

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
May 6, 2026**

The monthly meeting of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on May 6, 2026, at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building located at 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Chairman, Glenn Borger, called the meeting to order at 4:00 P. M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**ROLL CALL:**

The following Supervisors answered Roll Call: Chairman, Glenn Borger; Vice Chairman, Ken Field, Supervisor, Nolan Kemmerer; Supervisor, Jane Mellert and Supervisor, Paul Levits.

Also present were Township Manager, Paige Stefanelli, Solicitor, David Backenstoe, Esq.

**I. GUEST SPEAKERS/PRESENTATIONS:**

1. None

**II. SECRETARY – PAIGE STEFANELLI:**

1. None

**III. FINANCE DIRECTOR – NICHOLAS STEINER:**

1. None

**IV. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER – MIKE MUFFLEY:**

**A. Updates and Discussion:**

1. None

**B. For Consideration:**

1. None

**V. TOWNSHIP MANAGER – PAIGE STEFANELLI:**

**A. Personnel:**

1. None

**B. New Business:**

1. None

**C. Resolutions:**

2. None

**VI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – (DAVID BACKENSTOE, ESQ.)**

1. Consideration to Advertise Ordinance 434 which would rezone 18 parcels, approximately 211 acres from the Solid Waste Processing and Disposal District (SW) to Farm and Forest Zoning District (FF), effectively repealing Ordinance No. 426:

Solicitor, Dave Backenstoe, presented the draft ordinance which would effectively repeal Ordinance No. 426 and rezone 18 parcels back to the Farm and Forest Zoning District. Solicitor, Dave Backenstoe, noted that the draft was sent to the Board of Supervisors for review and that Exhibit A and Exhibit B were just received from Hanover Engineering. Exhibit B depicts the area on the zoning map that would transition from Solid Waste Processing and Disposal District to Farm and Forest. Sending the Ordinance to the Planning Commission and Lehigh Valley Planning Commission was the appropriate next step before the ordinance is officially advertised.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Paul Levits to send Ordinance 434, which would rezone 18 parcels, approximately 211 acres from the Solid Waste Processing and Disposal District (SW) to Farm and Forest Zoning District (FF), effectively repealing Ordinance No. 426, to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and Plainfield Township Planning Commission for review and comment. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.**

Supervisor, Nolan Kemmerer, expressed concern about what would happen when the land is devalued as a result of the rezoning, noting that the Township could face litigation. Supervisor, Jane Mellert, noted that the original request came in from Slate Spring Farms. Supervisor, Nolan Kemmerer, noted that the landowner is not making a request to rezone back. Supervisor, Jane Mellert, stated that it is very apparent that the landowner no longer has an interest in the rezoning and is no longer interested in pursuing the request. Supervisor, Nolan Kemmerer, maintained that the landowner is not making that request.

Solicitor, Dave Backenstoe, noted that anytime there is a change in a property's zoning, there will likely be a corresponding change in value. He stated that if there is evidence and an objection at that time, the Township will need to address it accordingly. Supervisor, Nolan Kemmerer, asked whether the Township would then be required to pay the owner the difference in value. Solicitor, Dave Backenstoe, disagreed and indicated that he does not believe that to be the applicable standard in this matter.

**Motion approved. Vote 3-2 with Ken Field and Nolan Kemmerer in opposition.**

At 4:10 P.M., Solicitor, Dave Backenstoe, requested that the Board recess into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and potential litigation. The Executive Session concluded at 4:26 P.M.

The meeting was called back to order.

Solicitor, Dave Backenstoe, reported that the Executive Session addressed matters of personnel and possible litigation.

**ACTION: Motion was made by Ken Field and seconded by Nolan Kemmerer to appoint Attorney, Abigail Gross, to conduct a personnel investigation pursuant to the recommendation of Labor Attorney, John Harrison. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Glenn Borger, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 4-0-1 with Paul Levits abstaining.**

**VII. ROAD REPORT, PLANNING and ZONING REPORT, RECREATION BOARD AND FIRE COMPANY and AMBULANCE REPORTS:**

1. Planning and Zoning Report – None
2. Road Department Report– None
3. Fire Company and Ambulance Report– None
4. Recreation Board Report- Brianne Kemmerer– None

**VIII. SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

1. Slate Belt Regional Police Department Report– None
2. Slate Belt Regional Police Department Feasibility Project– *Tabled*

**IX. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS:**

1. Glenn Borger- No Report.
2. Kenneth Field- No Report.

3. Nolan Kemmerer- No Report.
4. Paul Levits- Supervisor, Paul Levits, asked whether all Board members were made aware of the Executive Session. Supervisor, Paul Levits, noted that he received a phone call regarding the matter. Chairman, Glenn Borger, indicated that, in a prior conversation, he found out that Paul Levits had already been notified formally of the Executive Session.
5. Jane Mellert- Supervisor, Jane Mellert, provided information from an ACRE 101 Seminar conducted by Robert Willig, the Senior Deputy Attorney General at the PA Office of the Attorney General. Ms. Mellert stated that Mr. Willig reported that in the past biosolids were not regulated by local law but now there are PFA's. He noted that one municipality passed an Ordinance which is now being challenged in court by a municipal authority and he is waiting to view the outcome. He then mentioned the municipality is Plainfield Township in Northampton County and the Township took a different approach with including PFA's in the Ordinance. He noted the Ordinance was very thorough. It was mentioned that Earth Justice was involved with assisting the Township Solicitor with the document.

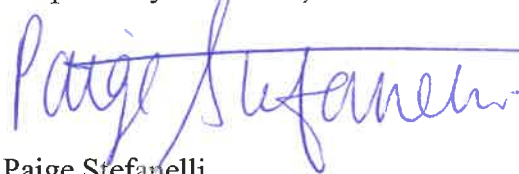
In addition to the topic of Biosolids, several municipalities had concerns on the application of Food Processing Residual Waste (FPR). The residual waste is put in storage tanks and spread on fields. There were concerns over odor issues, etc.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the motion was made by Ken Field and seconded by Nolan Kemmerer to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Paige Stefanelli  
Township Manager  
Plainfield Township