

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021**

The Point Township Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting on the above date at the Point Township Municipal Building and remote access option also offered to public, 759 Ridge Road, Northumberland, PA. Present were: Chairman Randall W. Yoxheimer, Vice Chairman Montie Peters, Supervisor James A. Neitz, Sr., Supervisor Joseph Stender, Sr., and Supervisor George Geise. Also, present were Solicitor Richard J. Shoch, Chief Craig Lutchner, Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain, Office Clerk Amy Hoffman, and Roadmaster Jared Wehry.

Visitors present: Helen Peters, Herb Gottshall, Randy Persing, Jason & Kelly Roth, Jim Geise, Josh Campbell, John Derr

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).*

**Executive Session:** started approximately 6:30PM to discuss some potential issues that could come up, nothing specific, no action taken, wanted to make board aware, was from a legal standpoint. Ended at 7:00PM

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION** made by Peters to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Meeting held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

**REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):**

**Solicitor:**

- *Ordinance 2021-03:* lays out a range of fines for violations to the International Property Maintenance Code. Fines would range not less than \$100 to not more than \$1,000. It provides that, in default of payment, the individual can be sentenced to jail for a period of not more than 30 days. We do still need to set up a hearing board. I have contacted the COG, it was confirmed that they do provide that, just need to connect with the person that is in charge of that.

**MOTION** made by Stender to adopt Ordinance 2021-03. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- *Accept Deed of Dedication for Serenity and Moonlit Lanes:* Roads through Joann Raspers subdivision.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to accept the Deed of Dedication for Serenity and Moonlit Lanes. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

**Yoxheimer** asked for the release of Rasper's letter of credit.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to release Joann Rasper's letter of credit. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- *Approval of sale of tax repository properties:*

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to approve the sale of the Tax Repository Property. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

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

- *Commonwealth Foundation (Rec'd 9/28/21; 30-day letter sent 9/30/2021):* Copies of collective bargaining agreements.
- *Willis Suit:* we did get request for production of documents. McClain, Wehry will want to review, they were named specifically in the draft responses.

**Secretary:**

- *Blue Mattress on Ridge Road/PennDOT:* 2 mattresses on Ridge Road, this is a State Road. The Township called PennDOT several times about having these removed. A Supervisor agreed it was ridiculous they sat there for so long and they were removed within an hour of that call.
- *Brake Retarder Study (Rte 147 & Ridge Road):* Still waiting for the response for Ridge Road, but I did receive a response for 147, which was from Lahr's Road to the Township/W Chilli municipal boundary line was approved for brake retarder signage. We would need an Ordinance in place and provide for signage. PennDOT is hoping to have the Ridge Road study done prior to November 12<sup>th</sup>, we are going to wait and see the results of that study before moving forward with an Ordinance.
- *RACP/OOB Payment Requests 1 & 2:* we did successively receive \$249,558 on October 8<sup>th</sup> from the matching RACP grant. (Yoxheimer explained the RACP process to those present)
- *VFRA (Volunteer Firefighter Relief Assoc) payment to Fire Association:* Act 205 submitted every year and then they do a distribution from the department of the Auditor General. We received \$18,848.45 on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, I made a check out on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> and called President Jim Geise to let him know it could be picked up.
- *Appropriation to Fire Board/Ordinance 123:* specified \$50 a year be paid to the fire board.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to make check out to the Fire Board for \$150.00. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- *Service Electric Upgrades:* per IT, we need to upgrade to 100MB, we are currently at 25MB. With the police getting computers in their cars, we need to have an upgrade. We will also need a Static IP address moving forward.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to allow the Township to get a Static IP address and upgrade the Internet. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- *2022 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation):* did report for 2022, last year PD was \$58,000, Non-Uniform was \$9,000, based off wages from January to September. This year PD is at \$57,564, Non-Uniform is at \$12,208.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to make the MMO payment. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- *Library Donation:* Asked Board to approve library donation for 2021.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to approve the Priestley Forsyth Memorial Library Donation in the amount of \$1000.00. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- *Porta Potty:* because of water leak, we have provided a porta potty April through September, we have since added another one because of volume usage, and John Derr is paying for a 3<sup>rd</sup> one out of his pocket, for a total of 3. We have received donations from the organizations that use the park toward the porta potties: \$50 - Angie Ramer; \$75 - Major Mayhem; \$75 - Backyard Brawlers; and \$100 - Shik. Youth Football.
- *Carpet Cleaning:* the carpets in the old admin offices, smell of mildew. Received a quote from Stubler for \$150 to clean those 2 offices and the entry way to the police office.



**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to allow Stubler Carpet Cleaning to clean carpets. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

**Yoxheimer** mentioned he had the Secretaries checking into pricing to obtain carpet for the old admin offices to keep everything universal, and to possibly acquire that now so we have it when we would look to renovate those offices.

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

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

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

**Roth** read Fire Police Report. Said Derr reached out to him about using the Fire Police to help with parking at the field on game days when Football and Soccer are both on the schedule. I forwarded him the Assistance Request Form.

**Yoxheimer** while we are talking about it here. I know George Geise called me with some concerns he had about what was going on at the park. I believe this was one of those days that soccer and football were both using the park at the same time.

**Derr** that was the worse it has been. Shikellamy's big rival, Selinsgrove, was there and they stayed for all 4 games. Normally when the games get done, the parents leave.

**Yoxheimer** apparently parking was a nightmare?

**G. Geise** there were 200 to 300 cars there.

**Yoxheimer** asked if that had the potential of happening again?

**Derr** this Sunday, there is another double schedule, but football has moved their game up to 12 o'clock, so they should be out of there by 3, and soccer is scheduled at 4. I reached out to the North Sun Penn scheduler; she had not received anything about the 4 days football had games scheduled. I have her direct contact; I will send her the football schedule in April or May when it is done, and she will just black out those days, so we won't have that conflicting schedule next year.

**J. Roth** asked why Derr was paying for 1 porta potty personally.

**Derr** it's for the kids

**Yoxheimer** we haven't had a chance to focus on the park with all the other projects going on.

**Derr** it comes down to reasonable communication. You can't just go ballistic because something wasn't set up your way.

**G. Geise** asked Derr why he didn't answer his phone call?

**Derr** I was on the field and the phone was in my truck, when I got back to my truck, I called you.

**R. Persing** the secretary mentioned all those that contributed toward the porta potties, why didn't the soccer team donate anything toward it? Why don't you charge a fee at the beginning of the year?

**Derr** we do have a fee schedule, we normally have a spring clean up and everyone comes out and chips in, so we waive the fees. Starting next year, I think we will be charging a fee.

**Yoxheimer** everyone can point fingers, if this was happening every week, I could understand wanting to work a better system out. I think if we are proactive and plan for them in the future, that is what needs to be done. This is for the kids. I am glad we have a facility that is being used.

**Peters** asked Derr's opinion on the fee schedule.

**Derr** thinks the fees are fair if there is even cooperation with everything. With practices I am really not worried about it, that's an easy thing to work out. Soccer and Football each have their fields, football has even gone to half a field to allow soccer to practice.

**J. Geise** no, you kicked them off. Those girls had to go to CW Rice.

**Derr and J. Geise** discussed scheduling



**J. Geise** the funny thing is, you guys go down there, and you destroy the field, you destroy the bathrooms and you blame everything on us.

**Derr** who blamed you? (**J. Geise** you did) **Derr** no I didn't

**J. Geise** yes you did, you said about the bathrooms being broken and came after us for money for locks for the bathroom doors. I saw football players in the bathrooms last year trying to kick the stall door in.

**Derr** why didn't you report it.

**J. Geise** I did, and do you know what the coach said, did you get their numbers, I said no, and he said if you don't have numbers then it isn't an issue.

**Yoxheimer** called order to the meeting.

**J. Geise** I have parents coming to me all the time about these complaints because they see what football is doing, down there destroying the field, breaking things. I caught the kids in there literally kicking the stall doors in.

**Yoxheimer and Shoch** called for order to the meeting again

**Yoxheimer** asked that each organization police their own activities. I think what should happen, is that if there are any complaints, the complaints need to come to Point Township. Document what you have to, everyone has a cell phone, take pics, take video.

**McClain** asked if it was football that broke the toilets?

**J. Geise** no, they were kicking the stall door in. That's when they came after us to help pay for locks for the doors, and the board said no because we have seen football in there climbing all over the sinks in full gear.

**Lutcher** if they are damaging property, that is a police issue, call us and we will handle it.

**Peters** at the end of the day, it is the taxpayers of Point Township that are footing the bill for this, but if everyone can't get along down there, do you think this board is going to allow that continue. There won't be fields down there to play on, that's where this will go.

**Campbell** the youth football president, I have been head coach for 4 years, I will say that in the past we have shared the field with soccer. The football versus soccer should not be taking place, everyone needs to work together. As far as vandalism, I have not caught any football players doing it, I haven't caught any soccer players doing it. Football will work with whoever we need to, to make things better down there.

**Peters** is available dirt really that hard to find? With all the fields in Sunbury.

**Derr** no. But for actual games, yes. That is the only other football field around besides the stadium.

**Yoxheimer** asked that football and soccer designate individuals to patrol the fields and bathrooms to ensure everyone is treating the facilities with respect. Trying to find someone to do John's job is nearly impossible. I think by and large he is doing a relatively good job under the circumstances. If there is something that is needed to make things better, let us know.

**EMA:** (No Report)

**Engineer:** (No Report)

**Yoxheimer** have talked to Pysher numerous times. Pysher did come down, he inspected Rasper's Roads, they should be good for the dedication. We have a sinking problem at Stone School and Gibbons.

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

**Wehry** we do have a plan for Stone School that I discussed with Pysher.

**G. Geise** how much is the Sewer Authority contributing? That is a Sewer Authority issue.

**Yoxheimer** can you absolutely pin it on the Sewer Authority.

**G. Geise** absolutely. Its right in their trench line.

**Peters** so you're saying the Sewer Authority should pay for that?

**G. Geise** absolutely, it shouldn't be the taxpayer.

**Yoxheimer** we will find out how much it will cost.

**G. Geise** there was never a sink hole there before the trench line

- *Leaf Pick-up*: start November 1<sup>st</sup> and run through December.
- *Lahrs Road*: addressing the failing pipe. Estimating the cost of that to come in under \$7,000, the whole project will take about a week.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to allow the Road Crew to take care of the pipe on Lahrs Road.

Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

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

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

**Powlus** 1 permit for a shed

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

**Yoxheimer** spoke with Bob Yoder, he is still moving forward with Equestrian Heights.

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

- *Field Issue*

**Yoxheimer** there is a plan in place and knowing that Point Township appreciates what all of you do.

**G. Geise** what is the status on the water issue?

**Derr** the contractors I talked to won't even have time to get there until November. I think the leak is at the spigot by the pavilion. That valve can't be turned off.

**G. Geise** that was all brand new, maybe 10 years ago. Asked Jared to pop the lid on that valve box, and he will go down and check it.

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

**Peters** meeting Thursday night and we are going to have conversations about moving the office and trailer.

**Wehry** I did talk to Don and Michele and told them while they are transitioning over, they are more than welcome to use the pole barn or wherever.

**Peters** we are looking for other avenues to accomplish that.

**Neitz** asked about manhole on Roush Road.

**G. Geise** that is a compaction issue.

**Other Business:**

**Yoxheimer** we were contacted by a group that does preliminary investigations for site locations for different businesses. Asked things like, could the sewer dept handle an extra 500,000 gallons of sewage a day and other questions like that. Point Township has now officially been contacted by a company called Encina out of Texas. They do plastic recycling. Our Solicitor talked with their lawyer. They are looking to do a major recycling facility in Point Township.

*(Discussion ensued)*

**R. Persing** I brought it up last month about Lahrs Road with truck traffic. I noticed approximately 2 weeks ago, the 10 ton weight limit sign is missing at the end of Lahrs Road near 147. Can we get Furmans to do something?

**G. Geise** signs don't change anything.



**Yoxheimer** maybe we can get more cooperation from Furmans with trucks.

**Wehry** we have been on Lahrs Road fixing the weight limit sign, and they look at us and see the sign and keep on going.

**Campbell** I have driven trucks for numerous years, and lots of times I would be given information about what streets not to use.

**Yoxheimer** who do we need to talk to at Furmans?

**G. Geise** I will get a name and get that to you.

*(Discussion ensued)*

**Yoxheimer** we are having a meeting with PennDOT about a paving project that they are looking to do on 147. We are going to ask them if that paving can just be done on one side of the road so we can ultimately have sewer run up Lahrs Road.

**General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:**

**Pay Bills:**

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

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned 9:03PM

All motions passed by a hand vote.

**Executive Session**

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

**Financial Reports:**

Accounts Payable: \$31,555.54 (General)  
\$1,715.96 (UCC Acct)  
\$1,142.43 (Hydrant Acct)  
\$4,376.30 (State Acct)  
\$1,774.92 (Light Acct)  
\$312.50 (Escrow Acct)  
\$2,501.21 (ARP)

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hoffman, Office Clerk

Amanda McClain, Secretary/Treasurer