

As advertised in the Journal Herald, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 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. Ryan Binder inquired as to the process for enacting changes to the Noise Ordinance. Bob explained that if the changes are approved it will be advertised and probably ready for adoption by the August meeting.

George Donadi asked if the CANDO hearing was to be rescheduled. It is explained that the application has been withdrawn.

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

**Ordinances and Resolutions** – Bob Selert made a motion to advertise the amended Noise Ordinance to include an exemption for hunting activities and the legal use of firearms. Mr. Binder commented about the average dB being included in the ordinance. Atty. Yurchak will review it again and make a recommendation. Bob Selert made a motion to advertise the proposed change to the Noise Ordinance pending the recommendation of the Solicitor. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

A possible Timbering Ordinance is in review. A hearing regarding Hazleton City Authority's tax exempt status has been rescheduled to October 20th at 9:00 A.M.

**Reports of Officials and Committees** – Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer- Absent. **Zoning: June 16, 2025:** Received and logged new zoning permit application for Packer Township. (1680 Wetzel Run Drive - Fence)

**June 19, 2025:** Was told by Supervisors that a pole building was being constructed at 250 Tower Road. I performed a site visit and took photos; Attended the hearing for Terry Davis and Bob Selert and Jim Dulcey - Charges were withdrawn; after speaking with the Solicitor about the next step on this property. I stopped by the Magistrate's office and got the filing fee for a \$12,000 civil case is \$212.25, but was told it changes frequently. I will call to confirm any changes when ready to submit to the Township for payment.

**June 20, 2025:** When checking our permitting records, I confirmed that permits were issued in February for the pole building at 250 Tower Road; Zoning research and correspondence with Chip concerning the property line dispute. Additional permitting will be required for the above-ground pool which was installed without Zoning or UCC approval. (1680 Wetzel Run Drive)

**June 23, 2025:** Completed zoning application review for fence and prepared code review memo. (1680 Wetzel Run Drive)

**June 24, 2025:** Sent an email to the Supervisors and Stephanie concerning my findings at 250 Tower Road; Filled out the Civil Complaint and forwarded to the Solicitor for review. (2006 Quakake Road); Phone call with Steve Slovik regarding his intended plan for the pool and fence. (1680 Wetzel Run Drive)

**June 25, 2025:** Correspondence with April Walters regarding the proposed use of 1458 Hudson Drive as her office and storage. Email was provided regarding the change of nonconforming use and special exception process.

**June 27, 2025:** Ran monthly report and sent to Stephanie.

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

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent. **June** A sewage complaint investigation of Kamila Farms Trailer Park, draft and issue certified correspondence. Maintain ACT 149 Files. Regarding the sewage complaint, Atty. Yurchak said the SEO should move ahead with the violation.

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

**Old Business** – Stephanie provided an update to the window replacement. Just Window & Much, Much More installed the windows however a broken sash needs to be replaced.

-Quotes for camera installation were received from Control Security for \$11,300, Schuylkill Electronics for \$6900 and Blink cameras with self-installation at \$420. Susie Gerhard made a motion to purchase the Blink cameras and Bob Selert seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

-Bob Selert made a motion to authorize Mike Tirpak to move forward with the ADA ramp installation. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Susie Gerhard agreed. Vote 3-0

-Bob Selert made a motion to advertise for bids for the 2025 paving project pending PennDOT approval. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

-Stephanie provided an update to the LSA grant reimbursement. The required documents were sent to DCED and they requested additional documents which will be provided by the contractor. DCED also requested an explanation of how Monarch and Fry's were selected. Bob responded that they were selected by being COSTARS suppliers.

-Stephanie spoke to Phil at RHL and he stated that they will fix Tower Road after they complete the project. Stephanie confirms with the Board whether they wanted RHL to pay for the damages or fix it themselves. Bob supports letting them fix it at the end provided it is bonded. Atty. Yurchak's recommendation is to have the engineer inspect the work and approve it if RHL is going to fix the road. Susie asked what would happen if it gets damaged again. Atty. Yurchak said that is what the bond is for.

-Bob Selert made a motion to have Miller Surveying reset 3 pins for \$1500 that were moved by Franzosa at the Grega properties on Wetzel Run Drive. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0 Atty. Yurchak will file a complaint against the contractor as they never responded to his letters.

-Bob Selert made a motion to schedule a special meeting to render a decision on the Knight Conditional Use request. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

-Paul Bray asked the Supervisors to send a thank you letter to Jim Thorpe Auto Rentals for the use of a bucket truck, at no cost, to hang the Hometown Hero banners.

**New Business** – Tony Harvilla read a letter requesting a 911 address for a property off Bark Hollow Road, Parcel # 131-46b-301. He proposed the road be named Bull Pine Lane as well. A discussion regarding right-of-ways and emergency vehicle access took place. Mr. Harvilla stated he was only requesting an address for himself. Bull Pine Lane is a private road. Bob Selert made a motion to name the proposed road Bull Pine Lane from Bark Hollow Road through the adjoining properties to the water company property as presented by Mr. Harvilla. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Susie Gerhard agreed. Vote 3-2

-Bob Selert made a motion to advertised for a new garbage contract once the specifications are drawn up. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

-Discuss regarding the invitation to participate in the September Electronic Recycling event with the Borough of Weatherly. A cost to participate had not been provided and Bob Selert moved to table the item, Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

-John Floyd asked how long the current garbage contract was for. It was a 3 year contract. A discussion took place as to what other municipalities are paying, whether the Township should ask Casella to extend the contract and whether the Borough's contract is coming due as well. Bob Selert made a motion to have the solicitor draft a letter to Casella asking them to extend the contract for one year at the same price. Terry questioned why not just put it out for bid. Susie did not feel Casella would want to do that. She was also concerned about having enough time to request bids should they decline to extend the contract. Atty. Yurchak felt the worst they could say is no. Paul Bray questioned about going in with Weatherly. Susie will call the Borough. Susie Gerhard made a motion to ask Casella for an extension if the Borough contract is not ending.

-Bob discussed the Open Spaces meeting he attended. Bob believes we should look at our Comprehensive Plan and possibly join with Banks and Weatherly.

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 6:35 p.m. Eleven residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Stolpe  
Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer