

As advertised in the Times News, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at the township building. Bob Selert called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. All were present.

The meeting was opened to the floor. Anna Chigo, the Open Space Coordinator for the Carbon County Planning Office and Dennis DeMara with the Wildlands Conservancy discuss the Open Space Program.

Tom Stefansky inquired as to the schedule and timing of Supervisors meetings. He feels that the meetings should not have to be rescheduled if only one supervisor must be absent. Mr. Stefansky feels the Supervisors were elected to be in those seats at 6 p.m. on the night of the meeting. The supervisors noted that many other boards hold meetings during the work day, for example, at 1 p.m. and that meeting times are at the discretion of the Board. It was voted on and duly advertised. Unless there are other conflicts the meetings are held at 6 p.m.

Mr. Stefansky speaks to the condition of Wallace Way. The road is disastrous and residents must drive in the dirt, grass and driveways to miss the potholes. He mentioned the amount of cold patch used to fill the holes. He continues to explain that the road is too far gone to keep up with. Nicole Sacco said the amount of taxes paid is miniscule for a township to actually go out and fix these roads but there is other funding available. The liquid fuels tax is astronomical and the township should be able to get funding to do these roads. She was informed that the township gets approximately \$48,000/year from liquid fuels, 6 tons of cold patch cost \$1000 and to replace the road it will cost about \$1,000,000. Tom Stefansky asked about the steps of the township building being replaced. He wanted to know if a study has been done of how much traffic goes over them compared to the traffic on the roads that are in dis-repair and are endangering people on the roads. He continued to comment and ask about the foot traffic vs. the traffic on the roads and the costs. Susie explained the steps/ramp are being replaced through a grant and Terry added that the building is a polling station. Mr. Stefansky questioned whether there is money through grants to help fix the road which he says are unsafe. Bob added that LSA grants were used on Grist Mill and we are waiting to be reimbursed \$100,000 from LSA for over \$180,000 spent on the culvert project. He reminded of the plan for paving Grist Mill using another \$50,000 from the General Fund in addition to the liquid fuels funds for \$200,000. He explained the cost of paving and base repairs needed. For Wallace Way, when the weather allows, the holes will be patched, including base material. Bob explained the challenge with Wallace Way if they begin repairs; they may find out that the cost could double and still not know if the repairs will hold. There is equipment that will pick up the material currently on the roadway, grinding it up, putting it back down and adding to it to create a base. Most municipality using this will then tar and chip because there is no money left for asphalt repairs. We are looking at all options. Real estate taxes collected last year are \$13,336 (\$15,494 with prior year/delinquent collected to General Fund). Earned income tax is around \$130,000/year to the General Fund which will help with borrowing capacity if needed. Repairs will be done as needed to make it passable and safe. Hot asphalt will be used as a hot box was obtained. Nicole Sacco commented that the patch work that has been done is random and haphazard. She was told to slow down. Melissa Treslosky said she blew her suspension out of her car and now it squeaks. She is new there and it is bad.

John DeCusatis and Gregory Kurtz Jr. of Advanced Code Consultants provided an update on the company since the meeting John attended last fall. They would like to work with the Township and explained the services provided. Terry inquired about engineering services and Greg explained that they do not provide those services. It is something that their clients like because there is no conflict of interest between engineering design vs. them doing the building inspections. Engineering firms like to work with them because they focus on the inspections so there is not competition. They left their company info and business cards.

The minutes were approved with a motion from Susie Gerhard. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Bob Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

Ordinances and Resolutions – Noise ordinance changes and a timbering ordinance are being considered. Action is tabled pending review.

Reports of Officials and Committees – Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer- Absent. Zoning: March 3, 2025: Prepared monthly report.

March 10, 2025: Phone conversation with Bob Selert regarding Quakake Treatment Plant - follow up correspondence with be sent to project coordinator.

March 11, 2025: Review of site plans & left voicemail with representative for Quakake Treatment Plant project.

March 13, 2025: Phone call, emails with civil lead for Quakake Treatment Plant-provided ZO, Map & SALDO.

March 14, 2025: Phone call with Nick Flanders regarding the floodplain management regulations for development in Zone A. Full H&H study with "no-rise" certification and all State and Federal permits will be required prior to permit approval.

March 18, 2025: Phone call with property owner regarding zoning application process for fence (1707 Wetzel Run Drive); emailed designers for Quakake AMD Treatment Facility with ZO and SALDO.

Zoning: April 1, 2025: Prepared monthly report. April 3, 2025: Court hearing concerning the search warrant from October on Mr. Dulcey's property. Changes against the Supervisors were dismissed. April 8, 2025: Zoning permit review and approval (127 Pole Road - Detached Garage) - approved permit emailed directly to applicant; Email response to John Sernak regarding a new structure and the application procedures for a proposed agricultural building.

April 10, 2025: Received a phone call from an attorney who is going to apply for a Zoning Map change from a C-1 to Industrial. We researched the ordinance and believed that the filing fee is \$2000, but were unsure of how many copies they would need to provide for the Board and planning commission. I forwarded our questions to Phil Prout to confirm.

April 14, 2025: Zoning review and approval (1801 Wetzel Run Drive) April 17, 2025: Zoning review and permitting emails to applicant (722 W Main Street); emails to Stephanie regarding Conditional Use process (419 Sand Spring Road); phone conversation with attorney for industrial park and proposed Zoning Map Amendment (Parcel ID: 131A-4-A7 - Banks Avenue); reforwarded permit approval to Bill McLaughlin (127 Pole Road)

April 22, 2025: Returned the phone call to Atty. Rob Senki concerning the parcel rezoning. and received a complaint about some replacing a septic and called Rob Fugate.

April 23, 2025: Investigated the sewage complaint on Railroad Drive. Took photos and sent them to the SEO. I met the complainant Paul at the site; Performed zoning review and approval for Pole Building at 722 W. Main Street; Receipt of application for Zoning Map Amendment - sent to Stephanie with application procedures.

April 24, 2025: Emails to the SEO concerning a complaint on Railroad Drive.

April 28, 2025: Phone calls and emails concerning the septic system at the trailer park. Spoke with the Solicitor about the refiling of the Trespass charges for the Supervisors.

PA UCC: APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: 4/10/2025 1801 Wetzel Run Drive Inground Swimming Pool
4/22/2025 686 Brenkman Drive Single-Family Dwelling

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Bob Selert made a motion to enter the reports into the minutes. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer –Absent. March: Sernak-Grover Lot Line Change, Issue Comments.

April: Sewage Complaint Investigation, site evaluation, discuss repair option for the repair and replacement of the failed septic system with property manager and contractor at property of Raymond and Tracy Mizrahi

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Old Business – Stephanie provided an update to the window replacement. Just Window & Much, Much More expects the windows to arrive in about 2 weeks and plan installation in June. Nicole Sacco questioned the expense of replacing windows with Wallace Way needing to be repaired.

-A quote for camera installation was received from Control Security for \$11,300. Additional quotes will be sought.

New Business – Bob Selert made a motion to ratify the sale of the Michigan Loader for \$500. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Correspondence was sent to Congressman Ryan Mackenzie and Senator John Fetterman at the request of the Carbon County Commissioners in support of County Bridge #4 replacement. A letter was sent to the Carbon County Commissioners requesting their consideration to install a dry hydrant as part of the project to replace Bridge #4.

Bob Selert made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report and Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Bob Selert made a motion to sign and approve the checks drafted. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Bob Selert made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. Eleven residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Stolpe
Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer