



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, May 12, 2026

7:00 PM

Community Meeting Room

Board Members in attendance: Jennifer V. Herring, Chairman; Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairman; Dan Wood, Judy Dixon and Christina Maida.

Township Staff in attendance: Stephanie J. Mason, Township Manager; Dave Tomko, Director of Operations; Charles Zeigler, Chief of Police; Lauren Gallagher, Township Solicitor and Abhishek Joshi, Township Engineer. Absent: Andrea Mergner, Assistant Township Manager.

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Pledge to the flag

Ms. Herring welcomed everyone to the meeting, she stated that prior to this meeting the Board met in Executive Session to interview for Boards and Commissions and discuss a personnel matter. She made a motion to the Board to amend the agenda to include appointments to Boards and Commissions. Seconded by Ms. Maida the motion carried 5 – 0.

PRESENTATION

Park & Recreation – Wayfinding Map – Central Park

Ms. Kathy Brown, Park & Recreation Board presented the Board of Supervisors and those in attendance with a DRAFT of the Central Park Wayfinding Map. She stated that it is a draft and it still needs a few tweaks and corrections. The Park & Recreation Board has been working with a consultant to get this map completed and up in Central Park for some time. The map was well received by the Board and those in attendance. This map would be placed near the Comfort Cottage.

Mr. Wood noted that the borderline red there are a few parts where it is not clear, where the park border is located near Rolling Hill Blvd. Ms. Brown stated that they would take a look at that. Mr. Wood offered his help with the location.

Ms. Maida inquired if there is a plan for these to be scattered throughout the park as well in case somebody is on New Britain Road Side and wonders how to get to the tennis courts.

Ms. Brown stated that the goal is to have it at Main Entrance of Central Park, they will ask for comments throughout the concert series, they will start with the one and then hopefully one at the new Britain Road Entrance.

The Board thanked Ms. Brown for the presentation and information and stated that the map looks great.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mariann Davies – Doylestown Township – stated that she has comments on two topics on the agenda. Tax collector, she was surprised at how unprepared out tax collector has been for months, her opinion as a resident that the Township does not get involved in the business of starting to rent out space to the tax collector, she was elected and should have been ready day one when she took office. It is not up to the Township to provide facilities, even at a nominal rental cost.

The Hart Tract – she is a resident of Doylestown Hunt, has attended presentations, she complimented Mr. Zaveta on the project, her concern is because it is a historic property, she is saddened that it is one of the last in the Township. The Township's decision will have great impact on the County and Township. Please take in to consideration that traffic studies & environmental studies have not been done & the Borough is not on board.

Jonathan Newber – Hilltown Township – Hart Tract, he is requesting that the zoning as institutional which allows for historical and cultural institutions, preserving historical and cultural landmark site improvements. Changing this would bring traffic congestion and jeopardize EMS response times. He know that if the Zaveta plan is not approved, it will go back on the market, he believes this will benefit the community, there are a lot of people I2 Institutional Zoning. He believe that various aspects of Bucks County Historical Society plan are illegal and unethical. He believes that institutional is fine and will be a better solution. They would like to see this on the market, so other people in this Township and county will not be taken out the equation unjustly to benefit special interests. Keep it I2 for public safety.

Edna White – Doylestown Township – she is against the Hart Property, her concerns Mr. Hart left that for a specific purpose, what makes her mad is that his heirs are not here to defend it. Please take into consideration that Mr. Hart had an express purpose when he left this land, it is not up to anyone to decide that he really didn't mean it, or it could be changed. She needs to understand the reasoning that there is nobody here to defend it, she finds that offensive.

Doreen Stratton – Doylestown Borough – She wanted to add to what she has previously that the Board table this until more information and involve the Borough. She attended the Borough's Safety Committee Meeting, and they expressed their frustration that they have not been involved in this issue. She talked about when the Borough did work on Main Street last year it was a nightmare getting in and out of town. She can imagine what will happen with oodles of big trucks and people going in and out of one tiny entrance. She is sad that everybody cannot sit at the table and get this resolved. She complimented Mr. Zaveta on his wonderful work, she just doesn't want him to do it with this project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 7:00PM
- B. The Doylestown Township Municipal Building will be closed Tuesday, May 19th for Primary Election Day and Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day
- C. Save the Dates for these Special Events in 2026:
 - **Annual Touch a Truck Event** – Saturday, May 16th from 10am – 1pm at Central Park.
 - **2026 Memorial Day Parade:** Join Doylestown Township's Board of Supervisors and Veterans Advisory Committee on Monday, May 25th at the Memorial Day Parade.
 - **The Thompson Performing Arts Series** in Central Park begins June 17th at 7pm with Stevie Mac and continues every Wednesday through August 12th. Please find the 2026 complete line up at www.doylestownrec.org
More information for these events and more can be found in the Winter & Spring Program guide sent to residents' homes or by visiting www.doylestownpa.org
- D. Chapman Road Bridge is closed to all traffic 24 hours a day. A full detour is in place directing motorists to use Pine Run Road to Limekiln Road and Ferry Road. Repairs work is expected to be completed by June 30, 2026. This is a PennDOT project you can visit their website or visit the Township website for updates.
- E. Keep up to date with Township News / Events – sign up for E-news at www.doylestownpa.org. E-News is sent out every Friday at 4:00PM.

