

PINE CREEK TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2026

The Pine Creek Township Board of Supervisors held a special meeting on June 11, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., with Supervisors John M. Reese, Dean L. Edwards, Jr., and Dave Winkleman, Jr. present.

Public Attendees: Ken Packard, Police Chief Dave Winkleman, and Thom Rosamilia, Esquire

Individuals recording the meeting: None.

Public Participation:

Ken Packard

Ken Packard asked how many full-time and part-time police officers are employed by Pine Creek Township.

Chief Winkleman responded that he is currently the only full-time police officer and that four part-time police officers are working for the Township. He also stated that Officer Gill resigned to accept a position elsewhere.

Packard also questioned the current accrued benefit rate and how much the proposed rate(s) would cost the township.

Supervisor Winkleman explained that the current accrued benefit rate is one and one-half percent (1 ½%) credit for each year of service, with a maximum credit of thirty percent (30%). He added that there is currently more than \$400,000.00 in the fund, that at least sixty percent (60%) of those funds were state funds, and that the Township should not have to pay any additional funds into the pension account. He said that if the Township no longer had a police department, the money would go back to the state.

Mr. Packard asked whether the Supervisors had considered getting a quote from the Lycoming Regional Police Department to provide police services to the Township and whether the Supervisors monitor overtime hours worked by police officers.

Supervisor Reese explained that overtime hours are used when officers participate in the Aggressive Driving Program, the Buckle Up Program, or the Drug Task Force, and that those hours are paid with grant funds.

Supervisor Reese indicated that the Lycoming Regional Police Department is not doing well. He gave the example of another municipality covered by Lycoming Regional whose costs have increased over the years to more than \$200,000.00 per year for police coverage, noting that coverage now costs more than when the municipality had its own police department.

Business:

Police Pension Ordinance

Chairman Edwards made a motion to rescind his motion made at the May 28, 2026, work session setting the accrued benefit for the police pension plan at two and one-half percent (2 ½%) credit for each year of service, with a maximum credit of fifty percent (50%). Supervisor Reese seconded the motion, and it was approved 2-1, with Supervisors Edwards and Reese voting in favor of the motion and Supervisor Winkleman abstaining from voting due to a possible conflict of interest.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to set the accrued benefit for the police pension plan at two and one-fourth percent (2 ¼%) credit for each year of service, with a maximum credit of forty-five percent (45%).

Supervisor Winkleman asked why Supervisor Reese changed the rate proposed at the May 28, 2026, work session. Supervisor Reese explained that he was looking out for the public in the long term by changing the rate from two and one-half percent (2 ½%) to two and one-fourth percent (2 ¼%) credit for each year of service, with a maximum credit of forty-five percent (45%).

After additional discussion, Chairman Edwards seconded the motion made by Supervisor Reese. The motion was approved 2-1, with Supervisors Edwards and Reese voting in favor of the motion and Supervisor Winkleman abstaining from voting due to a possible conflict of interest.

Resolution No. 06-11-2026 – Policy for Disposal of Electronic Recordings

Solicitor Rosamilia explained that the Township currently does not have a policy for disposing of electronic recordings of public meetings and does not archive the recordings.

Chairman Edwards made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 06-11-2026, setting the policy for disposal of electronic recordings of public meetings upon final approval of the official written meeting minutes; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

Resignation of Ben Eck from the Planning Commission

Supervisor Winkleman made a motion to accept the resignation of Ben Eck from the Pine Creek Township Planning Commission; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

Appointment for Planning Commission

Supervisor Winkleman made a motion to appoint Robyn Orndorf to replace Ben Eck on the Planning Commission; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

Pine Creek Township Police Department

Chairman Edwards asked Chief Winkleman whether Dennis Gill had turned in all police equipment purchased by the Township, and Chief Winkleman indicated that all items had been turned in by Denny.

Chairman Edwards requested that Chief Winkleman continue working to complete the inventory of police equipment, and Chief Winkleman agreed.

Operation Christmas, operated by the Police Department, was also discussed and Chief Winkleman agreed to pull the records together for that program and provide them to the Supervisors.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Supervisor Winkleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary