

A Special Meeting of the Granville Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Granville Township Building, 100 Helen Street, Lewistown PA 17044 on Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Page called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

Those in attendance for the Township were Chairman William W. Page, Vice Chairman Joseph Fiore, Supervisor Terry Stewart, Atty. Fred Lighty, Mary Herto, Township Manager. Public in attendance: Ralph Snook, Diane Snook, Jim & Sonja Smith, Deb Pepper, Billi Weaver, Dan Cherry, Billy Burkholder, Nate Fisher, Twigg Brannon, Charli Jo Henry, Tony Dastra, Dale Fisher, Joanna McKalips, Andrew Peters, Pam Pecht, Kate Diven, John Frazee, Cassandra Hostetler, Peggy Burke, Larry Burke, Crystal Porch, Amanda Whitesel, Branda McCardle, Linda Shoup, Garrett Folk, Linzee Deamer, Earl E. "Pete" Weaver, Jr., Todd Fisher, Jr., Michael Leeper, Robin Snyder, Steve Bender, Crystal Carter, Jackie Pennebaker, Beth Bishop, Karen Barlett, Caitlin Noland, Penny Bowersox, Kelly Frankhouser, Marlin Frankhouser, Albert Frankhouser, Brian Newman, John Nanasi, Matthew Reik, Mark Vdov, Anita Powers, Mary Solt, Lisa Nancollas, Diane Stewart, Sandra Matthews, Aaron Kerstetter, Trae Kerstetter, Tiffany Kerstetter, Brittany Taylor, Corri Hockenberry, Andrea Houser, Sharon Griffith, Ashley Clouser, Damon Clouser, Pamela Powell, Lori Snyder, Deb Prust, Ken Shreffler, Jill Shreffler, Steve Kitting, Ernie Priest, Michelle Stuter, Lisa Bollman, Darlene Henry, Holly Brower, Robert Stroup, Emm Kochenderfer, Darnell Kochenderfer, Justin Pecht, Lindsey Pecht, Chris Wagner, Casey Doyle, Angelica Black, Corey Wirzman, Michelle Wirzman, Vicki Glass, Jason Glass, Martha Leister, Jeff Leister, Heather Morgan, Jessica Rowland, Tim & Nancy Pearce, Maximus Zujae-Bargas, Jeffrey Amey, Alex Kolba, Athea Druckenmiller, Prosper Jolo, Dawn Croisette, Jeremy Croisette, Rhonda Shafranich, Lisa McCullough, Seth O'Donnell, Lauren O'Donnell, Steven Feltion, Terry Simonetti, Tara Adams, Susan Smith, Allison Simonetti, Jeffrey Jacobs, Melissa Grove, Shawn Feltman, Jessica Michalchik, Julie Fisher, Kathy Stout, Vasilij Vdov, Elizabeth Vdov, Juliya Vdov, Denise Bolger, Dave Bolger, Kevin Seholt, Melissa Wagner, Scott Forsythe, Daniel Felmlee II, Daniel Felmlee, Lori Hetrick, Kahly Bylker, Jennifer DeArment, Miriam Detweiler, Joe Porch, Sharon Stoltzfus, Dave Wenrich, Arlin Stoltzfus, Susan Royer, Stephen Arentz, Laine Mercas, Mike Bratt, Lisa Geedey, Michael Morrison, Sue Nanasi, Emily Swineford, Derek Swineford, Dianne Byers, Mark Byers, Raymond Zook, Kathy Elliott Ann Dunmire, Margaret Kodish Zook, Bonnie Hackett, Brian Baker, Deborah Zook, Sharon Boler, Marlon Vogt, Casey NanNest, Ben Misko, Rodney Brower, Toni Brower, Andy Johnson, Bonnie Wagner, and Sierra Bolger, Lewistown Sentinel.

Chairman Page informed the attendees that the purpose of the meeting was a moot point because the data center filed for a Conditional Use Hearing on Friday, July 10, 2026. He informed the attendees that the meeting would be followed by an Executive Session. Chairman Page turned the meeting over to Attorney Lighty for an explanation of the Conditional Use Hearing process.

Atty. Lighty reiterated that the purpose of the meeting was moot. He stated that the filed application would be forwarded to the Granville Township & Mifflin County Planning Commission. The Board of Supervisors will hold the hearing after the Planning Commission comment periods. The submission would be required to meet all the current requirements for the Industrial District and any other reasonable conditions the Board sets.

Crystal Porch provided comment about the negative impacts of Data Centers and expressed her opinion that the Township should take a stand and let the Data Center sue and if it comes to it the Township can file for bankruptcy.

Nate Fisher expressed his disappointment in the Board as a whole. He complained about the failure to meet Right to Know deadlines. He informed the Board that the group has a lawyer. He threatened to have Ms. Herto's job and asked what she is hiding.

Stressed disappointment that the people begged to use the curative amendment process in May and the Township didn't do it. Nate feels the Board is not representing the residents. He spoke to Township failure because the people spoke, used their voices and Township didn't listen.

Beth Bishop presented her strong opposition to the Data Center.

Linda Shoup presented her strong opposition to a Data Center. She presented different points she had researched in hopes that an avenue could be found to stop the submission. She asked why the Township didn't take the curative amendment option in May? Atty. Lighty explained that there are steps involved in the curative amendment process.

There was discussion of a gentlemen's agreement not to file until Ordinance was adopted. Atty. Lighty explained that there must have been something in the Ordinance the Data Center didn't like so they filed.

Corri Hockeberry stated the Township is going to get sued it is just a matter of by who.

Diane Stewart presented that she felt it would help if the Board or Attorney could explain the purpose of executive session and the Sunshine Law. She understands passion for a cause or position from her service on the Mifflin County School Board. Atty. Lighty stated that Executive Sessions must be used to discuss personnel matters and litigation or legal issues.

Ms. Stewart asked if he could explain the steps for a Right to Know request. Atty. Lighty explained a request is submitted, 30 days to respond, appeal to office of open records if not received or disagree with the decision of the RTK Officer. The appeal decision can be appealed to the courts and the courts generally rule in favor of disclosure.

Mike Leeper questioned the timing of the special meeting and the submission. Atty. Lighty explained he had a suspicion they were preparing to file so he advertised the meeting as quickly as possible but wasn't quick enough.

Tony Dastra spoke about the Supreme Court, extreme governance and that there could be constitutional arguments.

Brittany Taylor asked about the suspicion of submission on Thursday. Atty. Lighty stated that he received a call from DC Attorney stating his clients would be filing. She asked if the placement of the advertisement afforded any protections? Atty. Lighty responded No the provisions are not triggered by the advertisement.

Corri Hockenberry spoke of a need for a call to arms but not physically but legally. She expressed the kangaroo courts process of the State regulations provided the Data Center an additional 30 days by requiring a 30-day review period.

Tisha Schwanger asked about the redactions in the proposal. Atty. Lighty stated that the redactions within the sales agreement were perfectly legal. There are no redactions in the plans or reports.

Caitlyn Noland, Juniata Terrace Borough Manager requested the Township clarify that the location of the 2nd property. She stated that there have been rumors circulating that the 2nd location is within the Borough

limits. The Board confirmed that the 2nd location is not within Juniata Terrace Borough. It is near the Industrial Park in Granville Township.

John Frazee is a neighboring property owner. He stated that the original concept plan had larger setbacks, earthen berm and it doesn't seem to be the same on the submitted drawings. The drawings have them infringing closer to his property with parking and infiltration. Atty. Lighty explained that they will have to meet the current Industrial regulations as written in the current adopted zoning ordinance but the Township can require additional conditions be met.

Damon Clouser requested the Township institute the curative amendment to institute a moratorium. Supervisor Stewart stated the Board asked about the curative amendment process but if invoked it ties the Township hands for three years. The choice was made to go the route of adopting an Ordinance. Mr. Clouser reiterated it should have been put into play. Atty. Lighty stated as a lawyer he makes recommendations and the Board decides which path to take. Supervisor Stewart stated he asked to use it, Supervisor Fiore wanted the moratorium but took legal counsels' advice and Supervisor Page he took the legal advice.

Deborah LaRosa questioned the duty of the Board to its residents.

