

CASTANEA TOWNSHIP

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July 6, 2026 Meeting Agenda:

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Chairman Coleman

Attendance:

- Rick Schulze, Judy Courter, David Courter, Signe Clukey, John Miller, Mary Margaret Winton, Terry Crawford, Joe Miller

Secretary Minutes:

- A motion to approve the June minutes as presented was made by Supervisor Gradel, seconded by Supervisor Clukey, MCU.

Financial Report:

- A motion to approve the June Financial reports as presented was made by Supervisor Clukey, seconded by Supervisor Gradel, MCU.

Public Comment:

- A question was presented to the Board regarding the appointment of Trevor Reeded as Emergency Management Coordinator by Joe Miller. Chairman Coleman stated that the Board appoints the EMC at the Reorganization Meeting each January and that Trevor has served in that capacity for several years.
 - Joe Miller presented a letter from Tom Corbett, Former Governor of Pennsylvania, dated June 2, 2011, and questioned why he was replaced and under what authority. Chairman Coleman stated that the Board has the authority to appoint and replace whoever holds the EMC position and that the letter was 15 years old and does not grant Joe lifetime authority.
- There was a question presented regarding the traffic and why PennDOT is hauling so much dirt into Castanea. Chairman Coleman stated that they are using the 3 concrete vaults on site for storage and as a staging area for the shoulder work that is underway.
- Signe Clukey stated that there is a vehicle every night between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. going from Brown Street to Youngdale Road that is extremely loud. Chairman Coleman stated that he would address the issue.
- Ms. Clukey stated that at the intersection of Nittany Road and Brown Street, there is a truck parked there that is blocking the view and making it difficult to see oncoming traffic and will eventually cause an accident. Supervisor Clukey said that we would address this with the homeowner to see if he could either back in the parking area or move his vehicle to another location.
- Chairman Coleman stated that the weeds were sprayed back 10' by Patriot to improve the line of sight at Keller Street and Nittany Road, and we will get the grass cut back this week. He also stated that Patriot will spray the area again if necessary.

- Terry Crawford asked who was responsible for mowing the grass on Jared Avenue.
- Lori Welsh at the corner of Brown Street and Mackey Avenue – neighbors stated that the yard is full of junk and the owner needs to be held responsible for cleaning it up. Chairman Coleman stated that they had been cited previously by our Code Enforcement Officer, and it has finally gone before the Magistrate, and a warrant was issued.
- Residents are asking why the work on the ballfield was not completed this year and when the area will be cleaned up and the park reopened.

Correspondence and Other Communications:

Reports of Officials and Committees

Supervisor's Reports:

Brandon Coleman –

- A meeting regarding the removal of the reservoir was scheduled between the City of Lock Haven, FEMA, PIMA and DEP.
- The water issue on Keller Street has been repaired by the Township. A French drain was created at the corner of Mackey Avenue, which should eliminate any further drainage problems.
- The sewer system has had dye put down the drains today, and the repairs will be addressed now that we know where the problem is coming from.
- The Summer Park Program was another great success and is becoming more popular every year.
- Bradco gave a quote of \$3600 to replace the outdated and damaged signage throughout the township. A motion to approve the purchase was presented by Supervisor Clukey, seconded by Supervisor Gradel, MCU.
- The PennDOT sign on Brown Street that has been there since 2012 needs repairs. Chairman Coleman has been in touch with them regarding the matter.

Charley Clukey Jr. – Sewer Report

- Sewer Collection for June was \$25,970.86
- The new generator has been installed at the pump house and will be started up on Wednesday.

John Gradel –

- Met with Jonah Howe from PPL, and they are scheduling a site visit to address the area at the corner of Jared Avenue & Brown Street.
 - The Township is hoping to receive grant money from PPL to improve the appearance, create a walking path in that area, and do some planting/landscaping.

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

Engineer: Tom Levine: N/A

Code & Zoning Officer: Roger Hoy – Report Attached

- **Sabrina Darby update** – letter was sent, returned without signature/acceptance

- **Judy Nichols – 5 McElhattan** – certified letters mailed 7/2/26. Property tax sale pending

Police Officer Report: - Brandon Coleman - Report Attached

Fire Company Report:

- Chairman Coleman presented a motion to purchase 5 SCBA units from MES per the Fire Company's request at the cost of \$9250, seconded by Supervisor Gradel, MCU. The amount is already in the budget for 2026.

Planning Committee: N/A

Recreation Committee:

- This year's Book Bingo was the most successful to date.
- Dumpster day went very well
- Castanea Days:
 - Parking Lot should be closed 24 hours before the start of the event
 - Spray the trail and grass before the event
 - The Historical Society needs to complete some cleanup work
 - Both cabooses will be open for viewing
 - The Fire Company is providing breakfast & lunch
 - 30 Craft booths
 - The Wild Animal show will begin at noon
 - We need to add more senior events – live music from the 60's-70's era
 - Moose Pavilion will feature music from 4 pm – 6 pm; they will open a pop-up bar and grill while the band plays
 - "Funky" band will play music from 7 pm – 9 pm
 - Additional inflatables for the kids have been added this year
 - Mary Pat needs basket donations and items for the raffle
- **Old Business:**
- Update on Park Project:
 - Tom will be shooting the grade in the park so that the work can be completed
- 2026 Paving project:
 - The paving project on Nittany Road to Jared Avenue and from Greenwood Avenue to the railroad crossing should be completed shortly. It has been held up due to the weather.
- Crack Sealing Project – Seal Master – tabled
- Meeting with Chemical Company – still pending
- Joint Water Authority meeting/discussion
 - The Township is waiting for a response from Micah after our last meeting
- Lock Haven Area Flood Protection Authority meeting/discussion
 - The Township is waiting for a response from the Joint Authority after we addressed our concerns about participating with Micah at our last meeting.

New Business:

- Data Center Resolution 2026-02
 - A motion was presented to adopt Resolution 2026-02 by Supervisor Gradel, seconded by Supervisor Clukey, MCU
 - Adopted Data Center Resolutions 2026-01 & 2026-02 will be forwarded to the Solicitor.
- Sell old generator on Municibid
 - Chairman Coleman presented a motion to list the generator for \$100. – no restrictions on the sale price, and the purchaser must come pick it up, seconded by Supervisor Clukey, MCU.
- Sewer Rates, Rules & Regulations update:
 - The solicitor has our updated notes and is currently reviewing.

Review & Pay Bills:

- A motion was presented by Supervisor Gradel to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Supervisor Clukey, MC. Chairman Coleman abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Adjournment: 7:38 pm

- The motion to adjourn was presented at 7:38 pm by Chairman Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Gradel, MCU.

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>
July 20th @ 7:00 pm – Voting Work Session August 20th @ 7:00 pm – Board of Supervisors