

As advertised in the Journal Herald, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 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. John Floyd has comments regarding a serious fire on Packer Drive. Several tankers were called in for a water supply and he is here again to ask if we can get a hydrant up and running on Wetzel Run Drive. With the drought the only hydrant in the township is on Station Lane. Bob responded that the last fire chief said that the hydrants could be used and that training needs to be done. It does not need to be run through the pump. There is plenty of water and is fed by gravity. Mr. Floyd responded that it was Bob's opinion. That hydrant should work that any fire company can use to fill its tankers or use it for the pumpers. According to KME, we cannot go over 160 pounds. The hydrant is 320 psi. Bob reiterated that it does not have to run through the pumper. The fire company is contracted to fight the fires and should have enough tankers on hand. Mr. Floyd said tankers were called in but the thing is they have to be refilled. The house is salvageable but it is something we have to look at.

Robert Bryan comments about data centers. He googled how can a township stop a data center. It gives a 30-40 point outline of how to do so and he suggests everybody do that and then demand that those steps are followed and put into action.

The minutes from September 2nd and September 15th were approved with a motion from Susie Gerhard. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Bob Selert agreed. Vote 3-0

Ordinances and Resolutions – Bob Selert made a motion to ratify RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02 ROAD MAINTENANCE BONDING of \$35,000 for paved roads and \$18,000 for dirt roads. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Bob Selert made a motion to table a timbering ordinance because it is a standalone ordinance and we will look into incorporating it into some zoning changes that are planned for the future. Susie Gerhard seconded the motion and Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Reports of Officials and Committees – Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer- Absent. Zoning: **September 2, 2025**: Numerous phone calls with Jeff Hinkle concerning placing run in barns on parcel without a primary structure. I advised him to apply for a Zoning Permit; Numerous phone calls and emails from Jum Dulcey and his attorney concerning 2006 Quakake Road. I forwarded the letter that I received for the Supervisors to review and advise; Zoning permit review and approval for inground pool and fence. (785 Brenkman Drive); Prepared monthly report and emailed to Stephanie.
September 3, 2025: Received an emailed letter from Mr. Dulcey's attorney yesterday and forwarded to the Supervisors. I spoke with Stephanie, and she is going to mail the check for the civil complaint charges.
September 5, 2025: Received a phone call from a resident inquiring about solicitation permits - researched and provided response.
September 8, 2025: Phone calls with Bob Selert and Sue Gerhard.
September 9, 2025: Performed a site visit to Jeff Hinkle's property and noted that the sheds are in place. Left message for Stephanie to see if permits were applied for. Phone call with Phil Prout concerning the sewage issue at the trailer park on Railroad Drive and referred him to Brior Environmental; Phone call with property owner concerning above ground pool setbacks. (1680 Wetzel Run Drive)
September 10, 2025: Filed a non-traffic citation at the magistrate. (2006 Quakake Road); Emails to Supervisors concerning the sewage complaint on Railroad Drive and referred to SEO for enforcement; Zoning permit review and approval for above-ground swimming pool and fence. (1680 Wetzel Run Drive)
September 23, 2025: Emails and phone calls concerning zoning questions for Packer Township; Wrote and sent a final letter to Stephen Hinkle concerning 2006 Quakake Road.
September 24, 2025: Research and phone call with applicant/property owner regarding zoning

application for fencing and shed for fallow deer. (111A-45-C9 - Birch Road)

September 26, 2025: I picked up the Township's check from the Magistrate's office and returned a phone call to Joelle Hinkle. (2006 Quakake Road)

September 30, 2025: Phone calls from Mr. Dulcey and his attorney; received calls from Joelle Hinkle concerning the citation that she received. I returned her call and explained that she could plead not guilty and that I will withdraw my citation once we receive a proper request for a zoning hearing or they will have to stop operating their business from the property. I advised her to hire an attorney to assist her through the process.

PA UCC: September 2, 2025: Permit approved for an Inground Pool and Fence (785 Brenkman Drive)

September 10, 2025: Permit approved for an Above-Ground Pool and Fence (1680 Wetzell Run Drive)

Bob Selert made a motion to accept the report from Barry Isett and Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer –Bob Fugate was present. An issue on Railroad Drive was discussed. Mr. Fugate sampled the home's water on two different days. One was good and the other is still at the lab. A new holding tank with an alarm will be installed on Station Lane. It will have to be pumped when full. Mr. Fugate confirmed that it will not go into the creek because it is self-contained. DEP allows the holding tank in this situation. Phil Prout did an inspection but no permit was issued because the septic is not finalized. Bob Selert made a motion to accept the report from Brior Environmental and Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Old Business – The specifications for the ADA ramps have been sent to the County who will advertise for bids.

New Business – Jim Davis of DGK reviewed the insurance renewal with the Supervisors. Jim will be retiring at the end of 2026 and Jim Haley will take over for him. Bob Selert made a motion to accept the insurance renewal and Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

-Bob asked Solicitor Yurchak to set up an executive session with neighboring elected officials.

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

Larry Suravicz asked about the status of the bridge replacement on Grist Mill Drive. Terry said he had brought it to the attention of the County and was told it is on their 12 year list. Larry continued to say that when he was supervisor, he was told it would be their first bridge to be replaced. That was 10-12 years ago. He believes the Township should get on the County about it due to the effect on the residents. Bob added that they have a new person working on the grants. He will talk to the Commissioners again but it is being worked on. Terry suggested everybody write letters or attend the Commissioners meetings.

Michael Slank asked Bob if his stance on the data centers has remained the same and Bob responded that it has.

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 6:26 p.m. Approximately 75-100 residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Stolpe
Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer