

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

The Point Township Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting on the above date at the Point Township Municipal Building, 759 Ridge Road, Northumberland, PA. Present were: Chairman Randall W. Yoxheimer, Vice-Chairman Thomas Strouse, Jr., Supervisor Montie Peters, Supervisor Joseph Stender, Jr. and Supervisor Clay Rowe. Also, present were Solicitor Richard J. Shoch, Office Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain and Office Assistant Amy Hoffman, Chief Craig Lutchter, Roadmaster Jared Wehry, ZEO Jackie Hart and SEO Bill Toth.

Visitors present: Helen Peters; Karen Persing; Tom & Glenda Strouse; Zachary Black; Robert Sulouff; Leslie Kauffman; Bob Felmy; Jason Hummel; Joe Myers; Tony from Klaciks for 2023 Audit presentation; Tom Gates for approval of subdivision; Todd Pysher, Township Engineer.

Chairman Yoxheimer welcomed everyone to the Supervisors meeting and all present repeated the Pledge of Allegiance. *(Draft of the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Meeting and a copy of the bills to be paid this evening on the front table of the meeting room provided for anyone interested in viewing the information, once reviewed please return to the table).*

Informational Insurance Presentation 6PM: Brian Falso and Ronnie Vandine with Susquehanna Insurance and Ed Koebke with Keystone Insurance were present for presentations on insurance.

Call Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome to Visitors

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Klaciks Tony gave the audit report for 2023, special thanks to Amanda and Amy for the seamless process of conducting the audit. Revenues and expenses generally stay the same from year to year. Thank you for allowing us to complete the audit.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION made by Peters to approve the minutes of the Regular and 1st & Final Budget Supervisors Meeting held on Monday, October 28 at 6:00PM. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

Shoch an update on the codification, Amy is taking the lead with going through what additional information they need to move ahead with the codification process.

Yoxheimer Todd, I apologize. We have this LSA grant hanging out there. I will let you make the presentation.

Pysher explained the shift in projects from considering a pipe replacement on Mountain Rd and Cannery to looking to use the LSA grant for Neitz Road. Explained what DCED looks for in grant applications. We already had a company come in and take a sample for the mix that we would need for that road with full depth reclamation (FDR). The soil company that did the samples, will complete the

inspection. You can't do anything with the project until you know you are awarded the monies. After talking with several of you, looking at an 80% grant request, would be asking for \$204,000 in grant money. If you are going to spend this kind of money, you need to do it right. The weight limit would be taken off if constructed correctly, then it would not require a bond.

(Discussion ensued)

McClain have we found out if the contract we have with Russell Standard for Neitz will be allowed to move to a different road?

Wehry they wont care if we do a different road. We could move the seal coat to Gibbons or Franklin, or another road.

Pysher the other potential issue would be if the grant isn't awarded until July of 2025, or maybe a later award, or not be awarded the grant at all, will we have time to complete the road project this year, and is the current road condition okay to leave go until 2026.

Wehry I agree that the road could be left in the condition it is in currently if we can't complete the road until 2026.

Pysher you can't bid the project until you know you have the award. Total cost should be around \$255,000

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve moving forward with the LSA Grant for Neitz Road. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Peters to adopt Resolution #2024-07 for \$204,000 for the LSA Grant. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Secretary: (Financial Report on File)

- Klaciks Audit Report:
- Approve 2025 Proposed Budget: we were able to balance budget with putting \$250,000 from the reimbursement we will get from Kapp Heights into the general fund without needing to raise taxes.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the 2025 proposed budget. Seconded by Strouse, Jr and passed unanimously.

- Approve Advertisement for public inspection of proposed budget: once we do this, then we can approve the budget at the December meeting.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the advertisement of public inspection of the proposed budget. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

- Approve 2025 tax resolution 2024-08 and 2024-09: the resolution #2024-08 is the same as last year, shows general mileage is at 14; fire milage is at 1.25; road equipment is at .50 mil. The last 6 years we have not raised taxes. Resolution 2024-09 is for per capita, local and local sales tax, that is also staying the same, no changes.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the Tax Resolutions 2024-08 and 2024-09. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Approve Resolution 2024-07/Application for LSA Grant
- APPI/PPL Rates: APPI is a contractor for energy, they research lowest energy rates. Tom did have us look into PA power switch, but the problem with them would be that they are short term and we would constantly be having to research rates. Right now the lowest is with Constellation at .087 for 36 months. WE have 9 electric bills.

