WATSON TOWNSHIP MEETING
JULY 16, 2026

The Watson Township Board of Supervisors held its monthly meeting on July 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Watson Township Municipal Building. Present were Supervisors James Seltzer, James Potter, and Richard Macklem.

Also present were Wilbur Moore, Dan Wrench, Allen Green, Donna Seltzer, Rich Lange, EMC William Dennis Buttorff, and Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky.

Chairman James Seltzer called the meeting to order, and Supervisor Rick Macklem led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Seltzer asked for questions or comments on the June 18, 2026, meeting minutes. Hearing none, Supervisor Macklem moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Seltzer. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Supervisor Seltzer moved to approve the report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Potter. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: EQT monthly progress report and a thank-you letter from Jersey Shore Summer Recreation, Inc.

Roadmaster's Report

Roadmaster Rick Macklem reported:

- Al Green is mowing along township roads.
- Cleanup is underway around the Trading Post Building.
- Roads have been marked for crack sealing.
- Tri-Mark was contacted regarding guiderail repairs on West Side Road.
- Forsberg Furnace reported that the heat exchanger on the Township's unit is burned out, and replacement of the unit will cost $5,700.00.

Chairman Seltzer moved to approve Forsberg Furnace replacing the unit for $5,700.00; seconded by Supervisor Potter. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Officer's Report

Zoning Officer Brent Petrosky provided the monthly zoning report.

Zoning Officer Petrosky asked the Supervisors to waive the fee for a special event permit for the Pine Creek Preservation Association's annual picnic at The Barn scheduled for August 1, 2026.

It was the consensus of the Board to waive the permit fee for the Pine Creek Preservation Association.

Resident Daniel Wrench submitted a zoning permit application and drawings for a 4-foot by 8-foot sign on his Route 44 property. He stated that the sign is like a television, displays static messages with no animation or flashing, and meets Township zoning regulations. The drawings show the sign location, which meets PennDOT requirements and will be sixteen feet from the state right-of-way.

A discussion followed about the proposed sign and the Board agreed that the decision to approve or deny the permit request falls on the Zoning Officer and not the Supervisors.

Zoning Officer Petrosky stated he would contact Township Solicitor Chris Kenyon for interpretation of the zoning ordinance as it pertains to this type of sign prior to approving or denying the permit.

EMC Report

EMC Denny Buttorff reported that, during the quarterly Emergency Management meeting with the Lycoming County EMS Director, concerns were raised that the northern area of the County has been underserved. He stated that the Director is expected to address the issue in the coming months.

Denny also provided an update on dredging at Little Pine Creek Dam. He stated that, because there is limited space to move the debris, dredging may be limited to the swimming area of the dam.

He also reported that the water level gauges will either be updated or new gauges will be installed with federal grant funds.

Old Business

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business

Resolution 07-16-2026

The Supervisors explained that Resolution 07-16-2026 establishes a 180-day moratorium on zoning applications for data centers. The moratorium will allow the Supervisors, County Planning Commission, and Township Planning Commission time to develop and adopt an ordinance regulating data centers.

Supervisor Potter moved to approve Resolution 07-16-2026 as presented; seconded by Supervisor Macklem. Motion carried unanimously.

Invoices

Chairman Seltzer moved to approve the invoices as presented; seconded by Supervisor Potter. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Public comments were received throughout the meeting.

Adjournment

Supervisor Macklem moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Seltzer. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Seltzer adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary