# Watts Township
# January 14, 2026

Present: Chairman Karl Raudensky, Vice Chairman Darren Miller, Supervisor Joel Deaven, Secretary/Treasurer Nancy Cangioli, Solicitor Linus Fenicle, Engineer/Zoning Officer Jerry Spease and 25 residents

The Watts Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on Wednesday January 14, 2026, at the Watts -Buffalo Community Center by Chairman Karl Raudensky with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Miller announced the meeting was being recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes.

A motion was made to amend the agenda under Solicitor; Miller/Deaven. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from December 5, 2025 and January 5, 2026 Miller/Raudensky. Motion carried.

**Public comment**
Eileen Rhoads commented on the draft of the Data Center Ordinance.

**SECRETARY**
Nancy reported that RTK review for Mr. Welliver was denied by office of open records. Motion to allow Carol to attend PSATS secretary/treasurer training in Lancaster on 01/29/26. Raudensky/Miller. Motion carried. Motion to add Joel Deaven as signer on all bank accounts; Miller/Raudensky. Motion carried.

**SOLICITOR**
Solicitor Fenicle recommended forwarding the petition to planning commission with fees needing to be paid as per the fee schedule. A motion was made making official denial of MRPI extension for failure to meet conditions as their extension expired one day after the last meeting; Raudensky/Miller. Motion carried.
A motion was made to send the draft of the Data Center Ordinance to the Perry County Planning Commission for review and comments; Miller/Deaven. Motion carried.

**ZONING OFFICER**
Zoning permits were issued for Steven Collins roof mounted solar panels and Sunwise Energy for Thomas Stepp-Roof mounted solar panels.

**ENGINEER/ACT 537**
The Dirt & Gravel GP4 will be completed next week.
Jerry Spease sending 24 letters from 2025 late pump outs and 175 for 2026. He was asked if he would be willing to be the representative on the Juniata Sewage Committee, which he agreed to.

**FIRE COMPANY**
Chris Deiter reported he will have a financial report to us by next week as it needs to be corrected. Wanted to let people know that they have online raffles as well as a gun raffle in May. They have info on their Facebook page.

**EPREMA REPORT**
Nothing to report as their meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2026

**NEW BUSINESS**

Darrin wants to get the application for Hazardous household materials pick up done in the office with Carol or Nancy. Pennian bank CD is maturing, and discussion was had about moving it to a new product with higher interest rate. A motion was made to move it to a 12-month CD at 3.80% APY; Raudensky/Deaven. Motion carried. A motion was made to approve Karl and Nancy as signers; Miller/Deaven. Motion carried.
Auditors - pay rate for working supervisors increased to $22 hour regular and $23 snowplowing.

**OLD BUSINESS**
The Juniata Sewage committee proposal was approved and adopted. Discussion on filling the position of vacancy board rep was tabled.

**ROAD MASTER**
5 Pipes repaired, New spreader was put on a truck

**PLANNING COMMISSION**
There are no plans to review. A motion was made to accept the resignations of members Tim Maus and Robert Whitmore effective immediately; Miller/Raudensky. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**
Carol Z. Tri-county Planning working on something regarding Data Centers.
Ernie Leggit, Why have a data center? Linus gave him the legal reasons why there must be an assigned place for all uses in the zoning ordinance.
Eileen Rhoads, Concerns about data centers, Low frequencies, chemicals not enough electric. Shared to look into house bill#1764.
Steve Rhoads, Shared his concerns
Carol White. Wanted clarification on why partition was referred to planning commission with a fee.
Steve Conklin- Why not restrict Data centers? Linus gave a legal answer as to restrictions and zoning requirements. He had questions on zoning map not being updated to show full scope of Industrial boundaries. Asked to make the Draft Zoning amendment public. Linus agreed that since it was being forwarded to the Perry County Planning Commission that we could post it on the website.
Pam Kelly, gave her letter of interest for the Zoning Hearing Board vacancy to all the supervisors. She stated she is very interested in the position.
Beverly Reifsnider, Shared that she feels large data centers are not wanted. She is worried about River conservation and the wildlife. She also would like to have a way to have the meetings online and maybe comment online.
Joel shared that they are trying to see if they can get an informational meeting together to help the public have more information on the possible impacts a data center would have on things like water, power usage and noise.

A motion was made to pay the bills and any that come due before the next meeting; Raudensky/Miller. Motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.; Deaven/Miller. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Cangioli
Secretary