

**Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

A regular monthly meeting of the Cherrytree Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the township building. In attendance were Jim Waugh, Rob Kellogg, and Shari Nelson, Supervisors, and Christine Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer.

**Call to Order**

Jim Waugh called the meeting to order.

**Pledge**

**Moment of Prayer**

Jim Waugh led those in attendance in a moment of prayer.

**Public Comment**

There was no "Public Comment".

**Minutes/Treasurer's Report**

The minutes, from the regular monthly meeting held on Monday, August 3, 2026, were read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Shari Nelson, and carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report, for August of 2026, was read, accepted, and approved, on a motion made by Shari Nelson, seconded by Rob Kellogg, and carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

Carmen and Antoniette Paliotta – 4201 State Route 8 – Small Flow Treatment Fac.

*Carmen and Antoniette Paliotta sent letters to the township, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), John Delacio (Advanced Treatment, Inc.), and Shana Dillemath, stating that they are opposed to any discharge being made onto their property from the proposed small flow treatment facility at 4201 State Route 8. Their letters were in response to a letter sent to them by John Delacio regarding a proposed small flow treatment facility at 4201 State Route 8 for Shana Dillemath. John Delacio has responded to Carmen and Antoniette Paliotta regarding their concerns.*

PSATS Unemployment Group Trust – 2026 Ballot for Election of Trustees

*The township has received a ballot from PSATS Unemployment Group Trust to be used to elect trustees. There are two vacancies and two candidates (Jack Hines and John Wilkes Jr.). The ballot must be returned by October 31, 2026. Chrissie Kurelowech told the Supervisors to let her know if they have an interest in voting.*

Venango County Regional Planning Commission – 2025 Annual Report

*The Venango County Regional Planning Commission's 2025 annual report not only documents activities and accomplishments made throughout 2025, but also describes plans for the future of Venango County.*

Oil Region Alliance – 2027 Membership

*The Oil Region Alliance sent a letter encouraging the township to purchase a membership at a cost starting at \$50.00 per year.*

Travis M. Nosko – Act 14 – NPDES Reissuance - 1944 Buxton Rd.

*The township has received notification, as required by Act 14, of Travis M. Nosko's intent to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) for a reissuance of a permit for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) at 1944 Buxton Road.*

Deiss & Halmi/Country Acres – Act 14 - NPDES Reissuance – 2017 Meadville Rd.

*The township has received notification, from Deiss & Halmi Engineering, Inc., as required by Act 14, of Country Acres Personal Care Home's intent to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) for a reissuance of a permit for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) at 2017 Meadville Road.*

PA DEP – NPDES Permit Issued – Piney Seward and Erie South-Piney Trans. Line

*The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) has issued a permit for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for stormwater discharges associated with construction activities related to the Piney-Seward and Erie South-Piney 115-kV Transmission Line Rebuild project. The project affects 150 miles of an existing transmission line that runs between Indiana County and Erie County. In Venango County, there are 32.97 miles of transmission line that will be rebuilt and, in Cherrytree Township, there are 16.61 miles of transmission line that will be rebuilt.*

PA DEP – WOEP Permit Issued – Piney Seward and Erie South-Piney Trans. Line

*The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) has issued a Water Obstruction and Encroachment permit for the Piney-Seward and Erie South-Piney 115-kV Transmission Line Rebuild project. This permit was issued through the state and the letter advises the applicant, Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC, that the project does not have Federal authorization and cannot begin until Federal authorization has been granted.*

## **Zoning**

### **Permits**

|           |                                              |                                        |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Z-2026-09 | 2242 Petroleum Center Road                   | 30' by 12' addition to existing garage |
| Z-2026-10 | 521 Fairview Road                            | 12' by 20' deck                        |
| N/A       | Cross Creek Resort Inc./John and Karen Shoup | Subdivision Review                     |

