

KISKIMINETAS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS Regular Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2026
7 pm

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kiskiminetas Township Board of Supervisors was called to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

All Supervisors, Solicitor Fritz, Manager Murray, and Sgt. Tessmer were present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Motion)

Motion to approve by Supervisor Long
Second by Supervisor Birch
Motion carried

TREASURERS REPORT

Motion to approve by Supervisor Birch
Second by Supervisor Tardivo
Motion carried

PAYABLE VOUCHER LIST

Motion to approve by Supervisor Tardivo
Second by Supervisor Long
Motion carried

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR FRITZ –

No report was given from Solicitor Fritz

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER LENHART:

Township Engineer Lenhart was not present. Jason Dailey reported that LSSE was performing an evaluation of a bridge on Martin Rd. that trucks would be using for a gas line project by Eastern Gas.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Comments for Agenda Items Only. All comments limited to 3 minutes)

No agenda-item public comments were recorded.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Murray reported that there was no significant correspondence received by the Township

-CNX Check Presentation for Township and Volunteer Fire Company

Representatives from CNX presented a check to the Township and Volunteer Fire Department. Township supervisors, Volunteer Fire Department members, and CNX representatives participated in a group photograph.
CNX thanked the Township for its partnership and invited questions from members of the community.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Vehicle Auction Results

Chairman Ross announced the winning bids for the two police vehicles sold through Municibid.

Supervisor Birch asked whether the auction proceeds would be used toward the purchase of a new police vehicle.

Supervisor Hilliard commented that she was pleased with the auction results.

Police Vehicle Marking

Sergeant Tessmer presented several vehicle striping options for the Board's consideration. Supervisors reviewed mock-ups showing various designs. Discussion included comments regarding the color and visibility of the proposed designs as well as concerns with cost if future officers wanted to change them.

Supervisor Birch proposed a modified design utilizing the preferred striping option for the black vehicle with a white border, while approving the white vehicle design as originally presented.

Motion: Supervisor Birch moved to approve the modified striping design as discussed. Motion seconded by Supervisor Hilliard. Motion carried unanimously.

Banking Updates

Township Manager Murray explained that the only changes to the Township's banking accounts would be adding him as an authorized user and issuing appropriate credit cards.

Motion: Supervisor Birch moved to approve the banking updates. Motion seconded by Supervisor Hilliard. Motion carried.

Vehicle Purchase and Finance Discussion (Police and F550)

Sergeant Tessmer presented quotations received for a new police cruiser and discussed anticipated delivery timelines, emphasizing the importance of acting promptly.

Supervisor Birch asked questions regarding the police vehicle quotations and the need for a new Public Works truck.

Manager Murray explained that the Public Works quotations covered only the truck chassis and that additional discussions would be necessary to determine desired upfits.

Chairman Ross stated that any Public Works vehicle should be gasoline-powered and equipped with heated mirrors.

Sergeant Tessmer presented leasing options for the police vehicle and explained that the money received from the recent vehicle auction could potentially serve as down payments for both a police cruiser and a Public Works vehicle.

Supervisor Birch asked whether forfeiture funds could be applied toward the police vehicle purchase. Sergeant Tessmer confirmed they could.

Supervisor Hilliard asked whether the school district could contribute toward the purchase of a police cruiser. Manager Murray explained that the current agreement with the school district does not include such a provision.

Supervisor Birch discussed financing strategies that would spread down payments over multiple budget years rather than creating a large expense in a single year. He also expressed concern about understanding future annual lease payments and their effect on upcoming budgets.

Chairman Ross asked whether similar leasing options would be available for a Public Works vehicle. Manager Murray stated that he would work with the same leasing company used by Sergeant Tessmer.

Supervisor Long asked whether any additional costs beyond those presented should be expected for the police cruiser. Sergeant Tessmer stated that no additional costs were anticipated and noted that the Township could potentially save money by reusing equipment from previous police vehicles.

Discussion on Park Signs

Supervisor Long stated there was a possibility that the cost of the park signs could be donated to the Township.

The Board discussed differences between the submitted quotations and various sign details.

REPORTS:

Police Department, Public Works Department, Fire Department, Codes

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Comments on Agenda or Non Agenda accepted and limited to 3 minutes.

Steve Rupert expressed frustration with what he believed to be a lack of proactive response to deteriorating road conditions. He stated that additional work should be done to address roadway issues, specifically mentioning the intersection at Garvers Ferry Road.

Jim Havonick questioned why no action had been taken to purchase a police vehicle after the cancellation of the work session. He also asked whether the agreement with the school district could be renegotiated to include funding for police vehicles and suggested conducting a study to establish an appropriate replacement schedule for police vehicles.

Rebecca Rupert asked how the CNX donation would be allocated and what it would be used for. She questioned the need for two police vehicles to be stationed at the school and expressed concerns regarding the school district agreement. She also inquired about how the sold police vehicles had originally been purchased and whether proceeds from their sale would be restricted if grant funds had been used.

Jim Chikar welcomed Township Manager Murray and expressed appreciation for the Board's long-term approach to budgeting and planning for future vehicle purchases.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Birch requested that someone investigate the roadway concern raised during public comment.

Chairman Ross discussed his experience with obtaining responses from PennDOT and emphasized the need to establish better communication regarding roadway repairs.

Chairman Ross explained the Township's liability concerns and the operational requirement to maintain two police vehicles at the school.

Sergeant Tessmer explained the Police Department's vehicle rotation process, describing how patrol vehicles are reassigned to School Resource Officer duties and why vehicles are maintained at the school.

Chairman Ross asked whether the Board wished to hold the previously scheduled July 22 work session.

It was decided that the July 22 Meeting would be held as scheduled in order to continue the discussion of potential vehicle purchases.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Supervisor Birch moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Supervisor Hilliard. Motion carried.