MINUTES APPROVAL: - Regular Meeting – April 14, 2026 – On motion of Ms. Lyons, seconded by Ms. Dixon, the Board approved the meeting minutes from April 14, 2026. The motion carried 5 – 0.

CORRESPONDENCEBoards and Commission – TAB Resignation – Bakun

On motion of Ms. Lyons, seconded by Ms. Dixon, the Board accepted Mr. Bakun's resignation from the Telecommunications Advisory Board with regrets. The motion carried 5 – 0.

REPORTSSolicitor

Nothing to report.

Township Engineer

Nothing to report.

Police Chief

Chief Zeigler stated that there have been some identity theft scams involving Bitcoin. He wants the public to know that at no point time should any computer company, utility company, etc. call you requesting to repair your services with a payment of Bitcoin. It's a scam every time, once people send Bitcoins through the internet, we no longer have the ability to recover that money. Some have lost a substantial amount of money. Just a reminder, any request for Bitcoin payment is a scam and contact the police department.

Dir. of Operations2026 Road Program Change Orders #1 and #2Pennoni Memo 2026 Road Program Change Order #1

Mr. Tomko stated that this item was requested by Bray Brothers, Inc. for additional pavement markings in Central Park as part of the paving in the park. Change Order #1 totals \$2,913.36. He is asking for the Boards approval.

On motion of Ms. Lyons, seconded by Ms. Dixon, the Board of Supervisors approved the Pennoni 2026 Road Program Change Order #1, request from Bray Brothers, Inc. for Central Park Pavement Markings in the amount of \$2,913.36. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Pennoni Memo 2026 Road Program Change Order #2

Mr. Tomko stated that is item is also requested by Bray Brothers, Inc. for additional paving material that was used, totaling \$3,197.16. He is asking for the Boards approval.

On motion of Ms. Lyons, seconded by Ms. Maida, the Board of Supervisors approved the Pennoni 2026 Road Program Change Order #2, request from Bray Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$3,197.16. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Assistant Township ManagerTownship ManagerPumper/Hauler Request to participate in Doylestown Township Septic Management Program Supervisors

Ms. Mason stated that we received a request from Atlas Environmental Solutions, LLC to be considered and included as an approved Pumper/Hauler Service Provider as part of our Septic Management Program. She is requesting that we add them to our list of pumper haulers.

On motion of Ms. Dixon, seconded by Ms. Lyons, the Board of Supervisors approved the addition of Atlas Environmental Solutions, LLC. to our list of pumper haulers for the Township Septic Management Program. The motion carried 5 – 0.

SUPERVISORS

Mr. Wood – stated that the Planning Commission had an on-site visit, and the actual meeting was cancelled. He wished all mothers in the Township a Happy Belated Mother's Day. He stated that May is Mental Health Month, last year the Township passed a resolution commemorating it. He stated that there is no shame in looking for help if you are struggling and in need. A resource in Bucks County is the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI).

Ms. Maida – stated that the Pension Committee met yesterday reviewed performance, discussed possible future IPS edits and de-risking the non-uniformed plan. Things are in really great shape, almost fully funded. They are a great group of volunteers, experts their field. She stated how her children are enjoying the rec programs, a great affordable way to get out of the house with the kids. Check out the programming we offer, it's really best in class. She also wished Happy Mother's Day, especially to our new mother, Andrea Mergner, Assistant Township Manager who welcomed her baby girl last month.

Ms. Dixon – stated she attended the EAC meeting last week, there was a visit from Nikki & Karen, a mother / daughter duo who have a small business called Backyard Buzz. They donated and will maintain a pollinator box for local bees which will be placed in the Native Plant Garden. The EAC has been going out and helping people pick native plants for their gardens.

The subcommittee for Dark Skies and Lights Out is still a work in progress and meeting with the Township. There were over 50 people joining us at the Arbor Day planting & mulching. Really nice to see everybody come out, Boy & Girl Scout troops, it was a really nice event and got a lot done in Central Park.