### **Zoning Report**

Tim McGrath, Zoning Officer, reported that he has had a complaint about noise coming from a commercial business that is operating along Trout Run Road in the Rural Residential (R/R) District. Because the owner is not permitted to operate a commercial business in the R/R District, Tim McGrath has made contact with him and has asked him to stop operating the business. The owner suggested changing the zoning along Trout Run Road to Commercial/Light Industrial Overlay (C/I) District. Tim McGrath noted that a change to the zoning ordinance/zoning map cannot not be made for at least 3 years because the township is currently in the process of passing a comprehensive update to the existing zoning ordinance in addition to a curative amendment that would provide for the land use referred to as a data center. The ordinance must be passed by the end of November 2026 because the Supervisors imposed a 6-month moratorium on data centers at their regular

monthly meeting held on Monday, June 1, 2026. Tim McGrath said that he will follow-up with the business owner.

Tim McGrath also reported that he was recently contacted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding a drone crash near 1184 South Perry Street. He told those in attendance that he had previously advised residents, who were concerned about drones near 1184 South Perry Street, to contact the FAA with issues.

### **Administrative Action**

#### **PMRS 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) – Vote to Accept**

On a motion made by Jim Waugh and seconded by Shari Nelson, the Supervisors voted to accept the 2027 Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO). Rob Kellogg abstained. The 2027 MMO, which is \$2,814.00, represents the amount of money that the township will be required to contribute to PMRS (employee pension fund) by the end of 2027. This is a decrease of \$3,894.00 from the 2026 MMO, which is \$6,708.00. Chrissie Kurelowech explained that, each year, the township usually receives state aid to put towards the MMO, but the township is required to make up the difference and must meet the MMO.

#### **Res. #26-46 – Dilemuth Small Flow Treatment Facility – 4201 State Route 8**

Chrissie Kurelowech explained to the Supervisors that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) recently rejected the application for the Dilemuth small flow treatment facility (4201 State Route 8) for a second time. This is because Advanced Treatment Inc. used the wrong address for PA DEP on the notification letters that were sent to affected property owners. The first time the application was rejected by PA DEP, an incorrect return address (for comments) was used on the notification letters that were sent to affected property owners. On a motion made by Shari Nelson, seconded by Rob Kellogg, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #26-46, approving a small flow treatment facility, at 4201 State Route 8, for Shana Dilemuth. Chrissie Kurelowech will send Resolution #26-46, an edited transmittal letter, an edited checklist, an edited Component 3s, an edited certification statement, and a letter stating that one comment was received, to Advanced Treatment Inc. The Supervisors had previously adopted Resolution #26-41, at a regular monthly meeting held on February 2, 2026, and Resolution #26-45, at a regular monthly meeting held on July 6, 2026, approving a small flow treatment facility, at 4201 State Route 8, for Shana Dilemuth.

#### **Res. #26-47 – 2026-2027 County Liquid Fuels Aid Application**

Chrissie Kurelowech reported to the Supervisors that Alex Shreffler, of the Venango County Regional Planning Commission (VCRPC), recently contacted her regarding unused 2025-2026 County Liquid Fuels Aid. According to Alex Shreffler, the Venango County Commissioners have agreed to allow the township to carry over the \$30,000.00 in 2025-2026 County Liquid Fuels Aid that was not used this summer due to financial constraints leading to the cancellation of paving for 2026 (an approximate 1.29-mile stretch of Cherrytree Road, from Buxton Road to Fairview Road). Additionally, Alex Shreffler has encouraged the township to apply for 2026-2027 County Liquid Fuels Aid to put towards the same project (in addition to the \$30,000.00). Chrissie Kurelowech contacted Buddy Miller, PennDOT Municipal Services Representative, for his thoughts, and he agreed that it would be a good idea for the township to apply for more money to put towards

