

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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 Lutcher, Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain, Office Clerk Amy Hoffman, and Roadmaster Jared Wehry.

Visitors present: Helen Peters, Earl & Karen Persing, Herb Gotshall, Donald Martin, Sandy Sulouff, Robert Sulouff, Mike McPherson

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 6:35PM for a contractual matter. Executive Session ended approximately 7:00PM

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION made by Peters to approve the minutes of the Regular/Budget Supervisors Meeting held on Tuesday November 9, 2021. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- Zoning ordinance
(Discussion ensued)

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the following: **1.** Establishing a Public Hearing on January 24, 2022 at 6:00 pm, and the advertising thereof pursuant to requirements of the PA Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), on the Proposed Comprehensive Amendment to the Point Township Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map. **2.** Submission of the said Proposed Comprehensive Amendment to the Point Township and Northumberland County Planning Commissions for review and comment as required by the MPC. **3.** Mailing Notices of said Public Hearing to the owners of properties for which the main zoning use designation is changed under the Proposed Comprehensive Amendment. **4.** Advertising the consideration and voting upon the adoption of the Proposed Comprehensive Amendment at the Township's February 8, 2022 Regular Public Meeting, as required by the MPC. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Right-To-Know Request: (None)

- Patrick McNeil (Rcvd 11/30/21; closed 12/8/2021)
- Charlene Carnes (Rcvd 12/7/21; closed 12/8/2021)

Both individuals looked for information on the property located at 213 Aspen Lane

Secretary:

- *Adopt 2022 Budget*

MOTION made by Peters to adopt the 2022 Budget. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- *Advertise for the Reorg/Regular Meeting, Monday January 3, 2022*

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to advertise for the Reorg/Regular Supervisors Meeting on Monday January 3, 2022, at 6PM.

- *Fire Tax Distribution \$2,600 to each Fire Company*

MOTION made by Neitz to allow the Secretary to distribute the remaining monies to the Fire Companies. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- *Cleaning quotes for the Township Building*

MOTION made by Peters to accept the bid from The Dust Butlers for \$400 a month, with the understanding that next year the Police will show this in their budget. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- *Keystone Ratification, \$3,219 additional, for a total of \$63,965*

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to accept final insurance policy from Keystone Insurance Group in the amount of \$63,965. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- *Electric Bills: reached out to a broker, who reached out to ten (10) providers, the five (5) lowest is on a list provided to the Supervisors. The lowest is Constellation Energy.*

MOTION made by Peters to use Constellation Energy for a 36-month term, at \$0.06735 per kWh. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- *Key Receipt Form*

Peters this is a great idea, and thinks that once a year, those with keys need to provide proof they are still in position of that key and if not, will pay the cost of rekeying the building. Supervisors will review form and vote to take into effect at the Reorg meeting in January.

- *Martins Pay App #7*

McClain the last payment was made to Martins Construction.

- *Tax Resolutions 2021-07 & 2021-08*

MOTION made by Peters to accept the Tax Resolutions 2021-07 and 2021-08. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Police Department: (Report on File)

- *Light Bar*

Lutcher the light bar on the 2020 Explorer is broken. The cost to repair that is \$800, the cost of a new one is \$1,500. That light bar has been here since 2015.

MOTION made by Neitz to allow the Chief to purchase a new light bar for the 2020 Explorer. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Fire Department: (No Report)

Fire Police: (Report on File)

Gotshall read the hours for the Volunteer Fire Police

EMA: (No Report)

Engineer: (No Report)

Yoxheimer because of covid, the Kapp Heights project didn't happen this year, we looking to complete that next. Started out simple, with just stormwater, then sewer was added, and then the water lines need moved. Contacted Jason Fellon from DEP to get an extension.

Road Department: *(Report on File)*

- *Christmas Tree Pickup for 2 weeks, January 3, 2022 until January 14, 2022, by appointment only.*

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Road Department to offer the Christmas Tree pick up again this year, by appointment only. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Wehry update on Lahrs Road pipe replacement, took all day, but is done. Waiting for the area to settle before we patch over for the winter. Also, some good news. Heard back from Chris with the Conservation District, sounds like sections of Mountain Road will qualify for the dirt and gravel low volume roads grant money. I don't have all the details yet, things are just in the preliminary stages.

Peters without mentioning any names, what happened with the garbage being dumped on Spruce Hollow Road?

Wehry when we went to look for it, it was gone. We don't know what happened to it.

Peters I am thinking someone probably got really nervous when they saw someone drive by while they were dumping it. There were 5 or 6 bags sitting there when we went through and then they were gone a couple hours later.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

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

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

- *Accept Shroth Minor Subdivision Plan*

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to accept the Shroth Minor Subdivision Plan. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Recreation: *(No Report)*

- *Retail Food License*

McClain received the retail food license from the Department of Agriculture for the park concession stand which is good for a year.

Wehry looked into prices for water lines, it will cost around \$2,700 just for materials, not including fittings. This was pricing from LB Water.

Yoxheimer asked Wehry to keep that number on file and periodically check on prices to see where the pricing is at.

Martin different people I have spoken to lately about plumbing materials, LB Water is extremely high compared to some other places, you'll want to definitely do some checking around.

Yoxheimer with LB Water, we get Costars pricing, government pricing.

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

Peters we have had multiple meetings the prospect of getting some money is looking good. We have prioritized two projects, the wet well at Neitz Road and force main on Route 11 that have to be done this year.

Other Business:

- *Ward Lane*

Yoxheimer Pysher did not have an opportunity to look at this location yet. We were contacted by a resident with some stormwater concerns. This is a private lane.

- *Heating issue*

Peters we are having a heating issue in the back-office rental spaces. We don't think this is an expense the Township should pay. Would like the Solicitor to send a letter to SBA asking for a plan of action. *(Discussion ensued)*

MOTION made by Peters to amend the agenda to add a motion to have the Solicitor write a letter to SBA. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Neitz to allow the Solicitor to send a letter to SBA expressing concerns and for a corrective action plan. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

McPherson with the red light down there, the jake braking is getting terrible.

Yoxheimer asked McClain what the comments from PennDOT were for the brake retarder in the 147 area was.

Wehry it was basically from Acorn Drive, just inside the Township line to the red light at Ridge, and then from the red light until about Lahrs Road on the South side.

Hoffman this was already discussed and decided to be tabled because Geise made the comment that when the new bridge opened the truck traffic wouldn't be bad.

McClain read the letter that the Township received from PennDOT on 9/30/21 regarding her request for a brake retarder study on Route 147 showing it was approved from Lahrs Rd north to W. Chilli Twp Line. *(Discussion ensued)*

R. Sulouff concern with Neitz and Strawbridge Roads, years ago the hump was taken off, now there is a trench that runs across, it has settled over the years, and it is getting progressively, that when you come down over the hill, no matter what speed your going, especially when it is wet, you hit the brakes, and you're out in the middle of Strawbridge. When you hit that hump, it throws your car. Cut it off and eliminate some of the bump.

Yoxheimer I believe the course of action we will take is when the Township Engineer gets back in the area, we will have him take a look, there is not anything we can do about it now at this time of the year. Asked Wehry to go out and take a look at it.

(Discussion ensued)

Geise, I think cold patch feathered out would take care of that for now.

R. Sulouff another concern is there is an orange cone that sits over top the water pipe, they broke that, I asked my old PennDOT Supervisor when I ran into him if they were ever going to fix it, and he said no, it's the Township's problem. The state snapped that pipe off when they graded the road.

Yoxheimer asked Wehry to contact PennDOT about that and if he does not get a response, they will let the Solicitor know.

R. Sulouff one more concern, Neitz and Nottingham, right on the curve, there is a drain box, the box is falling apart, the pipe that comes under the road from Nottingham. Catch basin is falling apart.

Wehry my opinion is to take that box out. I would like to get Pyshers opinion on that too.

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

Pay Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted,

Meeting adjourned 8:21PM

All motions passed by a hand vote.

Executive Session

List of Communications: *(On File)*

Amy Hoffman, Office Clerk

Financial Reports:

Accounts Payable: \$19,368.26 (General)
 \$1,908.75 (UCC Acct)
 \$1,142.43 (Hydrant Acct)
 \$1,326.44 (State Acct)

Amanda McClain, Secretary/Treasurer