Bike/Hike met this morning, Doylestown Borough received a TASA Grant, they will start developing the Bike/Hike trail along Green Street and putting in some ramps for bikes, changing parking. This is part of the Pebble Hill Trail that the Township is undertaking, the Township met with Doylestown Country Club and are starting to clear the path taking advantage of an easement that is in place. The New Britain Road Trail Ribbon Cutting will take place on May 29th at 11:00am. She will attend with her grandson. The Doylestown Borough Pump Track, grand opening is Monday, June 1st from 4:30pm – 7:00pm. Newley paved, they went from dirt to concrete to make it durable.

Appointments: Ms. Dixon nominated Dan Loftus as a member of the Bike/Hike Committee and Charles Crosland as a junior member to the Bike/Hike Committee. Ms. Lyons seconded. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Ms. Lyons – added to Mr. Woods remarks about May being Mental Health Awareness Month, she had to pleasure of attending the Bright Path Center opening, this facility that is managed, created and staffed by Lenape Valley Foundation and located here in Doylestown Township, one of the first of its kind in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It merges mental health and substance misuse together in one facility. Congratulations to them, it was an opportunity and project by many entities including Doylestown Township.

Ms. Herring – stated that Bucks County will be receiving a \$2million grant for the Old Neshaminy Manor property located in Doylestown Township. We have been working with the County on this for quite some time, preliminary stages, no plans, it is an exciting development to kick start this project. The report states that it will be used for mixed use attainable housing and preservation of the historic Almshouse building. She would like to thank Senator Steve Santarsiero, Representative Tim Brennan, Commissioners Bob Harvie, Diane Marseglia and Gene DiGirolamo for working on this project and looking forward to working with them in the future.

Ms. Herring also mentioned that there will be a Disability Resource Fair on Thursday in our Community Recreation center from 3:00pm – 5:00pm hosted by Representative Brennan and Senator Steve Santarsiero. An opportunity for you to learn about the resources for various ranges of disabilities.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESSMayor's Monarch Pledge Survey

Ms. Lyons inquired if we could issue a survey to the public, ask for input and can we undertake the survey, that's the point of Mayor's Monarch Survey.

On motion of Ms. Lyons, seconded by Ms. Dixon, the Board approved the Mayors Monarch Pledge Survey. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Mr. Wood inquired who would be taking the lead on this management staff or EAC? Ms. Herring replied that we could ask the EAC or our staff could do it.

Request from Tax Collector for room use in Township Building – Continued Discussion

The discussion regarding the room use in the Township Building continued. Ms. Frister sent a memo to the Board with additional dates she would like to use the building, the fee was discussed for the use of the room. Ms. Frister's memo also stated that she would put a drop box at the Township building for residents to drop off tax payments. The Board reviewed a spreadsheet kept by the Front Office staff of resident phone calls, residents walking in to the building, their concerns and complaints. Residents are still unhappy with not being able to get in touch with Ms. Frister, doesn't answer phone messages or emails, no clear directions on where to pay taxes in person. The Township staff will not be taking any payments from residents as they are not authorized to do so. There was discussion on the cost of the space, fair market value suggested fee for the use of the room discussion ranged from \$1,000 to \$4,300 per year.

On motion of Ms. Herring, seconded by Ms. Dixon, the Board agreed to allow the tax collector to utilize the small conference room space or an equivalent space as determined by the township manager for tax collections for the following hours and days: 5:30-7:00pm on Wednesdays and June 25, June 29, August 20, August 27, and 11:00 am- 1pm December 28 and 29. In addition a drop box provided by the tax collector will be installed with only the tax collector or their designee having access to the contents. The drop box will be owned by the township at the time it is affixed to the building. There will be rent charged to the Tax Collector in the amount of \$1,000 for the year ending December 31, 2026. This will be revisited at the reorganization Board meeting in January 2027. The motion carried 3 – 2 with Ms. Maida and Ms. Lyons voting Nay.

NEW BUSINESSLand DevelopmentEisold Property – 1595 Pebble Hill Road – Letter of Extension

On motion of Ms. Dixon, seconded by Ms. Lyons, the Board of Supervisors granted the extension for the Eisold Property – from May 15, 2026 to July 31, 2026. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Tax Collector – Tax Collector Fees

Ms. Herring stated that it is in the Tax Collectors Handbook that if a tax collector is late in remitting their reports a fine can be assessed. We have not practiced this in the past, however, there is interest in adding this to our normal procedure. There have been a couple of late reports and there is a desire to access this penalty. She believes we should access the fines as stated in the Tax Collector Handbook, however, she does not believe assessing fines retroactive to a decision. There was discussion that these reports are late for this year not past years, whether late fines should be accessed after a decision to access the fines is made. The tax collector knew the rules and requirements, she failed to get the statements in on time, we are just finding out, she should be accessed the full penalty. The report due April 10th was not received until May 6th. She was alerted and understood that the manual allowed for the fine. The Township has never had to do this in the past, going forward the Board is aware that this is allowed. January, February and March reports were also late. Not happy that the required reports

were not made on time, not happy that there has been such confusion with the hours and the office space for the tax collector, not happy she has not been prepared to do the job that she was elected to do.