paving Cherrytree Road since the VCRPC has encouraged the township to apply and because the project is so large. Chrissie Kurelowech told the Supervisors that, due to this new information, she put together an application for 2026-2027 County Liquid Fuels Aid that asks for \$50,000.00 to put towards paving Cherrytree Road and explains that the township was unable to use the \$30,000.00 in 2025-2026 County Liquid Fuels Aid due to financial constraints. On a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Rob Kellogg, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #26-47 (2026-2027 County Liquid Fuels Aid Application). The township will apply for \$50,000.00 to be put towards paving an approximate 1.29-mile stretch of Cherrytree Road (Buxton Road to Fairview Road). Based on a quote from Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., the project is estimated to cost \$178,524.20, which would leave the township with a balance of \$98,524.20 if the county awards \$50,000.00 in 2026-2027 County Liquid Fuels Aid and the \$30,000.00 in 2025-2026 County Liquid Fuels Aid is used. The county has \$250,000.00 to give to the municipalities in 2026-2027 County Liquid Fuels Aid, but receives many applications each year.

**Res. #26-48 – Langman Small Flow Treatment Facility – 1280 Breedtown Road**

On a motion made by Shari Nelson, seconded by Jim Waugh, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #26-48, approving a small flow treatment facility, at 1280 Breedtown Road, for Jesse Langman.

**Quote to Repair Water Damage – Review and Vote**

One quote was received for repairs that must be made to the township building to recover from the damage caused by a burst water pipe in January. The insurance adjuster provided a list of repairs by room/area and a cost estimate for each repair. The repairs include: replacing the drywall and insulation that was removed, replacing the insulation in the ceiling that was damaged by the water, replacing all of the ceiling tiles in both hallways, replacing the baseboards in both hallways and in the hallway closet, priming and painting both hallways and the hallway closet, cleaning the carpet in both hallways and in the meeting room, and cleaning, stripping, and waxing the floors in both the women's restroom and the men's restroom. The estimate provided by the insurance adjuster is \$3,742.61. A quote was received from Dave Wickwire, an insured contractor, for \$3,400.00, which includes items covered by the insurance (with the exception of cleaning the carpet in both hallways and in the meeting room and also with the exception of cleaning, stripping, and waxing the floors in both the women's restroom and the men's restroom). On a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Rob Kellogg, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to accept Dave Wickwire's quote of \$3,400.00 to make the repairs covered by the insurance company (with the exception of cleaning the carpet in both hallways and in the meeting room and also with the exception of cleaning, stripping, and waxing the floors in both the women's restroom and the men's restroom).

**Complaints – Pro Waste Services – 4487 State Route 8 – Noise, Vibration, Etc.**

Two formal complaints were submitted to the township regarding noise, vibration, etc. coming from Pro Waste Service's trucking terminal that is located at 4487 State Route 8.

The first complaint reads:

*“The dropping of the containers is causing such a vibration I can feel it. I live 900 ft. away. Also, the noise of them dropping is very loud & annoying. The jarring of the earth tells me this is NOT good for our water wells. I heard 3 explosions 2 weeks ago.”*

The second complaint reads:

*“I am writing a formal complaint about the sounds, vibrations and unattended full dumpsters at Pro Waste Services. Almost daily, the workers at Pro Waste Services are dropping empty dumpsters off their trucks and making a very loud crashing sound. When they drop the larger dumpsters, the ones closer to the woods, you can actually feel the vibrations inside our house. This is very disruptive and I’m worried about what it is doing to our water well. We’ve noticed a lot more sediment in our filter and we actually had to have a stronger filtering system on our house through Culligan to reduce the amount of red sediment.*

*I’m also writing to complain about Pro Waste Services leaving full unattended dumpsters on their trucks overnight and over the weekend. I’ve photographed several times that they have left full dumpsters on their trucks. I thought that when they put the business in that they would not have full dumpsters left on the property. It is not a transfer station or a holding spot for full dumpsters. I was led to believe that it was a storage facility for empty dumpsters.*

