# POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021

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, Sr., Supervisor Joseph Stender, Sr., and Supervisor George Geise. Also, present were Solicitor Richard J. Shoch, Sergeant Kevin Rushton, Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain, Office Clerk Amy Hoffman, and Roadmaster Jared Wehry.

Visitors present: Karen Hunter

Executive Session 6:30: Yoxheimer informed everyone of the executive session that lasted until about 6:55 and it was to discuss potential legal issues.

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).

## **Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION** made by Neitz to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Meeting held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

# REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

# Solicitor:

- Ratification of the Chairman's vote to approve the Purdue Pharma Plan

**MOTION** made by Stender to approve the ratification for the vote the Chairman made to approve the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy plan. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- Sunshine Law Changes: one of the things it will affect is how we handle our agendas for the meetings. We will need to start with our August meeting and post the agenda on our website and on the front door 24 hours prior to the meeting. You can still vote for something that was not on the agenda. What would need to happen is, you would first have to take a vote that you agree with voting on the added item and also post a revised agenda the following day.
- Resolution 2021-06: VanKirk requested a revised resolution be signed regarding the RACP grant per the Office of Budgets recommendation.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to adopt Resolution 2021-06, part of the RACP funding plan. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Tax Sale Certification: the Township received a letter from County with properties that are subject to the tax sale. The Township would not have any liens against properties, but the Sewer Authority may.

Right-To-Know Request: None

#### Secretary:

- New Account at NNB for American Rescue funds: We have received \$188,038.24 which was required to be placed in its own non-interest-bearing account.
- *IT Purchase:* Several items were requested by Township IT to complete building connections. **MOTION** made by Peters to allow the Secretary to order the supplies for IT, not to exceed \$2,000. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.
- Office Furniture: received a quote from Wandells Office Furniture in Bloomsburg for the Secretary space. Asking to pursue purchasing furniture not to exceed \$6,000. We have been fortunate to receive most of our furnishings for the Police and Road for free through Geisinger and their warehouse facilities (est. savings of \$20,000) and we are committed to save where we can.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to allow Secretary to procure furniture not to exceed \$6,000, with the condition that other options are sought for a cost saving. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- Jeff's Recycling: \$681.60 received from scrap metal the Road Crew recycled
- *Building update:* drywall should be coming next week. We were asked to accommodate the HVAC subcontractor getting the ductwork run in our existing offices. To allow that, our office will be closed Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Police Department: (Report on File)

Fire Department: (No Report)

Geise Tuckahoe is proud that we just paid off the brand-new engine we purchased in 2006.

Yoxheimer how is the truck holding up.

Geise it's old, but we are going to try and make it last a little longer.

Fire Police: (No Report)

EMA: (No Report)

**Yoxheimer** had a visit from FEMA as part of a Community Action visit. We took a tour and visited the North Branch and reviewed facilities, he took tons of pictures.

Engineer: (No Report)

**Yoxheimer** spoke with Pysher regarding Kapp Heights, that project will not be happening this year with the increased cost of pipe, will look into another extension on this project. The price of pipe right now, depending on size, is up right now by 127%, and roughly 15 weeks out to even come in.

We purchased pipe to finish stormwater project in front of the building, 180 feet of double wall black PVC.

**MOTION** made by Peters to retroactively allow the purchase of the pipe for the front of the building, not to exceed \$2,000. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

**Yoxheimer** (regarding the area of Cannery Road by Gibbons Road) Pysher thinks a head wall on the other side would work, to get it as far away from the road as we can. The other option is that Pysher recommended, is to put some lights there that would give a better view of that turn. By moving the head wall back, putting the guiderail on the head wall and the addition of the lights, we may be able to cut down on some of this damage to the guiderail.

Geise I wouldn't go to the expense of lighting, it is going to be out of their viewpoint. I would go with some kind of a raised curb, something that is tied into the head wall, with the guiderail on top of that.

Road Department: (No Report)

**Wehry** Recla and Savidge passed their CDL knowledge test and now have their learner permits. Talked to Pysher last week, he said they are scheduled to finish the paving on 16<sup>th</sup> Street and parts of Cannery Road next week, around the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Geise** asked why did the recycle stop at 9<sup>th</sup> street?

**Yoxheimer** that is the Borough.

**Geise** we still own half of 8<sup>th</sup> Street. It was in the original discussion was 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Ridge Road, and then talk to the Borough about putting something toward that.

Yoxheimer we will look into that and talk with Pysher.

Wehry we had a meeting on Mountain Road with Pysher and Yoxheimer and talked about some of the concerns that Mr. Colescott had. To rebuild Mountain Road, along the lines of what was done on Comfort Road, just for the stone and seal coat, for about 5,000 feet, would be about \$162,000. I emailed Soil Conservation and asked for more information about the grant money for low volume roads, I haven't heard back from them yet. I am also waiting to hear from Dale Sellers, who did the stone box for Comfort Road. Hoping to hear from him by the end of the week.

**Yoxheimer** Colescott called me and said he had talked to someone at PennDOT who told him that PennDOT would contribute something to Mountain Road because of motorists using that route as a detour when the road was closed due to the rockslide.

- Waste Oil: Yoxheimer when I have my oil changed, I ask for the oil and then I give it to Jared for the waste oil burner. There are some people who change their own oil, I was wondering if there would be some feasibility in providing buckets to residents, to store waste oil, then if they give us a call, we can go to pick it up when the road crew is in that area.

McClain my understanding is the burner we have is more efficient with waste oil.

Wehry we did have them come in and change the nozzles since we aren't burning waste oil, but we can't flip flop back and forth between clean and dirty.

**Peters** you have to know what you're doing with accepting waste oil, you can't just look at it and know if it is mixed with something that you can't use in the burner.

Geise if we are going to collect oil, we may need to get permits for that from DEP. (Discussion ensued)

Sewage Enforcement Officer: (No Report)

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer: (No Report)

Planning Commission: (No Report)

Recreation: (No Report)

**McClain** Information on a T-Mobile Grant was sent to John to review for possible projects that could be used towards our Park.

Sewer Authority: (No Report)

#### Other Business:

- Article in paper: Yoxheimer not sure if everyone saw it, in the local paper and the press enterprise, an award Geise had gotten for services he rendered as a part time officer in Mahoning Township. Himself and another officer, made a rescue of an individual there. Wherever they rescued her from, minutes later the apartment was engulfed in flames. It is clear that Geise and the other officer, saved this woman's life. I just wanted on the record the efforts that Geise made and to congratulate him.

- Recycled Yard Debris/Bettleyon: Yoxheimer talked with Kyle Bettleyon, they have the recycle on their property for the Township. We entered into an agreement with them years ago about using their property as a dump area for yard debris. One thing that Kyle suggested was rather then allowing residents to come and dump at any time, we have certain weeks in the year for cleanup, maybe in the spring and fall. Randy will talk with Kyle and get more specifics.
- *K. Hunter/Solar Panels:* **Hunter** requesting the Township consider waiving the Township fees for the solar panels on her property since it is a Non-Profit foundation.

**Yoxheimer** we discussed that we would be willing to waive our admin fee, but the state fee is standard and cannot be waived, if you would like to contact NEIC and ask about waiving their fees, you are welcome to do that, we don't have the authority to waive their fees.

(Discussion ensued)

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to refund \$64.00 of Administration fees reflected on NEIC's building permit back to Sun Pulse for the solar panel permit. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

**Yoxheimer** one of the things we discussed is that we do this on a request basis. Just because someone is a non-profit, does not mean we will waive fees. We will look at these requests on a case by case basis.

### **General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:**

#### Pay Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 8:26

All motions passed by a hand vote.

**Executive Session** 

List of Communications: (On File)

Financial Reports:

Accounts Payable: \$20,544.43 (General)

\$3,389.24 (UCC Acet)

\$1,142.43 (Hydrant Acct)

\$40,857.16 (Building Acct) \$1,412.53 (Light Acct)

\$625.00 (Escrow Acct)

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hoffman, Office Clerk

Amanda McClain, Secretary/Treasurer