

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' MEETING
April 28, 2026**

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PRESENT: Chairman Jim M. Sabo, Vice-Chairman Sean M. Fedder, Supervisor Charlie Kunkle, Secretary/Treasurer, Tanuya Matter, Auditor, Cathy Sabo, Luke Roman from the Perry County Times, Deputy EMC, Curt Whitmer, Teena Curnow from SEK, Debra Littleton, Laura Fedder, Jim Johnson, Ed Lingle, Nick Melnick and Township Solicitor R. Bruce Crelin.

FORMER SUPERVISOR PRESENT: John Schulze

The meeting was held at the municipal building. Chairman Sabo convened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The meeting was recorded to aid with a more accurate preparation of the minutes.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Chairman Sabo observed a moment of silence.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Chairman Sabo welcomed everyone and asked if there was anyone who would like to offer comments at this time on any items listed on the agenda. There were no comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Supervisor Kunkle made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2026 supervisors' meeting as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: Teena Curnow, CPA from SEK presented the 2025 audit review and results with no findings.

MONTHLY MUNICIPAL REPORTS:

The Zoning Report was submitted. There was 1 Zoning Permit Application for a garage. A Certificate of Use was issued for a finished basement and there was follow up to some complaints and a letter regarding the grandfathering of the housing of chickens. Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to pay an invoice in the amount of \$237.50 for the Heisley Road culvert. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Kunkle to approve payment of the JHA invoice in the amount of \$675.00 for Zoning matters. Motion carried unanimously. Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Supervisor Kunkle to approve payment of the JHA invoice in the amount of \$1,225.00 for misc. Engineering work in the Township. Motion carried unanimously.

The Sewage Enforcement Report – there were 3 action items to report. Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Fedder to pay the invoice to FSA in the amount of \$100.00. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Kunkle to pay the invoice to FSA in the amount of \$700.00. Motion carried unanimously.

The Road Report was provided by Road Foreman, John Ritter and read by Supervisor Kunkle. Activities included: extending a cross pipe on Pine Hill and filling a void at the road edge with 2RC stone, cleaning cross pipes and side ditches on Deans Gap, spreading 2RC stone on Millers Gap and crowning the road to help with water runoff, cleaning trucks and spraying undercarriage with salt neutralizer, new cross pipe install at the bottom of Idle Road, cleaning cinders off the bridge decks,

Truck #4 to LB Smith Ford for transmission work, cleaned up downed trees on Weaver Drive, placed 2A stone and cold patch along edge of Pine Hill and Mountain Roads, cut back brush and moved a stop sign at 850 and Fleisher Road per a resident complaint and mowed and trimmed grass around the township buildings.

Emergency Management Report – Deputy EMC, Curt Whitmer gave an update on the radios. He also presented a rough draft of the Rye Township Emergency Operations Plan. The Supervisors will review for the next meeting.

The **March Treasurer's Report** was submitted for review and read by the Secretary/Treasurer, Tanuya Matter. The report is submitted and approved pending the 2026 Financial Audit.

The **Secretary's Report** – Reported over \$10,800 in trash delinquencies collected so far.

The Secretary reported that the PCard program paperwork has been submitted and we are awaiting the BMO approval and cards.

The Secretary provided the transfer demo file to Mid Penn Bank for approval and will be ordering the Utility Billing Software.

The Secretary stated that the exterior building painting is scheduled for May.

The Secretary drafted a letter and presented the draft applications for Senior and Low-Income trash to the Supervisors for approval at the next meeting.

The Secretary stated that she is working on the Direct Deposit for payroll.

RESOLUTIONS: A motion was made by Chairman Sabo with a second by Vice-Chairman Fedder to adopt **Resolution 26-15** moving the matured Guide Rail and Road Equipment CD's from Pennian Bank to PLGIT with an interest rate of approx. 3.81%. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Fedder with a second by Supervisor Kunkle to adopt **Resolution 26-16** moving the matured General/SW, Capital Improvement, Parks/Rec, Office Equipment and MS4 Stormwater CD's from Bank of Landisburg to PLGIT at an interest rate of approx. 3.81%. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Chairman Sabo with a second by Supervisor Kunkle to approve **Resolution 26-17** moving the matured Comp. Plan CD from Mid Penn Bank to PLGIT at an approx. interest rate of 3.81%. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Supervisor Kunkle with a second by Vice-Chairman Fedder to approve **Resolution 26-18** to amend Resolution 10-13 for Purchase Orders. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: The Road bids were opened and read. The Secretary will compile the information and review later in the meeting for award.

There was 1 bid for the trailer and none for the recycling roll off containers. The bid was from Supervisor Kunkle and the board does not believe a Supervisor can bid on equipment sold by the Township. This matter is tabled until the next meeting.

The PCI Health Insurance renewal was reviewed. The rate to continue with the current health insurance plan is an 18.92% increase. The Secretary reported that an increase in the rate was budgeted and at most, would only cost the Township an additional \$1,156 over the budgeted amount. A motion was made by Chairman Sabo with a second by Supervisor Kunkle to renew the PPO Blue Qualified \$1750 100/80 Gold plan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Perry County Planning Commission has several projects on their plan for Rye Township. They were reviewed by the Supervisors.

Burget & Associates, Inc. has requested an extension for the Barlup Subdivision/Land Development Plan. A motion was made by Chairman Sabo with a second by Supervisor Kunkle to grant the time extension until July 28, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

The Oak Grove Cemetery mowing contract was presented. A motion was made by Supervisor Kunkle with a second by Vice-Chairman Fedder to approve the Oak Grove Cemetery mowing contract with Ed Lingle. Motion carried unanimously.

The Township is in receipt of two bridge inspection reports for bridges on New Valley Road. The inspection reports will be reviewed by the Supervisors.

EDMA Church on Route 850 has requested a sign be installed on 850 due to accidents when pulling out onto 850 from the church. Supervisor Kunkle will speak with the owners of the adjoining property to see if the brush and grass can be trimmed for better visibility.

The Secretary gave a recap of the road bids.

	Pennsy Supply	New Enterprise	Jay Fulkroad	Glenn O. Hawbaker
Lambs Gap – base repair & Superpave	\$77,280	\$75,065	\$87,285.87	\$75,122
Tar & Chip – 2 ply	No Bid	\$88,707.20	No Bid	\$93,376
Fog Coat	No Bid	\$19,842.40	No Bid	\$23,344
Rattling Rock & Sites Circle	\$18,700	\$8,492	No Bid	\$10,911
Totals	\$95,980 w/no bid on tar & chip, or fog seal	\$192,106.60	\$87,285.87 w/no bid on tar & chip, fog seal or Rattling Rock and Sites Circle	\$202,753.00

The Supervisors asked what monies were budgeted for the road projects for 2026. The Treasurer stated that the Liquid Fuels monies received this year were over \$117,000 and \$40,000 was budgeted in the General Fund. The remaining amount would need to come from Capital Reserves. A motion was made by Chairman Sabo with a second by Vice-Chairman Fedder to award the bid to New Enterprise in the amount of \$192,106.60. Motion carried unanimously.

A resignation letter for William Starner of the Road Crew was presented and read. A motion was made by Chairman Sabo with a second by Supervisor Kunkle to accept William Starner’s resignation with regret. Motion carried unanimously.

A resignation letter for Tanuya Matter, Secretary/Treasurer was presented and read. A motion was made by Chairman Sabo with a second by Supervisor Kunkle to accept Tanuya Matter’s resignation with regret. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Sabo announced the following upcoming events:

- May 1 & 2, 2026 – Spring Clean up
- May 19, 2026 – Primary Election Day
- May 26, 2026 – Supervisor’s Meeting

- May 25, 2026 – Office closed for Memorial Day, trash collection on Wednesday,
May 27

OLD BUSINESS: The IT proposal tabled from the March meeting was discussed. After input from resident, Nick Melnick, a motion was made by Chairman Sabo with a second from Supervisor Kunkle to table the matter until the May meeting.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The Secretary/Treasurer provided an April expense check register and submitted the following checks for approval and payment:

General Fund Check's #s 18621-18646 in the amount of \$46,479.63. No checks void.
Payroll check #s 8660-8665 in the amount of \$5,617.82, Payroll check #'s 8666-8670 in the amount of \$8,035.71 and Payroll check #8671-8674 in the amount of \$6,563.33. No payroll checks void.

With no further discussion on the bills presented, Vice-Chairman Fedder made a motion with a second from Chairman Sabo to approve and pay the expense and payroll checks submitted for payment with the exception of Check #18632 payable to Laura Fedder. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Chairman Sabo with a second by Supervisor Kunkle to pay check #18632 to Laura Fedder. Vice-Chairman Fedder abstained, motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

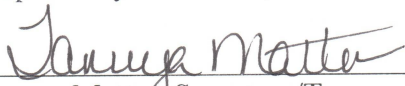
Former Supervisor John Schulze asked if there was an Executive Session. Supervisor Sabo apologized for the omission and stated that the Supervisors held an Executive Session prior to the meeting for the discussion of personnel matters and the RTCA litigation.

Former Supervisor John Schulze requested that the Supervisors provide a handout during the audit report so that the attendees can follow along. Chairman Sabo stated that they will try to provide either an overhead projection or handout in the future. Mr. Schulze then read a statement from Rebecca Schulze regarding the resignation of the two employees and the RTCA Litigation. Chairman Sabo requested a copy of the statement for the record.

Nick Melnick requested that the Supervisors contact Penn DOT regarding a bridge on 850 that is in need of repair.

ADJOURN THE MEETING: With no further business or discussion before the Board, Chairman Sabo thanked everyone for coming and made a motion with a second from Supervisor Kunkle to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:56 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Tanuya Matter Secretary/Treasurer