Strouse, Jr. I think if we can get anything under .090, that's a good rate.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to go with APPI's energy recommendation for the energy rates. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Joint Comprehensive Plan Survey:

Police Department: *(Report on File)*

Fire Department: *(No Report)*

Fire Police: *(No Report to file per Zac Black)*

EMA: *(No Report to file per Mike Erdman)*

Engineer: *(No Report)*

Road Department: *(Report on File)*

- *Hiring of Lance Pealer (retroactive to 11/11/24):*

MOTION made by Peters to retroactively approve the hiring of Lance Pealer as of 11/11/2024.

Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

- *Quote for flail mower rotary head:* quote from Bradco for a 60-inch rotary head came in at \$14,792. We could rent one for \$2,600 for a week, that includes freight to and from.

Strouse, Jr. would you be able to get done with what you need to in 2 weeks if we rent twice a year?

Wehry yes, we have been lucky with not a lot of rain and a lot of the brush has died.

(Discussion ensued)

- *Update on Hookies Grove Trees:* trees are all down. Thunder Ridge did a great job, had everything done in 3 days. Once leaf pickup is over, we will look to rent an excavator with a thumb on it and remove stumps.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

Toth 2 design reviews; issued 1 permit; perc test; site verification, someone bought a lot across from Evers Manor if you see something going on there.

Zoning Enforcement Officer/Ordinance Enforcement Officer: *(Report on File)*

Hart 6 zoning permits issued: 3 roof top solar systems at 576 Locust Street, 738 Neitz Road, & 328 Shady Lane; a 12x20 Storage shed at 10 Woodridge Lane; a 60x40 Ag Building at 1602 Susquehanna Trail; a garage at 161 Sycamore Lane

Tom Strouse had to leave at 8:36PM for personal emergency

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

- *Approve Lot Consolidation Plan – Gates:* **Gates** this is down by the CSVT, this is what we had left after PennDOT took what they wanted for the bridge. We started with about 70 acres that we were going to do a development; we were left with 3 distinct different sections after they were done. Before we could do anything with those 3 sections, we had to bring an engineer in and do a survey. This is the corner of 147 and the CSVT. One of the 3 pieces surrounds the church, which we are selling to the church.

Toth in what manor was sewage addressed for these lots?

Gates they aren't residential lots, they are commercial, there has been no address for sewage.

Toth this is a subdivision that was created?

Gates no. This was created by PennDOT. We are in the process now of creating new deeds because of the way PennDOT cut the property up. We couldn't sell as is without having it re-surveyed.

(Discussion ensued)

Toth so you are creating 2 lots out of 1?

Gates I didn't create them, PennDOT created them.

Toth you need to do a non-building waiver on these 2 lots. Anytime we have a subdivision and lot lines are created, sewage needs to be addressed.

Shoch it does say on the plan drawing itself, it says lot 2 is a non-building lot until proper sewage is completed.

(Discussion ensued)

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to conditionally approve the lot consolidation plan for Gates upon resolution of the non-development waiver. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent – *Strouse, Jr.*

Recreation: *(No Report)*

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

Yoxheimer most of Route 11 has been finished, looking to move out Thursday, project came in under budget.

Other Business:

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

Kauffman we saw where the road crew came out and graded the area in front of our driveway, but why are there flags, are they digging?

Wehry whenever dirt is moved, you have to call PA 1 call and have all utilities marked. When Todd and I met out there. Todd said all the water goes down hill there, talked about a few options and what we decided on was the berm on either side they access their driveway, the berm was high, so we graded off for a start, and grading off the berms on either side and up 11th street.

Yoxheimer the next time we have a big rain event, the best thing to do is take pictures of videos so we can see exactly where/what the problem is and go from there.

Pay Bills:

MOTION made by Peters to pay bills. Seconded by Rowe and passed with a vote of 4, with 1 absent-Strouse, Jr.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:47PM.

All motions passed by hand vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Session:

List of Communications: *(On File)*

Amy Hoffman, Office Assistant

Financial Reports: *(On File)*

Amanda McClain, Office Mgr/Secretary/Treasurer