On motion of Ms. Lyons, seconded by Ms. Maida, the Board assessed the total fee of \$240 for the tax collector's failure to timely report and that going forward the staff per the manual can assess fees, if need be, when it follows the manual without bringing the matter to the Board for approval.

Ms. Herring stated that going forward, she doesn't want the staff to have to come to us every time there is a fee assessed for anything. This is something the staff can manage on their own, she want to make sure that is very clear that it is not necessary.

The motion carried 5 – 0.

Zaveta/Hart Tract – Proposed Map Amendment & Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Authorization to Advertise

Ms. Gallagher gave some background, this is on the agenda this evening for authorization to advertise only. If this is authorized for advertising there will be a full public hearing at a later date where members of the public will be able to make comments. This evening's vote is only about authorization to advertise it does not in any way approve or disapprove the proposal that is in front of the Board. This has gone to the Township Planning Commission, this has gone to Bucks County Planning Commission, all the review letters are in the Boards packet. Tonight it is ready and appropriate for authorization to advertise. Mr. Murphy is here to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the limited issue of authorization to advertise.

Ms. Herring asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Lyons made the motion to advertise the ordinance amendment addition of B-15-2 to the current ordinance, seconded by Ms. Dixon, the Board of Supervisors authorized the advertisement of the Proposed Map Amendment & Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Treasurers Report – May 12, 2026

On motion of Ms. Dixon, seconded by Ms. Lyons, the Board approved the May 12, 2026 Treasurers Report. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Bills List – May 12, 2026

On motion of Ms. Dixon, seconded by Ms. Lyons, the Board approved the April 14, 2026 Bills List. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Public Comment – All Items

Jerel Wohl – Doylestown Township, President Temple Judea Bucks County stated that he has been before the Board many times before while they were getting the land development plan through the process. It was a struggle then, but the synagogue faces a very different struggle now with the openly high amount of antisemitism we are facing. The children recently visited with Congressman Fitzpatrick in his DC office to share what they are experiencing on a daily basis in public school and also reflected throughout our country. After the attack on Temple Israel in Michigan on March 12th, a truck drove into the synagogue while preschool was in session. Thankfully due to the quick work of security and law enforcement no one was hurt. Obviously, Temple Judea and its preschool were rattled. Chief Zeigler was extraordinarily on top of this, the next day police were in our parking lot to make sure we stayed safe. The communications we have had with Chief Zeigler and all of the police officers of Doylestown Township has been nothing short of amazing and supportive. Their willingness to work with us and the security professionals we have had to hire and the security community, security community network staff at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia has been tremendously appreciated. Parents are feeling a sense of security knowing we are in a community of

caring led by Chief Zeigler. He shared cards made by the students to be shared with all of the police officers speaking for all of us for the caring and having a presence at Temple Judea. There have been random drop offs at the police station of sweets to thank you and the officers for your support. Mr. Wohl also left with the Board their annual report to see all of the great work that Temple Judea is doing to help make Doylestown Township a great place to live, work and pray. Mr. Wohl stated that they will have the executive director of NAMI speaking Friday night at their Shabat service. Please sign up this will be via zoom. He again gave his sincere thanks to Chief Zeigler and the entire police force for all they are doing to keep us safe and feel at ease during these troubled times.

Gabriel Elsner – Doylestown Township stated that both of his children attended Temple Judea preschool, he echoed the thanks to the police department and the Township for keeping his children safe as they attend school.

Mr. Elsner stated that he wanted to make a public comment because he was driving down New Britain Road close to where he lives. There were a few 8 to 10 year old children riding their bikes up New Britain Road, they decided to cross at Lower State Road where people turn right quickly. He was horrified as he sat in his car, praying that somebody wasn't going to turn the corner. He implores the Township and the Bike/Hike Committee to work expediently before somebody gets injured on New Britain Road to complete the bike path there. Sunday morning there was a group of 10 or 12 elders riding their bikes up the hill. He saw the same thing, they tried to cut over onto the opposing lane, it's really terrifying. He does not want something horrible to happen. Please work quickly to finish that bike trail because people are using that road.

Ms. Dixon stated that she is the liaison for the Bike/Hike Committee, she will bring that back to the committee when they meet.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephanie J. Mason
Secretary