on June 30th, Jeffrey and Lucinda Newswanger submitted an application for the addition of an Agricultural Security Area. He said that under Pennsylvania law, individuals can have their farms added to an ag security area. There are various purposes for this area. One would be to encourage landowners to make long-term commitments to agriculture by offering them financial incentives and security of land use. The Solicitor said this will protect farming operations and ag areas from incompatible non-farm uses. The focus is on having certain land remain agricultural. The Solicitor said that the Township must wait one hundred and eighty days from the date of the application, to see if anyone formally objects. If there is no formal objection after one hundred and eighty days, the application for the addition of an Agricultural Security Area is deemed approved. The Solicitor stated he would be required to prepare a deemed approval resolution at the first meeting after the expiration of 180 days. This waiting period would take us to the reorganization meeting in January of 2027. He said this item will be kept on the agenda every single month until next year.

Action –

Jonas and Katie Zook-Final Subdivision Plan, Deferral to Jackson Township.

A portion of this land is in Millcreek Township. No building is planned for the subdivision. A request was made to defer to Jackson Township if there are plans in the future. **Weidman made a motion that we recognize the Jonas and Katie's final subdivision plan. Second by DeSantis, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.**

Bethany Road Annexation Plan-C2C Design, clean letter, sign plans.

Weidman made a motion to approve the signing of the Bethany Road annexation plans as outlined in the plans. Second by DeSantis, all in favor, Aye. Motion carries. The clean letter was reviewed and plans were signed

Unfinished Business

Handicapped parking spaces- The Secretary reported she reached out to PennDot with questions regarding placing handicapped signs within the Township. The signs may be placed, and the Township is responsible for the signs and painting of the curbs. An ordinance was suggested by them for enforcement. The Secretary was advised to reach out to the Solicitor for more information.

Swings at park-Requests were made by residents for inclusive swings at the park. Two swings were suggested for purchase, one for each park. Prices ranged from \$227 to \$1200. The swings chosen will hold 150 pounds, have head and leg support and safety straps. The price for two swings will be \$454.74 from Amazon. **DeSantis made a motion, to proceed with the full support swing sets with head and leg rest from Amazon at \$227.37 for White Swan Park and for Newburg Park, two total. Second by Weidman, all in favor, aye. Motion carries**

Main Stream Industries: Traffic Cone Quote for Newmanstown Volunteer Fire Police.

The secretary reported that a quote for 20 cones was received, the total was \$360. **DeSantis made a motion to proceed with Mainstream Industries Incorporated of Bernville PA for 20, 28-inch traffic cones at \$360 for the fire police. Second by Saul, all in favor, aye. Motion carries**

New Business-

Road Department Pickup

Road Foreman Risser presented a quote for a 2027 F350 4X4 crew cab. This truck will replace the current pickup from 2005. The quote was looked at a couple of months ago and since then the price came down by a thousand dollars. It will be the same color as the other trucks but be an extended cab and have a Western V plow on it. The Township will explore selling the old pick-up with the plow on Municibid. Foreman Risser expects the new truck to be ready by November.

It's going to be a bigger truck with four doors and be able to take multiple employees. The truck will have 6 ½ foot bed instead of the eight-foot bed and will still fit through the alleys for plowing.

A leasing program was presented with two different financing options, three or four years. It was also discussed to buy the truck outright. **DeSantis made a motion that we purchase the 2027 F350 for the township to replace 2005, with the intentions to buy it outright, utilizing funds from the budget of forty four thousand, and then the balance will be covered by the PLIGIT fund. The current list is \$80,090.75. Second by Weidman All in favor, aye. Motion carries.**

Quote was signed.

Line painting quotes

Two quotes for line painting were received. The first from DE Gemmill for a total price of \$21,214.23. The second was from Lincoln Pavement Services for a total price of \$18,918.30. Lincoln Pavement Services did our line painting last year and they did a good job. This was budgeted to use the Liquid Fuels money. **Weidman made a motion to go with Lincoln Pavement Services out of Denver PA for our line painting at the amount of \$18,918.30. Second by DeSantis, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.**

Discussion-Newmanstown Ambulance -Fuel bill

The Newmanstown Ambulance fuel was discussed; this item will be tabled until the August meeting.

Discussion-South Sheridan Road & Bethany Road Intersection

Residents have expressed concerns regarding the intersection of South Sheridan and Bethany Road. There are frequent accidents there because of vehicles running the stop sign. Road Foreman Risser reported that there is a clear line of sight at the intersection. The Township will look into options for other stop signs that will be more visible, and solar blinking lights for the current signs.

Discussion-Open additional CD account

Opening an additional CD account was discussed. Secretary to reach out to local financial institutions to receive rates.

Central Square/Visual Alert Renewal for 2027

Visual Alert Renewal was discussed. This is a yearly renewal for the Police reporting system. The amount of the renewal is 2,598.50. **Weidman made a motion to renew our Visual Alert renewal with Central Square in the amount of \$2,597.50. Second by Saul all in favor, aye. Motion carries.**

Motion to add to Agenda after posting: New Life Fellowship Request to use Memorial Park, July 12, 2026.

A motion was made by Weidman to add to new business a line item on the agenda, authorizing New Life Fellowship to use Memorial Park on July 12th and then September 27-30th. Second by DeSantis, all in favor, aye. Motion Carries.

New Life Fellowship's request for Sunday July 12th was discussed. They will be hosting a gospel sing in the evening. The September 27-30th revival event was tabled until the August Supervisor Meeting. **A motion was made by Weidman to allow New Life Fellowship to use the Memorial Park on July 12th. Second by Saul, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.**

Executive Session -Personnel matter

A Motion was made by Weidman at 7:55pm to pause the regularly scheduled meeting and immediately go into an executive session to discuss the hiring of possible police candidates for full-time and part-time positions. Second by DeSantis, all in favor, aye. Motion carries. The executive session ended at 8:22pm

Road Foreman Report- Foreman Risser updated the board on the monthly activities of the Road Crew. Mowing, gutter work and curb painting will continue. He reported that he spoke to Alex with Steckbeck regarding the road study on the mountain. Alex is working to get that set up. Risser will also be speaking with Alex regarding some grants for the Township.

Bills/Treasurers Report-Motion by Weidman to accept the Treasurers Report and pay the bills as necessary. Seconded by DeSantis. All aye, all in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment- Motion by Weidman to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. Second, by Saul. All aye, motion carried.

WITNESS:

Secretary/Treasurer Lauren Ritchie

Eric J. Weidman, Chairman