

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERRY TOWNSHIP
December 9, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Perry Township was called to order by Chairman Lance N. Adam at 7:00 p.m. on December 9, 2025 from the Perry Township Municipal Building, 680 Moselem Springs Road, Shoemakersville, PA. The meeting was also being held via zoom conferencing. The format for tonight's meeting is in compliance with PSATS. The meeting was also being recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was held and the following Supervisors were present:

Lance N. Adam- PRESENT
Robert G. Harron- PRESENT
Ray Hepner- PRESENT

Also present at the board meeting were:

Allen Shollenberger, Esq. – PRESENT
Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator – PRESENT

Public Comments:

Nancy James: Requested the problematic pipe near her house be replaced in the spring. It will be added to the list.

John Schweitzer- 525 Dreibelbis Mill Rd- Following up on their previous request to change the zoning of their area. After consulting with Kraft and the solicitor, the Supervisors unanimously agreed to keep the zoning as is. Jeff Fiant interjected if the resident wants to pursue the pole barn yet, their next step would be to apply to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Supervisor Harron to approve the minutes from the Committee Meeting November 3 and Supervisors Meeting November 11, 2025. Supervisor Hepner seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Treasurers Report: Motion was made by Chairman Adam to approve the Treasurer's report dated November 30, 2025. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Bills for Payment: Motion was made by Supervisor Harron to approve the Bills for Payment dated December 9, 2025. Supervisor Hepner seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

2026 Meeting Dates and Times Adoption: Advertising complete. No comments or concerns to report. Chairman Adam made a motion to adopt the 2026 Meeting Dates and Times. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

2026 Budget Adoption: No changes from the last revision. No comments or concerns from residents. Supervisor Harron made a motion to adopt the 2026 Budget as presented. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

2026 Real Estate Tax: No increase from 2025. Supervisor Harron commented on the substantial tax increases in other municipalities. Supervisor Harron made a motion to adopt Resolution 12-9-25 fixing the real estate tax rate for 2026. Donnie Mast requested an explanation of the resolution. Admin Dreibelbis explained the purpose of the resolution and gave the milage breakdown: 0.25 MIL for general purpose, 0.55 MIL for EMS; totaling 0.80 MIL. Donnie commented he feels the township's tax rate is good. However, he was under the impression that when the warehouses were built, the tax rates would decrease. Donnie asked for the Board to "make a little bit of effort to show that they care about the people". Allen Shollenberger commented that the real estate tax milage for Perry Township has been the same rate since he started for the BOS in 1998. The only increase was the addition of the EMS tax for municipal support towards emergency service. Supervisor Harron commented "if we reduce the milage now and we then have to increase 5-10 years down the road, no one remembers the milage went down but everyone remembers when the milage goes up". Discussed the effects of the real estate transfer tax, as well as, property re-assessments. Motion was previously made by Supervisor Harron. Supervisor Hepner seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Discussed the evolution of the EMS tax. The 2nd Class Township Code regulates EMS tax milage rates.

Reports:

The following reports were given to the Board of Supervisors:

Rusty Wagner, Fire Chief- Discussed the numerous reports for burning at the Leiby Farm on Onyx Cave Road, and what it means when emergency services are "re-called" from an assignment. Chairman Adam commented DEP evaluated the situation, with no violations being found. Close to finishing the new run cards. Rusty discussed some of the changes to the run cards. Discussed the procedure behind "GPS station-based dispatching" and its effect on response times. Rusty informed Northern Berks EMS is now housing an ambulance at the Shoey Fire Co. Northern Berks EMS is maintaining the ambulance; however, Shoey Fire fighters are crossing training as ambulance drivers. Discussed the continued search for an engine/tanker. Discussed the new reporting system, and what the supervisors would like to see on the reports.

Jeff Fiant, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Zoning and UCC- For the period ending 11/22/25, 3 zoning permits were issued with an improvement value of \$34,235.00: two residential and one non-residential. 2 building permits were issued with an improvement value of \$61,000.00: one residential and one non-residential. One CO issued, and 5 building inspections performed. Discussed 1500 Main Street's zoning and UCC denial appeals. The property owner of 500 Mohrsville Road has appealed to the Superior Court. Allen Shollenberger provided details. Hearing was held for 675 Mohrsville Road, where they were found guilty.

Gene Buck, Planning Commission (PC) – Planning Commission held their meeting on December 3: Russell King was absent. November minutes approved. Modus Construction attended to discuss potential plans for 10 Zions Church Road. Discussed Messick of Hamburg. Messick of Hamburg intends to develop the property intended for Moyer Auto. Discussed the procedure to follow for the change in plan. Time extensions were requested for the Glen-Gery Subdivision and Land Development Plan, and the Glen-Gery Subdivision of Tract A Plan until April 20, 2026.

Both time extensions were approved until April 20, 2026. Briefly discussed the Glen- Gery Subdivision Zoning Compliance Review. Supervisor Hepner questioned what Modus plans for 10 Zions Church Rd? Their intent is to occupy 30% of the building for their business, lease the remaining 70%, and build an additional pole building for equipment storage.

Donald Mast, Municipal Authority (PTMA)- Resolved the damage caused by the residents at 105 Hall Road. In the new year, PTMA intends to physically inspect every clean-out pipe from the original system built in 1995. The new secretary is working out very well. Discussed the telescoping process for inspecting the clean-out pipes underground.

Ryan Rhode, Kraft Municipal Group, Inc- Engineering- Report distributed. Time extensions were requested for the Glen-Gery Subdivision and Land Development Plan, and the Glen-Gery Subdivision of Tract A Plan until April 20, 2026. Chairman Adam made a motion to grant a time extension for the Glen-Gery Subdivision of Tract A Plan until April 20, 2026. Supervisor Harron seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes. Chairman Adam made a motion to grant a time extension for the Glen-Gery Subdivision and Land Development Plan until April 20, 2026. Supervisor Hepner seconded the motion. Motion passed with all Supervisors voting yes. Waiting to hear back from John Hoffert's office regarding the deed of dedication for Luisa Court.

Allen Shollenberger, Solicitor – Allen responded to an RTK request from Glen-Gery, requesting all the documentation from the zoning amendment adoption last month. The solicitor transition to Mike Gombar is going very smoothly. Allen will continue to work with Mike into 2026. Discussed the presentation from Modus at the PC meeting. Allen commented Ryan gave them excellent guidance on how they should proceed. Discussed where the RTC property on Seip Lane stands.

EMC- No report

Road Master- Plowing and salting. Chairman Adam thanked Tim Rausch for taking charge of the crew during the last storm.

J B Environmental- No report.

Recreation Park- The contractor has a few punch-list items to complete on the pavilion. A full, site walk-through will be scheduled with Watkins prior to payment application release.

Correspondance- Thank you letter from the Hamburg Public Library.

Public Comments:

Donnie Mast- Questioned Ryan if the dedication of Luisa Court will be in 2026? Yes, it will occur in 2026.

John Schweitzer- 525 Dreibelbis Mill Rd- Questioned who is responsible for enforcing zoning and property maintenance violations? The township doesn't "just drive around" and look for issues. Most issues come in as a complaint, which are then investigated by Kraft. There is a process which needs to be followed, and the process is not quick.

Donna Long- Thanked the township for trying to keep more warehouses out of our township. Questioned what street work projects will be in 2026? The township is working with Kraft to generate a road inventory to prioritize and schedule street work.

*As this will be their last official meeting, the township gave a sincere thank-you to Allen Shollenberger and Bob Harron. Allen thanked the township for allowing him to serve them for the past 32 years. "It has been an absolute pleasure and is very important to me. I will miss you all."

Adjourn:

Chairman Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Supervisor Hepner seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON:
January 13, 2026

RECORDED BY:

Lance N. Adam, Chairman

Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator