

**Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
July 14, 2026**

Those in attendance: Robert Stoner, Bob Coleman, and Rich Wiest; Supervisors, Pete Howland; Solicitor, Luanna Zimmerman; Secretary/Treasurer, Marty Sowers; Zoning Officer, Joe Underkoffler, Alexandra Martin, Audrey Schulkins, Jack Ney, Rodney Lebo, Rhonda Lebo, Tanner Stroup; TCRPC, Mary Ann Boyer, Kelly Enders, Vaughn Boyer, Jeff Oakes, and Evie Oakes.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stoner at 7:00 p.m. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Public Comments:** Rodney Lebo spoke to the Board regarding the proposed high wire transmission power lines that are rumored to be constructed in Upper Paxton Township. Lebo said that he heard some residents signed off for it to be put on their land.

**Approval of Minutes and Financial Report:** The minutes from the meeting held on June 9, 2026, were reviewed. Robert Stoner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried. The minutes from the special COG EMS meeting held on June 16, 2026, were also reviewed. Robert Stoner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Rich Wiest. All in favor, motion carried. Luanna Zimmerman presented a list of bills to be paid from June 24, 2026, and the June financial documents. After reviewing, Bob Coleman made a motion to pay the bills and approve the financial documents. Second by Rich Wiest. With all in favor, motion carried. The Board reviewed a list of bills to be paid today. After review, Rich Wiest made a motion to pay the bills from 7-14-2026. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. Solicitor Howland spoke to the Board regarding the proposed Data Center Regulations Ordinance. Howland said he took the model ordinance, provided by Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, and came up with a draft ordinance with provisions for Upper Paxton Township. The Board continued to discuss this with Tanner Stroup from TCRPC. Chairman Stoner asked Tanner to review Howland's draft ordinance. This was tabled and will be revisited at the 7-29-2026 township meeting.
2. Chairman Stoner read aloud portions of a letter from PennDOT regarding the dangerous intersection at SR 209 and Landis Drive. PennDOT stated they will not reduce the speed limit in the area but will replace some of the signs that are already there with new signs. They also suggested that the Township paint lines at the end of Landis Drive and Woodside Station Road and place some additional signage. Rod Lebo asked about placing rumble strips on SR 209. Chairman Stoner told him this is a state road and that would only be done at PennDOT's jurisdiction. Rhonda Lebo suggested making Landis Drive a one-way road. Chairman Stoner told her this is still being considered. This was tabled and will be revisited at a future meeting.

3. Chairman Stoner said that he recently had conversations with Commissioners Hartwick and Pries and explained to them that Upper Paxton Township was committed to solving the Tanner's Run issue. He said the Commissioners were impressed and pledged to find county finances to help. He also said we are waiting to hear about grant money that was applied for in February of this year. Tanner Stroup informed him that the Dauphin County Planning Commission has spoken to PEMA and is waiting to hear back to find out if they have any funding for this project. Stoner said he had also spoken with State Representative Kerwin's assistant and with Keith Heigel. Heigel is making attempts to contact the engineer for the property owner at 544 State Street, Millersburg, PA, 17061 and to speak with neighbors who may be minimally affected by this project. Chairman Stoner said he "sees all this as progress" and he "pledges to keep his foot on the accelerator until we see results".

### **New Business:**

1. Chairman Stoner said that Keystone has asked for clarification of Ordinance 3-10-2026 amending Act 172. The Board unanimously agreed that their interpretation of Ordinance 3-10-2026 is that a volunteer firefighter that is a resident of Upper Paxton Township and qualifies for local tax relief under Act 172 would receive a 100% refund of the local earned income tax paid to Upper Paxton Township. (This does **NOT** include the local earned income tax paid to the Millersburg Area School District.) This Ordinance goes into effect on 1-1-2027 for income during 2026.
2. Kelly Enders, Mary Ann Boyer, and Vaughn Boyer spoke to the Board regarding a property which is being used as a short-term rental that is located in close proximity to their properties. They told the Board of a recent party that was held on the property. They alleged that there was underaged drinking and drugs involved. They said the State Police were called and could do nothing because of the excess number of people that were at the party. (They estimated that there were 200+ people at the party.) Enders said the property owner was notified and he did not show up until after the renters had left the property. It was reported that people were driving and walking on private property owned by the neighbors and that they did damage to the private road.

Zoning Officer Marty Sowers stated that zoning violation letters had recently gone out to owners of 3 short-term rentals located in Upper Paxton Township and this one was included. Sowers said that short-term rentals have become very popular and now can be regulated as a commercial use. They were previously, by court ruling, viewed as a single-family dwelling. Sowers said typically that the number of people that are allowed to be in a short-term rental is dictated by the number of bedrooms. (Two people to each bedroom plus one.)

Levi Smucker, owner of the short-term rental, addressed the Board. He apologized for the party that was held on his property. He said the guest had signed the contract stating there would be 6-7 people on the property. Levi said he did not learn about the party until the next morning. He said he has canceled all other rental contracts and is shutting the short-term rental down.

Chairman Stoner said that Upper Paxton Township currently has no regulations in the Zoning Ordinance for these short-term rentals, but it is something that the Board will be working on. Stoner asked Pete Howland to start researching this and put together an ordinance. This will be revisited at a future meeting.

3. Chairman Stoner said that the Board had received a request for a handicapped parking space in Lenkerville. After discussion, the Board asked Solicitor to research this and put together an ordinance for them to consider. This will be revisited at a future meeting.
4. The Board discussed the possibility of enacting a burn ban in Upper Paxton Township. After discussion Robert Stoner made a motion to enact a burn ban, at a later date, if rain is not soon received, and if Fire Chief Snyder is in agreement. Second by Rich Wiest. With all in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

With no further business on the agenda Robert Stoner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Second by Bob Coleman. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanna Zimmerman,  
Secretary/Treasurer