

## PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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### **Minutes of March 31, 2026 Hearing**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors (PTS) met on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 6:30p.m. in the Municipal Building for a hearing for the proposed SALDO amendments, Nuisance Ordinance Amendments, and a Display Fireworks Ordinance. Chairman Karen Potteiger, Vice-Chairman Forrest Woodward, and Supervisor John Keller attended. Other personnel present were Darrell Dethlefs (hereinafter referred to as Solicitor), Secretary Jennifer Blouch (hereinafter referred to as Secretary), and Justin Hayman (Operations Coordinator). A list of visitors attending is on file in the Township Office.

#### **Call to Order**

The Public Hearing was called to order at **6:32 p.m.** by Chairman Potteiger.

Chairman Potteiger announced that there would be no recording of the hearing and that public comment is limited to five minutes, with discretion for the Board to extend the time. She then turned the hearing over to the Solicitor. The hearing was transcribed by the court reporter.

#### **Purpose of Hearing**

Solicitor Dethlefs stated that the Township is conducting a duly advertised Public Hearing for the following proposed ordinances:

1. Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) Amendments
2. Nuisance Ordinance Amendments
3. Display Fireworks Ordinance

#### **Exhibits**

Solicitor Dethlefs presented the following Board Exhibits, which were pre-marked and entered into the record:

- B-1** - Proof of Publication from the Duncannon Record
- B-2** - Proposed SALDO Amendments
- B-3** - Proposed Nuisance Ordinance Amendments

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#### **B-4 - Proposed Display Fireworks Ordinance**

#### **Overview of Proposed Ordinances**

Solicitor summarized:

**SALDO Amendments:** Amendments to Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 relating to general provisions, definitions, procedures, design standards, construction requirements, and recreational areas.

**Nuisance Ordinance Amendments:** Clarifies that agricultural commodities under normal agricultural operations are excluded from the definition of a nuisance.

**Display Fireworks Ordinance:** Establishes a permitting process and regulations for display fireworks within Penn Township.

#### **Public Comment**

**Henry Holman, III**, 220 Cove Road, Duncannon, asked questions regarding the Display Fireworks Ordinance, specifically whether the permit requirement was the primary change and whether private consumer fireworks were affected. Solicitor Dethlefs clarified that the ordinance applies to display fireworks, not private consumer fireworks. Private consumer fireworks permitted under Pennsylvania law are not affected.

#### **Board Comment**

Chairman Potteiger noted the Board's work to ensure that agricultural operations were not negatively affected by the Nuisance Ordinance amendments.

Vice Chair Woodward commented on the extensive work by the Planning Commission and Supervisors to refine and improve the ordinances.

Supervisor Keller raised concerns regarding noise enforcement. Solicitor Dethlefs reviewed the noise section in Exhibit B-3, noting that although decibel levels are not specified, enforcement can occur based on documented complaints and witness statements.

#### **Adoption Timeline**

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Solicitor Dethlefs stated that the ordinances will not be adopted at this meeting. They will appear on next month's agenda for Board action. No re-advertisement is required.

#### **Adjournment**

Vice Chair Woodward made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Supervisor Keller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Blouch  
Secretary