

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020**

The Point Township Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting on the above date at the Point Township Municipal Building for Supervisors and employees and remotely for residents, 759 Ridge Road, Northumberland, PA. Present were: Chairman Randall W. Yoxheimer, Vice-Chairman Montie E. Peters, Supervisor James Neitz, Supervisor Joseph Stender, and Supervisor George Geise. Also, present were Solicitor Richard J. Shoch, Chief of Police Craig Lutchter, Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain and Office Clerk Amy Hoffman. *(Roadmaster Jared Wehry and SEO/ZEO Gene Powlus attended remotely)*

Visitors present *remotely*: Earl & Karen Persing, John Eisenhower, Richard Updegraff, Frances Ranck, Dean Dunkelberger

Chairman Yoxheimer welcomed the 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).*

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION made by Peters to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Meeting held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

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

Solicitor:

- **Rental Ordinance:** not quite completed yet, should be able to get it out in the next week. At the next meeting the Supervisors can look at it.

- **Ordinance 2020-01/PD PMRS:**

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to adopt Ordinance 2020-01 which is the PD PMRS Ordinance. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

Right-To-Know Request: *(None)*

Secretary:

- **Adopt 2021 Budget**

MOTION made by Stender to adopt the 2021 Budget. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- **Advertise for the Reorganizational/Regular Supervisor Mtg for January 4th, 2021 at 6PM**

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to advertise for the Reorganizational/Regular Supervisor Meeting on Monday, January 4th, 2021 at 6:00PM. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- **Advertise for 2021 Fuel Bid, to be opened on 1/4/2021**

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to advertise for 2021 Fuel Bid. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- **Second Tax Distribution:** has been sent out to the Fire Companies, \$2,500 each.
- **Martins Change Orders #4 and #5**

Yoxheimer two additional change orders. Change order #5, was a credit for demoing the garage floors and the storage room in the Police Department. They were only giving us a credit of \$4,125 for the garage area. With looking at and comparing it to the credit they are giving us for the Police Dept. storage area, the credit for the garage does not add up for the footage in the garage.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to accept the credit of \$1,700 on change order #5, and not accept the credit for the garage demo. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

Yoxheimer regarding change order #4, the new garage and this building will be done with a single-color roofing material. The existing garage out back has a white roof. I am proposing we accept change order number #4 to replace the front section of roof on the existing pole building. Those materials removed from the roof will then be used as some of the wall coverings in the new Police Department garage. I talked to James Martin, to do that section of roof would cost \$7,348, of that \$3,900 is for materials. I think it would give consistency to the entire project and at the end give the project a finished look.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to accept change order #4, replace roof on existing pole barn, the front half of the roof only. Seconded by Stender and passed with a vote of four (4), with one (1) nay, Geise.

Geise I think it is a waste of money. It's a brand-new roof, we just put it on five years ago. We can definitely get cheaper metal to put on the walls then that.

Peters I am sure George is not wrong. I think at this moment in time, I think it is best if we do the change order.

- **Police LTD (Long Term Disability)** we did have an issue with one of the Officers not being set up properly. There were two options moving forward. One was to retroactively pay for fourteen months to get him to the coverage he needed to be at; the other to have him reapply in taking the chance he wouldn't be covered. I am happy to report that I received an email from FNB, our insurance, and they stated that they are going to send us a check to pay for the fourteen months, in the amount of \$493.50.
- **Sign for Point Township Park:** The sign that was required to be displayed by the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation was very damaged. I have a quote from Tri-County Sports for \$115 to replicate the sign on aluminum board with laminated vinyl print, 24x18 sign with rounded corners.

MOTION made by Neitz to allow the Secretary to have Tri-County Sports replace the sign at Point Township Park. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

Police Department: *(Report on File)*

- **DUI State Program:** Highway safety approached us with getting involved in this program. This program is pretty much like the aggressive driver program which this department has been involved in. They would use our officers as extra patrols for DUI's, could be here, could be in another jurisdiction. Whatever money is paid comes from the Highway Safety Network.

MOTION made by Neitz to allow the Police Department to participate in the State DUI program. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

- **New Hire:** we are in the background phase with a man that was with the Richmond, VA police department for the past three years. We have a psychological exam set up for tomorrow morning. I anticipate the background checks to be done in the next week.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to make a conditional offer of employment to the new candidate, conditioned upon him fulfilling all the requirements set forth by the Chief, which would be psychological and background checks, and that his effect start date would be December 28, 2020. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Fire Department: *(No Report)*

Geise more restrictions on things that we do. Most of our trainings have been cancelled, because of the incline of Covid outbreaks. If we are at the station, it is for maintenance and work parties to get stuff done and maintain.

