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FINAL DETERMINATION

DATE ISSUED AND MAILED: November 24, 2026

IN RE: *Robert Vucelich v. Penn Township*, OOR Dkt. AP 2026-5263

Upon review of the appeal filed with the Office of Open Records ("OOR") to the above-referenced docket number, it is determined that the appeal is **DISMISSED** because:

The appeal is untimely. The Request was submitted to Penn Township ("Township") on July 10, 2026, and the Township invoked an extension of time to respond on July 17, 2026. When the Township did not respond within the extension period, the Request was deemed denied on or about August 17, 2026.[1] Appeals of deemed denied Right-to-Know requests must be filed within 15 business days of the date of the deemed denial, or by September 7, 2026 in this instance. 65 P.S. § 67.1101(a)(1). The appeal was submitted to the OOR on November 17, 2026.

For this reason, the Township is not required to take any further action. Within thirty days of the mailing date of this Final Determination, either party may appeal or petition for review with the Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas. 65 P.S. § 67.1302(a). All parties must be served with notice of the appeal. The OOR also shall be served notice and have an opportunity to respond according to court rules as per 65 P.S. § 67.1303, but as the quasi-judicial tribunal adjudicating this matter, the OOR is not a proper party to any appeal and should not be named as a party. All documents or communications following the issuance of this Final Determination shall be sent to oor-postfd@pa.gov. This Final Determination shall be placed on the website at: http://openrecords.pa.gov.

Issued by:

/s/ Joshua T. Young

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Senior Deputy Chief Counsel

Sent to: Requester, Agency Open Records Officer, Penn Township

[1] The appeal filing includes correspondence from the Township dated August 14, 2026 seeking a further extension of the deadline to September 15, 2026; however, the appeal documents do not include the written agreement to this extension request. Regardless, an appeal arising from a deemed denial on or about September 15, 2026 would also be untimely.