*I appreciate your time and consideration. If we can get an explanation into why they are slamming dumpsters on the ground and leaving full dumpsters on their property, I would really appreciate it.”*

Several residents were in attendance to voice many concerns with Pro Waste Service’s trucking terminal that is in operation at 4487 State Route 8. Concerns include: noise, vibration, sediment in water wells causing filters to clog, potential for contaminated ground water, explosions, and full dumpsters being left on the premises overnight and during weekends. One neighbor expressed concern that Pro Waste Services is moving their operation closer to her property, because trees have been marked, and she also noted that more water is going into the ditch on Fairview Road since the trucking terminal began operating earlier in the year. Another neighbor said that Pro Waste Services has not been truthful about their plans, noting that the size of the proposed new building (waste transfer station) was larger on the zoning application than it was on the site plan that was shared with the public at the regular monthly meeting held on Monday, August 3, 2026. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the township’s enforcement options. Jim Waugh suggested that the township write a letter to Pro Waste Services describing the complaints that have been received by neighboring property owners. It was noted during the discussion that the township does not have the authority (ordinances) to pursue enforcement in an effort to resolve many of the complaints that have been filed and that a better option might be to contact the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP). Tim McGrath suggested that the township send a letter to PA DEP that includes the recent complaints that have been filed with the township. On a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Rob Kellogg, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to send a letter to PA DEP to report the complaints that have recently been received by the township regarding the

trucking terminal, operated by Pro Waste Services, at 4487 State Route 8. Chrissie Kurelowech will draft a letter to PA DEP and have the Supervisors review it before sending.

**Complaint – 1081/1095 Trout Run Road – Commercial Business in R/R - Noise**

A formal complaint was submitted to the township regarding noise coming from a business that is located at 1081 Trout Run Road and 1095 Trout Run Road. The complaint reads:

*“ - Excessive noise (chainsaws, trucks, loading wood) at all hours*

*- Running a commercial business in a Rural Residential neighborhood”*

As described in the “Zoning Report”, Tim McGrath, Zoning Officer, has already begun enforcement to resolve the issues. No vote took place by the Supervisors.

**Ordinance #01-2026 – Planning Comm. Recommendations – Vote to Advertise**

Tucker Gregg, Chairman of the Planning Commission, presented a draft of Ordinance #01-2026 to the Supervisors. He said that the Planning Commission, at its public meeting held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Ordinance #01-2026 be advertised and passed. He gave an overview of the changes included in the ordinance:

- Data center is defined and is permitted only as a conditional use in the Commercial/Light Industrial Overlay (C/I) District
- Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is defined and is permitted only as a conditional use in the Commercial/Light Industrial Overlay (C/I) District
- Tiny home is defined
- Several definitions have been updated including: Dwelling, Essential Service, Farmland of Statewide Importance, Fence, and Guest Home
- Existing lots smaller than 3 acres (as of the effective date of the ordinance), in the Residential/Agricultural (R/A) District, are considered conforming, for the purposes of area, as long as all PA DEP standards for on-lot septic systems can be met at the time of permit application
- Sanitary landfills are not permitted in any district
- Other portions of the ordinance have been modernized

Tim McGrath, Zoning Officer, reminded those in attendance that the zoning ordinance only deals with land use. The next ordinance that will be proposed is a property maintenance ordinance that will address other property issues that are not related to land use. On a motion made by Jim Waugh, seconded by Rob Kellogg, and carried unanimously, the Supervisors voted to advertise the township’s intent to adopt Ordinance #01-2026 at the regular monthly meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2026, and to schedule a public hearing to receive public comment on Ordinance #01-2026 for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2026.

Chrissie Kurelowech will send a draft of Ordinance #01-2026 to the Venango County Regional Planning Commission for review and comment at least 30 days prior to the public hearing (November 2, 2026). A draft will also be available in the Venango County Law Library. Ordinance #01-2026 is a comprehensive update to the existing zoning ordinance that includes a curative amendment that will provide for the land use referred to as a data center. There has been a moratorium on data center development in the township since June 1, 2026.

