

CASTANEA TOWNSHIP

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May 4, 2026 Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order by Chairman Coleman at 7:00 pm

Attendance: Mary Pat Dion, Art Dion, Signe Clukey

Secretary Minutes: Supervisor Gradel presented a motion to approve the minutes as presented, second by Supervisor Clukey, MCU.

Financial Report: Supervisor Gradel presented a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, second by Chairman Coleman, MCU.

Public Comment:

- Mary Pat Dion commented on the weeds at 102 Mackey and the corners of Nittany Road & Brown Street.
- Crissman property has been notified to clean up the site and to park the truck in a better location so it does not hinder the view of the street.
- Art Dion expressed some concerns about AI and Data Centers and the impact on electric & water for the Township as we are a prime location. An Ordinance should be put in place along with a Solar Ordinance before someone inquires. PSATS has sample ordinances and Chairman Coleman stated that he would get the ordinance that was just passed in Lamar Township.
 - Chairman Coleman stated that Disney pays \$130k/year carbon credit to the City of Lock Haven so that the lumbered area cannot be developed or used as a solar farm.
 - Supervisor Clukey stated the fenced area is owned by Anadarco is now city property and they are putting in a solar farm.

Correspondence and Other Communications:

Reports of Officials and Committees

Supervisor's Reports:

Brandon Coleman –

- The workers have been working on brush pick-up, hanging door knockers, getting the park bathrooms ready for the season. The brush on Jared Avenue has been cut
- The mowers and pickup have been serviced & inspected.
- Street signs were repaired, we are renting a lift to take down the holiday decorations.
- The alley and non-curb streets were swept by Pine Creek Township.
- The yard repairs at the corner of Mackey & Keller has been filled in.
- Downspouts on Township building and Salt Shed have been repaired

- The brush piles were burnt
- Caroline Avenue has been berm cut
- Potholes have been patched
- The spreader has been removed from the Freightliner
- The yard at the Township building has been filled.
- Lower Creek Road has been mowed and the shoulder cleared for the upcoming race.
- The Amish property development is moving forward and the property layout is underway.
- Thank you to the Fire Hall for washing the new bridge beams for the Township.
- Quiggle Ave & Grape St. projects for 2027, water grant for line replacement. We want to coordinate Township projects with their work schedule
- The City Sewer Plant Project received a PennVest grant.
- The PSATS conference was very enjoyable. A lot of great contacts were made and conversations had. Chairman Coleman shared ideas for a recycling center, landscape & brush recycling so that the township can sell mulch to residents, etc. This could help us to purchase a backhoe in a couple of years.
- PPL Executives from PSATS Conference want to come to Castanea for a dinner meeting and share ideas and offer their assistance to us for funding opportunities.

Charley Clukey Jr. – Sewer Report

- Sewer Collection for April was \$36,659.95
- Station at Water Street has been cleaned and fresh chemical added.

John Gradel –

- Castanea Recreation Committee did a presentation at the PSATS Conference on hosting Festivals in a Rural Township.
- Clinton County Historical Society is still working on insurance liability for events.
- BEVT – sent letter of support to finish the final gap in the trail. Eminent Domain granted on last property and the two bridges will be repaired.
- There have been residents complaining about the ballfield. Supervisor Clukey stated that Chestnut Grove Authority is in charge of the ballfields now and they are not being maintained properly.
- We met a great contact at PPL at the conference and they have offered to assist us with exploring grants options & funding available for beautify walkways, add butterfly gardens, etc.
 - The first 24 pole attachments are free – Supervisor Gradel will follow up.
 - We requested PPL plant a permanent Christmas Tree by the Township sign

Auditors: Kristy Sellers, Vicki Miller-Long, Mary Margaret Winton: N/A

Engineer: Tom Levine:

- Pine Mountain Excavating –motion to approve change order #2 and approve the final payment of \$25,953.80 was presented by Supervisor Gradel, seconded by Supervisor Clukey, MCU.

Code & Zoning Officer: Roger Hoy – Report Attached

- Old reservoir house has been vandalized and windows smashed. Can we condemn the building? A notice was sent by Roger Hoy and a discussion was had with Greg Wilson since the Water Authority has taken it over. Castanea is interested in the reputed land if it becomes available.

