



MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Minutes-Special Meeting July 31, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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
Lauren Ritchie, Sec./Treas.

Public Comment – None

Action:

Discussion regarding the purchase and installation of a new Air Conditioning unit for the Township Building. On Tuesday July 21, 2026 the Air Conditioning unit for the Township building stopped working. Berks Energy was called for service. It was determined that the unit had died and a new one would need to be installed. Quotes were requested from three different companies to replace the existing unit with a similar size model. The quotes received were from Keath HVAC LLC for \$9285, New Aire Tech LLC for \$8200 and Berks Energy HVAC for \$7485. The Board discussed the options, and it was decided to choose Berks Energy to do the installation. **A motion was made by Weidman to accept the quote from Berks Energy HVAC from Bernville, Pennsylvania to do the replacement of the AC system at a cost of \$7485. Second by DeSantis, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.**

Discussion regarding hiring a full time and part-time police officer for Millcreek Township.

The hiring of two new police officers was discussed. Chief Katzaman presented the Board with two candidates, David Liggett for full time and John Lerch for part time.

David has retired after working 18 years for the Reading City Police Department, he was promoted several times and ended his tenure as a Lieutenant. While in the position of Sergeant he had charge over 36 officers. Based upon the experience David will bring to the department Chief Katzaman suggested he start as a class two officer at a rate of \$35.90 per hour. This is similar to the hourly rate he currently makes. Chief Katzaman believes David will be a great asset to our community.

Weidman made a motion to hire David Liggett as a full-time police officer in Millcreek Township at a class two rating of thirty-five dollars and ninety cents an hour effective August 3, 2026. Second by Saul, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

John Lerch is the second officer under consideration for part time. He is currently a police officer in Bethel Township Berks County. He also has experience working in Lebanon County and would be a good asset to Millcreek Township. He currently works part time for the Lebanon County Sherrif's Office and has worked for Cleona Borough. Hourly amounts of surrounding townships have been considered, Chief Katzaman suggested \$28 or \$29 per hour to stay competitive. The Board agreed that \$28 per hour is a fair wage for a part-time officer.

Weidman made a motion to hire John Lurch as a part-time police officer for Millcreek Township, at a rate of twenty-eight dollars an hour, effective 8/3/2026. Second by DeSantis, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Adjournment: Weidman made a motion to adjourn at 6:48pm. Second by Saul, all in favor, aye. Motion carries.

WITNESS:

Secretary/Treasurer Lauren Ritchie

Eric J. Weidman, Chairman