Matthew Reik stated he feels it still made sense to go ahead with the curative amendment. Atty. Lighty stated it is his opinion that the adoption of the Ordinance is the best path forward.

Anita Powers asked what having the curative amendment would do at this point? What does passing the Ordinance on Wednesday do? Atty. Lighty explained that it would regulate any future data center submissions and would provide him to negotiate with Data Center.

Brian Newman asked if there was a way to put employment level requirements? Atty. Lighty stated the Township cannot regulate employment requirements.

Brett Davis asked if a hydrology study has been completed? Atty. Lighty stated that would be a question for the Water Authority.

Linda Shoup asked about tax breaks. Atty. Lighty stated the Township is not providing any tax breaks. Any state or federal tax breaks are beyond the Township.

John Nanasi asked if the detention pond was permitted on the agricultural land. Atty. Lighty stated yes.

Tisha Swanger stated that the Ellinger property was intended as a buffer to the Industrial Zone not intended for development. Atty. Lighty replied that the property is zoned Industrial and subject to Industrial zoning requirements.

Damon Clouser asked when it was zoned Industrial? Atty. Lighty responded 1997. Anita Powers asked if Mark Ellinger was a Supervisor in 1997? Mary responded no the Supervisors in 1997 were John Breneman, Jr., John Schmidt & Edward Fike.

Larry Burke asked what industries pull water out of the dam? Mr. Burke would need to ask MCMA for a list of their industrial customers.

Corri Hockenberry informed the Board that both she and Brittany Taylor have contacted DEP about the location of the proposed data centers and concerning environmental impacts. She requested the Township contact DEP and have a discussion and see if DEP would make a site visit. She feels DEP would respond to the Township's request.

Atty. Lighty stated is a requirement that the Data Center utilize city water. It was asked if a requirement that people get water before data center. Ms. Herto stated she would ask that the item be placed on a MCMA agenda.

Mike Leeper stated he remembers from the meeting Craig Bubb, Executive Director of MCMA stated that based on state law if they have capacity to sell they must sell it.

Marlin Frankhouser expressed polluted water concerns and noise.

Lori Snyder expressed concerns about well contamination and the cost of public water bills if the contamination would happen.

Chairman Page excused himself from the meeting and turned control over to Vice Chairman Fiore. Corri Hockenberry objected to his leaving. Chairman Page exited the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Tony Dasta encouraged the Board to deny the plan.

Albert Frankhouser expressed concerns about wildlife, dogs, environment.

Corri Hockenberry expressed frustration with not receiving her right to know request information. Ms. Herto explained that she is working on it. Ashley Bratton was the right to know officer and is no longer employed.

Corri Hockenberry asked Ms. Herto about the timing of informing the Board members of the data center utility meeting. Ms. Herto responded that she followed standard operating procedure and informed the Board on the May monthly report. Corri asked if Ms. Herto knew that a data center was going to cause this much of an issue. Ms. Herto responded that she didn't know what a data center was at that time. Corri Hockenberry responded that none of us did. Ms. Herto explained her meeting with Jake Corman, 1+ Strategies and the purpose of scheduling a utility meeting. The utility meetings are to determine if the water and wastewater entities even have the capacity needed for the proposed use. There was in depth discussion on capacity, attendees of the utility meeting. Corri expressed concerns about PFO's and PFA's, also known as forever chemicals. Ms. Herto explained she has spoken with Travis Hartzler about the need to review and update our pretreatment agreement to address forever chemicals. The chemicals need to be addressed by all of our industries not just the proposed data centers. Corri asked if the data center has yet to provide usage numbers. Ms. Herto responded she didn't know if those requirements are somewhere in the Friday submission. There has not been time to review the submission. Ms. Herto explained that if capacity needs can't be met the project doesn't happen. She also explained that any costs associated with a project – legal & engineering fees, system upgrades must be paid for by the Developer. It is not the responsibility of our taxpayers to pay for a development project. All costs must be paid by the Developer.

Ms. Hockenberry stated that they were just looking for transparency and acknowledged that Ms. Herto met with Brittany Taylor and was nothing but professional and took the time to answer her questions. Ms. Herto expressed that she would do that for anyone that came in the office and questions.