Police Officer Report: - Brandon Coleman - Report Attached

- It was stated that there is a tent over the bank by the Social Club. Chairman Coleman has checked it in the past and no one is living there, however it is not Township property so we cannot remove it.

Fire Company Report: N/A

Planning Committee:

Recreation Committee:

- Castanea Community Yard Sale – June 6, 2026
- Book Bingo in the Park will be at the end of June
- Castanea Days is July 18th
 - Band/Music update
 - Fireworks – We need to decide if we are having fireworks. The cost is \$6500.
 - First Quality sponsorship
- Dumpster Day is June 13th – Big Mountain Disposal is donating a dumpster
- Chestnut Festival – date is set for January 23, 2027
- Diane needs approval for electrical outlets for the Historical Society/Train Station for food trucks. Chairman Coleman stated that as long as we can use the property we will cover the expense and schedule the installation with Weaver Electric.
- Castanea is gaining notoriety at PSATS and people are inquiring about our festivals, about visiting Castanea and are amazed at the success we have had with events.

Old Business:

- Update on Park Project:
 - The upper end of the park is ready for the path & parking lot area to be filled. We will need to purchase new garbage cans for the park
- Patriot is daylighting of trees from Township Roadways & sprayed for weeds.
- 2026 Paving project: The Township's portion of the work is almost complete
- Sewer line Project, Pump Station
 - The chemical company wants to increase production, keep tanks and address by-pass talks again. We need to schedule a meeting & plant tour with them to further discussions.
 - Castanea needs additional sewer taps
 - The city hires Hawbaker to repair patches – Chairman Coleman spoke with Jared, the work they are doing looks great and is done properly.

- Pump Station generator replacement project:
- Wayne Township Landfill Tire Collection May 8th, 8 am – 4 pm, and May 9th 8 am – 12 pm
 - The landfill tire collection was a big success, we collected a lot of tires that residents had placed outside or dropped off at the Township building.
 - Tires were cleaned up on Lower Creek Road & Pine Street.
- 102 Mackey Avenue repairs - Ron Myers has not completed the work yet. Supervisor Clukey spoke with him last week and is expecting him to finish the work by the end of next week. Chairman Coleman requested that Supervisor Clukey call Ron Myers and let him know that we must have the work completed by next Monday or we will find another contractor.
- Ditch Cleaning:
- Greenwood Avenue ditch & storm pipe need stone and concrete to repair

New Business:

- Kevin Grimm requests approval for a firearms seller license:
 - A motion was presented to approve the firearm license to be changed for Kevin Grimm from his old residence at 4 Grimm Circle to his new house at 2 Grimm Circle, second by Supervisor Clukey, MCU.
- Approve Jackson Gill as a part-time worker:
 - A motion to approve the hiring of Jackson Gill was presented by Chairman Coleman, second by Supervisor Gradel, MCU.
- Railroad crossing report requirements:
 - Railroad Inspector, Mr. Diaz sited us for 3 violations. It is optional if we want to address.
 - BENRR – From Fleming to Brown to the railroad crossing is not public and is the entry to Synesqo. Chairman Coleman will research further and address the violations/paint requirements.
- Crack Sealing Project:
 - Mike Rick from Seal Master will be scheduling the road repairs.
- John Blesh/Stolzer Subdivision: A motion was presented by Supervisor Clukey to approve the subdivision changes as presented, second by Supervisor Gradel, MCU.
 - Chairman Coleman stated that the tax assessment office records show the one lot was primarily in Lamar Township which is why they collect the taxes however, now that the property is split into separate lots and a larger portion is located in Castanea we will look into changing the property taxes.
 - Castanea Township pays Lamar to plow Burrell Road at a cost of \$500/year

Review & Pay Bills: A motion was presented by Supervisor Gradel to approve & pay the bills as presented, second by Supervisor Clukey, Chairman Coleman abstains, MC.

Adjournment: 8:17 pm

Upcoming Meetings

June 1st @ 7:00 pm – Board of Supervisors June 15th @ 7:00 pm – Voting Work Session