## **Committee Reports**

### **VFD**

Austin Armstrong, VFD Fire Chief, reported that there were 31 calls since the last meeting. Of the 31 calls, 11 were EMS, 6 were fire alarms, 11 were public service, 2 were MVAs, and 1 was a search for a person.

He noted that the VFD has received all of the new radios, pagers, and related equipment that was purchased with the Local Share Account (LSA) grant. The equipment upgrade was necessary to make the VFD's radio system P25 compliant since Venango County is upgrading its system.

### **EMA Office**

Tim McGrath, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported that there will be an EMA meeting in 2 weeks.

### **Road**

Lew Staub, Roadmaster, reported that the road crew spent 3 days ditching spots on 7 roads, spent 14 days mowing berms, spent 7 days grading roads, and pushed 3 trees off of roads. They mowed the yard twice, spent 1 day opening pipes, fixed 1 soft spot, and checked the roads once.

As for equipment, Five Star Equipment performed 1500-hour service on the 2024 JD 670G grader. The 2014 Dodge was inspected. Two days were spent working on the boom mower (bearings and seals).

Lew Staub asked Tim McGrath if the spreaders will be back from the fabrication shop by mid-October and Tim McGrath said that he would be taking them to the fabrication shop for repair in a few days and that they would be returned by mid-October.

## **Old Business**

There was no "Old Business".

## **New Business**

### **2026-2027 COSTARS Salt Contract**

Chrissie Kurelowech told those in attendance that the township will be paying \$76.64/ton for salt through COSTARS this year (initial fill), which is a \$2.49/ton (3.36%) increase from last year (\$74.15/ton). The township has requested 225 tons as part of its COSTARS contract and is required to purchase 75% of that amount, but is permitted to purchase up to 140%. The price of \$76.64 is only good for the "initial fill", which is anytime between August 1, 2026 and October 31, 2026. After that period, any salt ordered will cost \$80.67/ton. The salt will be purchased from Compass Minerals again this year.

### **STV, Inc. – Bridge Inspection Rpt. – Stone Springhouse Bridge – March 24, 2026**

The township has received a report, from STV, Incorporated, regarding an inspection of the Stone Springhouse Bridge that took place on March 24, 2026.

There were few changes in the condition of the bridge since the prior inspection, which took place on March 8, 2024. In 2024, the railings were considered “satisfactory” (6), but are now considered “good” (7). In 2024, the transitions were considered “poor” (4), but are now considered “good” (7). Also, in 2024, there was “no scour” (9), but in 2026 there is “minor scour” (7). Overall, the bridge condition is considered “fair”, unchanged from the bridge condition that was noted on the report from the inspection that took place on March 8, 2024. A copy of the inspection report has been given to Lew Staub, Roadmaster.

**Schedule Budget Meeting**

The Supervisors decided to schedule a special meeting for Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare the 2027 budget and to address any other business that comes before the Board of Supervisors. The meeting will take place at the township building and the public is encouraged to attend.

**Public Comment**

Jim Waugh asked those in attendance if anyone had any further “Public Comment” before adjourning the meeting. Beverly Hasty expressed concern about the possibility of a data center being built in the township, citing issues such as noise, water use, and electricity use. Tim McGrath, Zoning Officer, explained that there is currently a 6-month moratorium in place so that no applications for data centers will be accepted. Ordinance #01-2026, which is scheduled to be voted upon on Monday, November 2, 2026, limits the locations in which data centers can be permitted within the township. Tucker Gregg, Chairman of the Planning Commission, said that he feels a data center would require a 500-acre lot, which most likely does not exist in the township. The Supervisors made it clear that there have been no applications submitted for data centers in the township.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The bills were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine C. Kurelowech, Secretary-Treasurer