

**REILLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2026**

The Reilly Township Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting January 28, 2026 at the Newtown Fire Company. The meeting was then called to order by Chairman Butensky with Supervisors Karmazin and Ruch present. Also in attendance were Solicitor Pellish, Engineer Dave Horst, Code Officer Nick Hazlett and Citizens of the Township.

The minutes of the Re-Organization meeting held on January 5, 2026 were read and accepted on a motion by Ruch, 2nd by Karmazin with Butensky in favor.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on December 17, 2025 were read and accepted on a motion by Ruch, 2nd by Karmazin with Butensky in favor.

The Treasurers Report for December was read and accepted on a motion by Butensky, 2nd by Karmazin with Ruch in favor.

The bills for January 2026 were read and ordered to be paid on a motion by Ruch, 2nd by Karmazin with Butensky in favor.

The Police Report was not available

The Solicitors Report was given by Solicitor Pellish and accepted on a motion by Ruch, 2nd by Karmazin with Butensky in favor.

The Engineers Report was given by Engineer Dave Horst and accepted on a motion by Karmazin, 2nd by Ruch with Butensky in favor.

Code Enforcement Report was given by Nick Hazlett and accepted on a motion by Ruch, 2nd by Karmazin with Butensky in favor.

The Road Report was given by Sup Ruch and accepted on a motion by Karmazin with Butensky in favor.

Odor Report-Karen Graeff provided the following dates that odors were reported or observed: January 26th believed to be Espoma. Motion by Ruch, 2nd by Karmazin with Butensky in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Township Building: Starting in February 2026 township monthly meetings will be held

The 250th Birthday Committee-meeting on February 12th at the Newtown Fire Co

Waterline Grant

Nick Hazlett spoke with County for Demolition Funding

Lori Deichert requested the location of Elections in 2026. Sup. Ruch made a motion to hold elections at the Newtown Fire Co. This was seconded by Karmazin with Butensky in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Received \$9895 from Liberty Processing for Host fee

Received \$130,000 from CES for Host fee

Garbage collection is Friday this week

Motion by Ruch, 2nd by Karmazin with Butensky in favor to adopt Ordinance 1-1-2026 (Rental Ordinance)

20 Spruce Street-requesting handicap parking spot. Referred to Chief Wenner, Road Master and Solicitor Pellish

28 West Donaldson Street-title transfer, Nick to inspect

January 25, 2026-declaration of disaster issued for winter storm

Secretary to return \$1345.10 to SLFRF unused money

Engineer Dave Horst to review grant funds for waterlines and comprehensive plans

Motion to approve the rental fee inspection by Ruch, 2nd by Karmazin with Butensky in favor. Fee will be set at \$100

Quarterly Fire Company reports given for both Branchdale and Newtown

Township Auditors Report was read

Sup. Ruch is waiting for costs for time clock system

Motion by Ruch, 2nd by Karmazin with Butensky in favor to accept Comprehensive Plan proposal

February 25, 2026 is the first meeting at the new Reilly Township building

Public appreciated the snow cleaning efforts

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 on a motion by Ruch, 2nd by Karmazin with Butensky in favor.

**TREASURERS REPORT
JANUARY 2026**

RECEIPTS:

Blackwood	5000.00
William Kattner	882.73
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Reilly Twp Tax Collector	1796.62
Reilly Twp Tax Collector	1269.83
Berkheimer	229.86
Berkheimer	766.22
CES	5000.00
Berkheimer	512.97
William Kattner	882.73
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TOTAL.....\$18,106.42

PLGIT-General

1/31/26	314.52
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PLGIT-Plus

1/31/26	1271.16
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PLGIT-State

1/31/26	217,358.22
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Playground

1/31/26	52,232.20
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Dirt & Gravel

1/31/26	93,800.27
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Host Acct

1/31/26	114,995.19
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Invest Acct	
1/31/26	199,284.40
CD #1	
1/31/26	162,335.66
Money Market #1	
1/31/26	87,344.73
Money Market #2	
1/31/26	29,754.09
CD #2	
1/31/26	88,822.40
Permit Acct	
1/31/26	102,386.42
WOF Acct	
1/31/26	509,432.52
Memorial Acct	
1/31/26	72,639.62
People's Security Acct	
1/31/26	81,780.23
CD #3	
1/31/26	219,382.56
CD #4	
1/31/26	274,228.21
CD #5	
1/31/26	219,382.56

Police Acct	
1/31/26	10,518.94
Checking Acct	
1/31/26	16,510.79
TOTAL.....	\$2,553,774.69

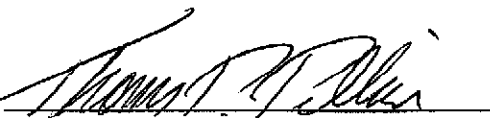
REILLY TOWNSHIP
SOLICITOR'S REPORT
January 28, 2026

TO THE REILLY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The following is a summary of the legal work performed for Reilly Township since our last meeting held on December 17, 2025:

1. Attended the reorganization meeting on January 5th, 2026.
2. In regular contact with Code Enforcement Officer Hazlett regarding the property located at 12 Sport Hill Road. He provided me the contact information for the wife of the owner. Finally received an email from her today. She sent me a copy of the Power of Attorney signed by the owner giving her authority to transfer real estate for him. I sent her the Deed to the property to sign, have notarized and mail back.
3. I am still working on preparing proper legal documents to file for 10 School Row Road.
4. Blackwood filed exceptions to the PUC's "Recommended Decision" to which Reilly Township through Attorney Dunlap and Reading Blue Mountain Northern Railroad filed reply exceptions. Attorney Dunlap does not see a way Blackwood prevails on their exceptions.
5. Prepared and advertised the amendments to the Property Use and Occupancy Ordinance which is prepared for the Supervisors to sign tonight.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

