

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**

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 Montie E. Peters, Supervisor James A. Neitz, Sr., Supervisor Joseph Stender, and Supervisor George Geise. Also, present were Solicitor Richard J. Shoch, Police Chief Joshua VanKirk, OEO Roy Sulouff, Roadmaster Jared Wehry, Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain and Office Clerk Amy Hoffman.

Visitors present were: Sandy Sulouff, Candice Geise, Nate Boyer, Earl & Karen Persing, John Derr, Dean Dunkelberger, Cody Welsh, Karen Hunter, Sam Swinehart and Mike McPherson.

Chairman Yoxheimer welcomed the residents 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).*

**Yoxheimer** mentioned the COVID-19 issue and that as we get recommendations, we will pass them on to the residents. Advised residents to call or check the website.

**Executive Session:** *Was held from 6:30 until approx. 6:55 to discuss hiring issues/employee issues*

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION** made by Stender to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

**REPORT: (Old & New Business included):** *(No Report)*

**Solicitor:**

**Yoxheimer** one of the things we looked into with all of the projects going on, was a place to dispose of the fill when the Kapp Heights/Growing Greener Project gets started. If we can supply a location for them to dump, it would help lower the cost of the bids. We have looked into acquiring the land behind the township property.

**Shoch** with the 2<sup>nd</sup> class township code there are certain requirements to be able to sell and retain things. The township needs to first obtain an appraisal of the property and cannot pay more than the appraised fair market value. Regarding the trade of equipment, there is a requirement for that as well, if you sell anything that is worth \$1,000 or \$1,500, you have to go through a process of putting it out for bid, if there are no bidders the first time, or you reject bids if you feel the equipment is worth more, you need to advertise a second time. Or the alternative process is to advertise you are going to do a public auction

or an online auction. If you go that route, you are required to advertise a single time in the paper. If no bids come in, or no bids that reach the minimum, then at that point you can dispose of it with out selling to the highest bidder.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to have Solicitor Shoch engage with a certified appraiser for the piece of land. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- **Right-To-Know Requests**

- Robert Curran/Fannie Mae

- Groninger Insurance

Both requests were handled and taken care of.

**Shoch** both were for basic documentation; re: code violations and things like that for a specific property, and the other was for number of building permits the township had issued in the last couple years.

**Secretary:**

- Pay Central Susquehanna (COG) dues for 2020

**MOTION** made by Peters to pay the COG dues for 2020 in the amount of \$250.00. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- Keystone Insurance Dividend Check

**McClain** read letter from insurance company regarding the dividend check in the amount of \$9,513.17.

- Liquid Fuel and Turnback Money

**McClain** township received \$151,255.84 from Liquid Fuels and \$8,920.00 from turnback money.

- Letter from House of Representatives

**McClain** the Supervisors received an invitation to the Municipal Leaders Meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at the Degenstein Community Library, RSVP by March 26<sup>th</sup>.

- Notice of Award & Agreement for Cannery Road Project

**Yoxheimer** the needs were identified by George Geise and then discussed with Township Engineer, Pysher, and then came up with the multimodal project. We were awarded a grant of approx. \$800,000 on a project that was 1.2 million dollars, with the township contributing \$400,000. The project as it was bid, was bid in phases. Phase 1 is the area from Cannery Rd. starting at Ridge Rd. to Gibbons Rd., which would be an FDR (Full Depth Reclamation) and a cold in place project that would run from Gibbons Rd. to the top of 16<sup>th</sup> Street, the original projection just for doing phase one was, roughly \$750,000, the bids that came in to do the entire section, came in at \$804,000. So there will be some savings to the township.

**MOTION** made by Peters to accept the bid from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. in the amount of \$804,725 for the Cannery Road Project. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

**Police Department:** *(Report on File)*

**VanKirk** reported that Officer Kelly has completed his 1<sup>st</sup> year probation with us. We have a very extensive FTO (field training officer) program that Officer Rushton put together after attending a training in State College, he did an exceptional job with the extensive field training program he developed.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to follow the Chiefs recommendation on moving Officer Kelly from probation patrol officer to patrol officer 1. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.



**VanKirk** some healthy transitions are starting, one of them being Officer Herring going to firearms training. We are required to have a certified trainer. The new explorer is set to be delivered in the next couple weeks.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to proceed with a 25-month repayment period for the new Explorer. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

**Yoxheimer** asked VanKirk for recommendations for future Chief/Sergeant.

**VanKirk** with the police contract, you can either promote from within or hire outside. It is my recommendation to hire from within. My recommendation for Chief would be Sgt. Lutchter and then moving Officer Rushton to Sergeant. Contractually Rushton is the only one qualified for the Sergeant position.

**Fire Department:** *(No Report)*

**Fire Police:** *(No Report)*

**S. Sulouff** heard that Josh Fontana is out of the neck brace and doing okay. She also mentioned the passing of one of the Fire Police Captains, Paul Kohl.

**Yoxheimer** offered condolences

**EMA:** *(No Report)*

**Geise** FEMA published notice in paper regarding re-assignment of firms. We are now in our second ninety-day period, once that is over, we cannot challenge it anymore.

**Yoxheimer** asked if anyone at the township attempted to review the old ones with the new proposed ones to see what the differences were?

**Geise** said he did and that the changes are not much different, did not see anything that caught my eye. Asked if VanKirk could put a link on the township website to the FEMA website?

**VanKirk** yes, I can do that. Any other links the public uses a lot, I can add them to the helpful links tab on the website.

**Engineer:** *(No Report)*

**Yoxheimer** needs approval for an extension for the Multimodal grant. It is clear we are starting the project this year, but a portion of that won't be finished until the year 2021.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to allow himself as Chairman to sign the extension for the Multimodal Project, prepared by the Engineer. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

**Yoxheimer** they met today to get the final coordination's before we put the bids out for the Kapp Heights stormwater project. We need to energize GTA for core samples.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to allow himself as Chairman to approve the Engineer to engage GTA to conduct the inspection of the FDR work on the portion of Cannery Road between Ridge Road and Gibbons Road, with an anticipated cost of \$3,500. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

**Road Department:** *(Report on File)*

**Wehry** it was mentioned at last meeting the water issue at the top of Cannery Road, the engineer and I went to see what needed to be done. We will be installing some underdrain to take care of that water to get it into the inlet box. The Engineer said he didn't feel any other pipes needed to be added up there because of the road work that would be done this year. An update on the PPL lights, the work is supposed to begin this week. I also have a letter of resignation from Cody Welsh, the letter states his last day will be April 3, 2020.



**Yoxheimer** thanked Welsh for his time here at the township. Expressed his regret in seeing him leave. In light of this information, we will need to advertise for two road crew members.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to advertise for two Road Department Employees, with competitive wages and benefits. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

**Shoch** wait to advertise the loader until we know what the appraised value of the land is.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to put loader out for bid, conditioned on the appraised value of land before placing on Municibid. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

**Yoxheimer** every time I go to Bob Evans, the woman who lives down on Queen Street, at 12<sup>th</sup> and Queen, she lives on the lower side, I had you go down before, she has complained about her ditch line. I told her we would come look at it again. There is a catch basin there and you are not sure where the pipe goes.

**Geise** this is the same issue we had ten years ago, the reason is, is because she keeps parking there.

**Yoxheimer** asked George if he went down and looked at it with him 10 years ago?

**Geise** yes

**Sewage Enforcement Officer:** *(No Report)*

**Zoning Enforcement Officer:** *(No Report)*

**Ordinance Enforcement Officer:** *(No Report)*

**Planning Commission:** *(No Report)*

**Yoxheimer** the township right now sits on three separate parcels. One of the things we needed to do with this building project is to make sure we were consistent with our own subdivision ordinance. We reached out to Kreamer and Associates to do the subdivision consolidation plan and land development plan. We are going to have them wait and postpone the subdivision plan until next month when we will hopefully have that other piece of ground that we can just add to the whole thing and make it a single parcel.

**Yoxheimer** we had several meetings with a company from Mountain Top, Button Oil Company, they purchased the original Rich Oil Company. North Shore has bought what was that old rest area just beyond the fuel depots out there. They are going to be leasing that back to Button, in order to put a LP gas transfer station in there. There will be nine (9), thirty-thousand-gallon (30,000) LP tanks, they will bring the LP gas in by rail. One of the things we insisted on, we already scheduled a meeting with PennDOT, is that PennDOT close that passing zone right there prior to the tank farm area. We contacted the legislator's offices, John and Lynda, Chief VanKirk, Joe Kantz from SEDA COG will all be there. The south bound lane of Route 11, where the flashing light is, we are recommending to Button, that they get a hold of the tank farm people that actually installed those lights and look to maybe move that flashing light up as maybe as much as a half mile. Asked Geise if there was anything from an EMA position that they need to know?

**Geise** I would like to be there for the meeting. **Yoxheimer** sure.

**Yoxheimer** we have also received some communication from Koch Industries about a piece of land they own down in the railroad yard that they are trying to get rid of. They called and asked if the Township would want the piece of land, it is a 4.88-acre lot.

**McPherson** why wouldn't the railroad be interested in that piece of land? There has to be a reason they are not interested. The other thing is, I wouldn't touch it with a ten-foot pole unless I had DEP and had everybody in there first to inspect it.

**Yoxheimer** there has been other parcels that went up for sale down there that the railroad was not interested in.

**Recreation:** *(No Report)*

Derr a spring clean up is set up for March 21.

**Sewer Authority:** *(No Report)*

**Other Business:**

**Pay Bills:**

MOTION made by Peters to pay bills. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned 8:00PM

All motions passed by a hand vote.

**Executive Session**

**List of Communications:** *(On File)*

**Financial Reports:**

Profit and Loss

Deposit Detail

Accounts Payable – Totaling – \$33,318.44

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hoffman, Office Clerk

Amanda McClain, Secretary/Treasurer