Fire Police: *(No Report)*

No one here for Fire Board, no reports given last two months.

EMA: *(No Report)*

Engineer: *(No Report)*

- **Multimodal Bids:** **Yoxheimer** at 1:00PM today, we opened the bids for Multimodal. We had two bids that came in. The first bid was from New Enterprise for \$208,000 and the low bid was from Recon in the amount of \$199,865

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to accept low bid from Recon in the amount of \$199,865. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Yoxheimer on Thursday the 10th, myself, the Township Engineer, Livic Civil, we will be discussing the flashing lights on Route 11 where the tank farm and the new gas off-loading facility is. The passing zone will be closed. The permittee will be the Township for the lights but will be paid for and maintained by North Shore Railroad.

Road Department: *(Report on File)*

- **Air Compressor:** **Wehry** the one we had broke down, needed a complete rebuild. **Yoxheimer** with our attempts of material removal, we determined it would be beneficial to have a new air compressor. I talked to Peters, we did some looking around, Tractor Supply had one, right around \$1,000. We did buy the associated regulator and water separator. That will be moved over to the new facility.

MOTION made by Peters to retroactively approve the purchase of the Air Compressor, regulator and separator, for around \$1,250. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- **Freightliner:** we have that back. It is set up for winter operations. The total repairs on that were right around \$12,300. The mechanic I talked with said they went over everything, he said that he didn't see anything else wrong.
- **Christmas Tree Pickup:** was thinking of starting a new service for the residents, a Christmas tree pickup. We have had a lot of calls the last few years asking if we provide this. I believe it is something we could provide, at little to no cost to the Township. It would run from January 4, 2021 to January 15, 2021 by appointment only, or two weeks depending on the year. They would need to call the Township office, provide name, number, address. We will only do this if the resident calls in and requests a pickup. I believe this would be a good service to provide from the Township to

the Residents. This would be geared more towards the residents that live in the more congested areas and don't have easy access of disposing of the trees.

Neitz I don't have a problem with it, as long as they have time to do it.

Yoxheimer I think it is a decent idea.

Peters its an idea. The trouble is, he hit the nail on the head, snow.

Yoxheimer I think when we advertise this, we put it out there as a service offered, only if there is no snow, or conflicts that the road department would have. They aren't going to be wondering the streets looking for trees, this will just be for those that called in.

Peters we aren't making this a yearly event?

Yoxheimer we are going to do it this year and see how it works.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Road Department to advertise the pickup of Christmas Trees. Seconded by Stender and passed with a vote of four (4), and one (1) nay, Geise.

Yoxheimer asked Geise for the record why he was against it.

Geise for the reasons that were brought up, and also that once you actually start paying attention to the maintenance we should be doing on the roadways, then we can start providing services that are extracurricular.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(Report on file)*

Powlus completed final inspection for Long on Kauffman Lane and finished the soil test at Evers Manor. **Yoxheimer** how did it work out at Evers Manor?

Powlus actually the perc test came out pretty good. I also wanted to mention that Jared and the crew did a good job on the septic system at the Township.

Zoning Enforcement Officer: *(Report on file)*

Powlus issued three permits

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

- **Accepted UGI SALDO:** the plan acceptance was done on 10/13/20. We are looking to do plan approval at the January meeting.

Recreation: *(No Report)*

Geise did we find out what that water leak was yet?

Wehry not yet, we have not had time to check that out yet. The water has been shut off and the park has been winterized.

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

Peters we have reached our settlement with the Borough for \$574,000. That check will be issued probably on Friday.

Yoxheimer to help you understand how we got to that number. The Authority hired a forensic accountant who looked at the payments the Authority had been making to the Borough.

Peters the Borough almost constantly invoices us for 1 million three hundred thousand.

Yoxheimer I believe this will allow us to move forward.

Other Business:

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

Pay Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 7:58PM

All motions passed by a hand vote.

Executive Session

List of Communications: *(On File)*

Financial Reports:

Profit and Loss

Deposit Detail

Accounts Payable – Totaling – \$42,341.70

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hoffman, Office Clerk

Amanda McClain, Secretary/Treasurer