THOMAS P. PELLISH
Reilly Township Solicitor



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January 28, 2026

Reilly Township Supervisors
6 Spruce Street
Branchdale, PA 17923

Subject: Consulting Engineer's Report
Project No. 0326-609041.00

Dear Supervisors:

The following is the status of Consulting Engineering Services provided by our firm as of this date:

Sewage Evaluation ACT 537 Planning

We notified SCMA that Reilly Township had agreed to reimburse SCMA for the independent review of the draft Act 537 by GFT. We are awaiting comments from GFT and SCMA.

DCNR Playground Grant

Copies of the Annexation Plan were provided to the Graef's for signature and notary.

We will provide assistance to the Township for the closeout documents with DCNR for the Memorial Park Phase II. We submitted a progress update and are reviewing the invoices and expenses for Phase II.

Township Building Evaluation

We will need to conduct an inspection of the final site improvements as required to certify any part of the Land Development Plan approval.

Lower Branch Waterline

We have completed the field survey, mapped PennDOT Right-of-Way and located utilities for the Lower Branch waterline. We met with Justin DeAngelo from MATB to review the draft layout and discuss possible areas to expand the project. We are working on draft plans. We will provide updated cost estimates to review with MATB and the Township.

General

Unfortunately, the LSA grant application submitted for Branchdale waterline in 2024 was not funded. We prepared a LSA grant application to replace the Branchdale waterline along SR 209 from the post office past the St. Mary's Church. The Township received the attached email from DCED regarding the grant application and the initial review of the project. The only change to the submitted budget was moving estimated portion of the engineering fee that exceeded the allowable grant amount to a local match. Note the engineering fee is an estimate based on a percentage of the construction cost and it would be negotiated if the grant is awarded.

We received a Timber Permit application from Wagner Hardwoods for the Blackwood Site and Fellmore. We have received the E&S plans and Certificate of Insurance; however, we are awaiting the official application and fee payment prior to issuing the permits.

The Liberty Soils Biosolids Management Facility Major Permit Modification application has been deemed complete by the Department and is still under technical review. See the status below.

Current status

Status: Pending
Current step: Technical review

General information



Permit overview

Client: LIBERTY SOILS LLC
Site: BLACKWOOD MINE
Permit type: Resource Recovery & Other Processing Permit
Application type: Left exp. inc cap. inc daily vol
Authority: [25 Pa. Code Chapter 271](#)



Status overview

Target decision date: 05/18/2027
Processing time (expected): 521 business days
Processing time (actual): 264 business days
Timeline policy: [Executive Order No. 2023-07](#)

Status details

- 1 **Application received**
Submitted on: 01/22/2025
- 2 **Completeness review**
Started on: 01/22/2025
Target date: 02/05/2025
Completed on: 03/25/2025
- 3 **Technical review** Status: Pending
Started on: 03/28/2025
Target date: 05/18/2027
- 4 **Decision review**

As requested by the Township, we provided the Township with a proposal for the Comprehensive Plan. We are available to answer any questions or concerns regarding the proposal.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the above, please contact our office.

Very truly yours,



David L. Horst, P.E.
Senior Project Engineer



Christopher G. Bentz, P.E.
Civil Group Manager/Vice President

cc: Atty. Tom Pellish

Horst, David L.

From: Reilly Township <reillytownship@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 10:42 AM
To: Horst, David L.
Subject: Fw: LSA Statewide - Reilly Township Branchdale Water System
Attachments: image001.png

Hi Dave
would you check this out
Bob

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Mazik, Tricia <pmazik@pa.gov>
To: reillytownship@yahoo.com <reillytownship@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 11:02:19 AM EST
Subject: LSA Statewide - Reilly Township Branchdale Water System

Hi Bob,

I'm the assigned DCED analyst for Reilly Township's LSA Statewide application for the Branchdale Village Water System Improvements project. I've completed my initial review of the application, and everything seems to be in order with the exception of the engineering amount submitted. Below is a screenshot with the amount of engineering over the eligible grant request moved to a pending match column.

Add funding source		Local Share Account Fund (Gaming Funds) Statewide	Pending Local Edit	
Please Select a Category				
Add Category				
General Construction - Collapse		\$789,000.00	\$0.00	
Construction	Remove	\$789,000.00	\$0.00	\$
Related Costs - Collapse		\$133,091.00	\$23,909.00	
Engineering	Remove	\$94,091.00	\$23,909.00	\$
Contingencies	Remove	\$39,000.00	\$0.00	
Administration - Collapse		\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
Administration	Remove	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
Total		\$927,091.00	\$23,909.00	
			Budget Total:	\$

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have regarding the project.

Please note that the earliest we anticipate award announcements for this project is the September 2026 CFA board meeting. The submitted project may not commence/start prior to award announcements by the CFA or it will be deemed ineligible for funding. Commencing/starting a project includes signing contracts, issuing a notice to proceed, making a down payment, or incurring costs prior to award announcements by the CFA. Should your project (or any part of your project) need to commence/start prior to award announcements by the CFA, please contact me immediately to discuss.