PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
September 24, 2026

The monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday September 24, 2026, at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building located at 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Chairman, Glenn Borger, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

ROLL CALL:

The following supervisors answered Roll Call: Chairman, Glenn Borger, Vice Chairman, Ken Field, Supervisor, Nolan Kemmerer, Supervisor, Jane Mellert and Supervisor, Paul Levits.

Also present were Township Manager, Paige Stefanelli, Solicitor, David Backenstoe, Esq, and Administrative Coordinator/Secretary, Amanda Haney.

Slate Belt Regional Police Department was present for adherence to Public Meeting Rules and Procedures Policy.

I. GUEST SPEAKER/PRESENTATIONS:

1. Grand Central Sanitary Landfill (Waste Management) Monthly Update – Adrienne Fors:

   No monthly update provided by Adrienne Fors of Grand Central Sanitary Landfill (Waste Management).

II. SECRETARY – AMANDA HANEY:

1. Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes- September 9, 2026 DRAFT:

   Jane Mellert requested that approval of the September 9, 2026 meeting minutes be tabled to allow additional time for review.

   ACTION: Motion made by Ken Field and seconded by Nolan Kemmerer to approve the September 9, 2026 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion carried. Vote 3-2, with Jane Mellert and Paul Levits opposed.

III. INTERIM TREASURER – PAIGE STEFANELLI:

1. Review and Approval of Treasurers Report including Accounts Payable ($78,074.42):

ACTION: Motion made by Ken Field and seconded by Nolan Kemmerer to accept the Treasurers Report including Accounts Payable in the amount of $78,074.42. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion denied. Vote 2-3, with Glenn Borger, Jane Mellert and Paul Levits opposed.

ACTION: Motion made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Ken Field to table the Treasurers Report including Accounts Payable in the amount of $78,074.42. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 4-1, with Nolan Kemmerer opposed.

Resident Christine Houck expressed appreciation for Township staff and requested that reports be distributed to all Board members in advance of meetings.

IV. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER – MIKE MUFFLEY:

A. Updates and Discussion:

1. No updates or items for consideration were presented.

V. TOWNSHIP MANAGER – PAIGE STEFANELLI:

A. Personnel:

1. Consideration of Hours Change for Public Works Director Position:

The Board discussed adjusting the Public Works Director's work hours to 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to align with the schedules of other Public Works staff. Supervisor, Paul Levits, expressed concern about availability to vendors and residents and suggested changing the hours on some days of the week.

ACTION: Motion was made by Nolan Kemmerer and seconded by Ken Field to authorize the hours change for the Public Works Director. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 3-2, with Jane Mellert and Paul Levits opposed.

B. New Business:

1. No new business was presented.

C. Resolutions:

1. **Resolution No. 2026-25-** 2026 Budget Amendment to Appropriate Additional Funds for Police Protection Services Provided by Slate Belt Regional Police Department.

   The Board discussed Resolution No. 2026-25 to amend the 2026 budget by appropriating additional funds for police protection services provided by the Slate Belt Regional Police Department.

   Supervisor, Jane Mellert, requested an executive session with Chief of Police, Jonathon Hoadley, to ensure all Board members were fully informed and referenced the approaches taken by Wind Gap and Pen Argyl. Solicitor, David Backenstoe, supported the request stating it would lawfully fall under a new category that was adopted regarding discussing issues which would affect emergency preparedness, protection, public safety and security.

   The Board recessed into executive session at 6:16 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 6:51 p.m.

VI. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR – WILLIAM HUGHES:

1. No report or additional items were presented.

VII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – (DAVID BACKENSTORE, ESQ.)

1. Consideration of Approval for Intermunicipal Agreement with Wind Gap Municipal Authority (WGMA):

   Solicitor, David Backenstoe, reviewed the proposed intermunicipal agreement with the Wind Gap Municipal Authority to provide service to the Jaindl property known as The Cube at Wind Gap. He explained that the facilities were privately owned and that the Township would have no routine maintenance or financial obligation. He also discussed the Township's responsibilities should issues arise within Plainfield Township. Supervisor, Jane Mellert, questioned the agreement's designation language and whether other properties were included.

   ACTION: Motion was made by Paul Levits and seconded by Nolan Kemmerer to approve the intermunicipal agreement with the Wind Gap Authority. ***Prior to the vote, Chairman Glenn Borger asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.*** **Motion approved. Vote 5-0.**

X. ROAD REPORT, PLANNING and ZONING REPORT, RECREATION BOARD AND FIRE COMPANY and AMBULANCE REPORTS:

1. Planning and Zoning Report – None
2. Fire Company and Ambulance Report – None

3. Recreation Board Report – Brianne Kemmerer – None

XI. SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

1. Slate Belt Regional Police Department Report:

   No report was presented.

2. Discussion of Slate Belt Regional Police Department 2027 Budget:

   Discussion remained tabled.

3. Discussion of Slate Belt Regional Police Department Lease Agreement:

   ACTION: Motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Nolan Kemmerer to table discussion of the Slate Belt Regional Police Department lease agreement. *Prior to the vote, Chairman Glenn Borger asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

XII. CITIZEN'S AGENDA/NON-AGENDA (*Only persons who have signed the Sign-In Sheet by 6:15 PM will be allowed to speak. There is a 3-minute time limit for speakers):*

Laurie Levits expressed concern about perceived disrespect between Board members and residents during meetings. She referenced the posted rules of conduct and asked how violations are addressed. She also requested that Township meetings be televised.

Solicitor, David Backenstoe, explained that complaints concerning Board conduct may be submitted to the Board or Chairman. He stated that the Chairman may address disruptive public conduct by asking an individual to sit down or leave and, when necessary, requesting police assistance. Township Manager, Paige Stefanelli, clarified that the rules governing Board members are separate from those governing public participation.

XIII. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

1. Glenn Borger – announced a COG scavenger hunt scheduled for November 7, at 9:30 a.m.

2. Kenneth Field – No Report was presented.

3. Nolan Kemmerer – No Report was presented.

4. Paul Levits - discussed internal processes and communications, expressing concern about inefficiencies and difficulty holding open discussions regarding LRPC matters. He favored direct telephone communication among Board members.

Supervisor, Ken Field, emphasized the importance of maintaining a written record. Township Manager, Paige Stefanelli, noted that an email thread included all Board members and requested that communications be documented in writing.

5. Jane Mellert - requested that the record reflects that she had asked to give a Board report at the September 9 meeting. She requested copies of Solicitor, David Backenstoe's comments and comments submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for forwarding to legislators. She also stated that she had submitted comments to DEP regarding biosolids.

   Ms. Mellert asked about tree removal notices sent to residents. Township Manager, Paige Stefanelli, stated that one notice had been issued to Mr. Finken following investigation of a complaint. The Board discussed responsibility for trees near the road right-of-way, diseased trees that could fall onto the roadway, and communication with affected property owners. Solicitor, David Backenstoe, explained that the Township's adopted ordinance provides procedures for addressing these matters. Ms. Stefanelli noted that the notice included an appeal process and that the tree should have been flagged.

   Ms. Mellert also expressed concern that she had not been permitted access to the Township office since taking office in January and stated that Board members should be able to walk through the office.

ADJORNMENT:

Having no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the motion was made by Ken Field and seconded by Nolan Kemmerer to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Haney

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