Nate Fisher asked about power lines that were run and was referred to First Energy for the answers to his questions. He asked if the submission was posted online. Ms. Herto explained that she is requesting a digital copy of the submission and will post on the website once received.

Linda Shoup asked if the June meeting minutes were online yet? Ms. Herto explained they have been approved but have not been uploaded but will be soon.

Ms. Herto addressed the concern from the July meeting that resolutions numbers were missed. She stated that both resolutions do appear within the Reorganization minutes. One was to set tax rates and the other appointed our CPA firm.

There was discussion that Ms. Herto is working to complete Ms. Hockenberry's right to know request. Included will be answers to the questions she asked at the July meeting and the documents she requested. Ms. Herto explained due to the extensive nature of the request it would be sent as a link to a OneDrive folder that provided the ability to access the files but not edit the files.

Nate Fisher asked that a water study be done on the Laurel Creek Reservoir. Ms. Herto stated that the Water Authority will require a water study. Ms. Herto explained that any reports received generated by a company are forwarded to the governmental unit's engineers for a review and determination if the information is adequate and if calculations are correct. Ms. Herto explained that an Engineer on a private project doesn't determine volume of water or sewer available. Both entities are operated under permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection. We both have a maximum flow we are permitted to sell/use.

Helen Kirk expressed that she believes the properties are both registered with the Clean and Green program. She wants the Board to make sure that the County should require the full seven (7) year payback.

Damon Clouser requested the Board move forward with the curative amendment. Atty. Lighty stated at this point the better avenue is passing the Ordinance on Wednesday. Mr. Clouser asked if the improvements to the Bratton Township Wastewater Treatment Plant were to help supplement the data center. Ms. Herto explained that the two (2) systems are completely separate and one has nothing to do with the other.

An attendee asked what the current construction is at the corner of Loop and Industrial Park Road. Ms. Herto responded that is TD Hildebrand building self-storage units.

Ms. Herto explained the difference between special exception and conditional use hearings and which entity would hear and decide on the submission. Special exceptions are heard by the Zoning Hearing Board which works independent of the Township and has its own Solicitor. The Township is a party to the action and would appear to testify to objections. Conditional Use is heard by the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Herto's understanding was it was preferred in the case of a data center that if possible it be filed as a Conditional Use and heard and decided by the Supervisors.

There was discussion about the MPC and the requirement that any condition that is placed must be reasonable. If the applicant feels it is discriminatory they can appeal the condition and the courts would make the determination on what is or isn't reasonable.

A member of the public asked about the proposed mosquito ponds. Ms. Herto explained those are detention ponds and will not have water in them at all times. The water is not stagnant. It is collected in the ponds in times of wet weather and the water slowly dissipates so it has time to recharge the groundwater.

There was discussion about resident concerns about additional traffic on Loop Road and the safety of children. Supervisor Fiore stated that Ms. Herto could speak with the Chief about increasing patrols in the area in order to slow down vehicles.

Tony Dastra expressed concerns about the effects of damage to the earth and companies filing bankruptcy and there not be enough money to complete the cleanup. Ms. Herto responded that with discussion and help from legal counsel we could look at ways to mitigate the risk of that occurring.

Pamela Powell expressed additional concerns about the sound coming from a data center development.

There was discussion on what the process is to remove an elected official. Ms. Herto and Jim Smith both explained that the community would have to petition the Governor for the removal.

Linda Shoup asked about decommissioning bonds. Both Atty. Lighty stated that yes it would be required and could be made a condition and included in the developer's agreements with escalators built in.

Ms. Hockenberry asked if the Developer's would be in attendance on the 21st. Atty. Lighty stated it is their meeting and we will check.

Nate Fisher expressed concern that the Township has no regulations concerning solar. Ms. Herto explained that both small scale and large-scale solar requirements are in the adopted zoning ordinance.

Vice Chairman Fiore thanked everyone for coming. The meeting adjourned and executive session convened at 3:08 p.m. upon motion of Supervisor Stewart, seconded by Supervisor Fiore, (2-0).

The Board exited executive session and adjourned both the executive session and the regular meeting at 3:38 p.m.



Mary E. Herto

Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer