

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022**

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 Neitz, Sr. Supervisor Joseph Stender, Sr. and Supervisor Thomas Strouse, Jr. Also, present were Solicitor Richard J. Shoch, Chief of Police Craig Lutcher, Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain and Office Clerk Amy Hoffman, and Roadmaster Jared Wehry.

Visitors present: Helen Peters, Rhonda Prutzman, David Campbell, Herb Gottshall, Theda & George Bower, Larissa & Zachary Black, Tom Webber, Bill Roshoe, Earl & Karen Persing, Thomas Hummel, John Derr, Glenda & Tom Strouse, Randy Persing, and Jackie Hart with NEIC.

Notify of Executive Session

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: at 6:30 we entered an executive session, lasted for about 20 minutes to do some review for hire of a Zoning Officer.

Swearing in of Zachary Black for Fire Police:

Yoxheimer read oath of office that Zachary Black repeated.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION made by Peters to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Meeting held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- Mobile Food Facility Ordinance: for mobile food service.

Hart Department of Ag inspects the trucks. If a food truck comes into town, you want to be sure they have a Serve Safe Certification, Liability Insurance, PA Tax license, and that they are in a place that they are actually allowed to be.

Yoxheimer this is something we can look at for the next meeting.

- March 15, 2022, Zoning Amendment Hearing Reminder: this has been advertised

- Resolution for amended Zoning/Code fee schedule

Yoxheimer explained the reasoning for the change in the fee schedule.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to adopt Resolution 2022-02, a revised Zoning Permit Fee Schedule. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Right-To-Know Request: (None)

Secretary:

- Financial Report on File/Treasurer Report: Liquid Fuels monies have been deposited. From the original estimation, we did receive a little over \$4,000 more. On February 18th, we received a notice from the RACP grant that our third reimbursement will be direct deposited on March 9th. We are still expecting just over \$12,000 after the Audit is completed. The new phone system will be installed on Monday, there was a cost savings on equipment and per month due to changes. We switched over to Constellation for our electric provider which has created a significant savings in our energy bills.
- Building Proposals: at the last meeting, the Board rejected all bids. HEPCO was not interested in rebidding, Martins resubmitted at \$18,550; T Ross resubmitted today at \$18,650 which was the same amount as their original bid.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to accept the lowest bid from Martins Construction to complete office renovations in the amount of \$18,550. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- NEIC/ZEO

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to accept NEIC's proposal for Zoning Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Aungst Locksmith and quote for signs/tint: the locksmith is for the buzzer door system.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve Aungst Locksmith quote in the amount of \$858.99 for buzzer system for new Sewer Office. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow Route 61 Signs to move forward with signs and window tinting in the amount of \$1,095. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Police Department: (Report on File)

- Taser Grant: asking for permission to apply for a grant that is due the end of this month. We are looking to replace our aging tasers. The grant is a 100% grant, not match on our part. The only stipulation is that we have to pay upfront and then get reimbursed.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Police Department to update tasers and other items in the amount of \$30,000 which is reimbursable through the grant process. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Fire Department: (No Report)

Fire Police: (Report on file)

Gotshall asked for Board approval to attend the events on the list provided to the Supervisors.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Point Township Fire Police to attend events in the following areas: Point Twp; Borough of North'd; Sunbury; Danville; Selinsgrove; Freeburg; Middleburg; Watsontown; Lewisburg; Catawissa; and any additional areas that request your services. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

EMA: (No Report)

- EMA Coordinator: Amy Hoffman

Yoxheimer EMA is not used on a regular basis, but when it is needed, it sure is good to have someone in that position.

Gotshall I am EMA for Northumberland Borough, I have numerous certificates, you can get some of them online.

Yoxheimer could we ask a favor of you, can you mentor Amy on what would be helpful for her.

McClain we have reached out to Steve Jeffreys at County, I believe Amy is looking to do this in the short run, we will get her certified. We are hoping someone else would be willing to step up.

Yoxheimer can the same person who is the EMA coordinator for the Borough, also serve for the Township?

McClain we did ask Jeffreys that, he advised it would be better to have our own.

Gotshall maybe since the Borough and the Township are in the same zip code, they would consider that as one.

Yoxheimer asked Gotshall if he would be interested in serving as the EMA coordinator for the Township.

Gotshall yes

Yoxheimer we will check to see if its possible to have him serve both for the Borough and the Township.

Gotshall some municipalities have a director and an assistant.

Yoxheimer that sounds like the way to go.

McClain unless Zach Black would like to help with that.

Black I am not opposed to it.

Yoxheimer we will do some research and see what we can find out.

Engineer: (No Report)

- Floodplain Ordinance: we are required to keep it in compliance with PEMA and FEMA

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Solicitor to advertise for the revised Flood Ordinance. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Yoxheimer we are looking to update a new Zoning Ordinance; we are hoping to have all our major ordinances updated by the summer.

- Guyer Brothers construction estimate for Growing Greener Project

Road Department: (Report on File)

- Paving Quotes/Revised: out front of the Township building and in front of the Police garages. The bids we got are all over \$27,000.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Solicitor and Roadmaster to prepare advertisement for bid paving around Township building. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Updated pricing for piping at Recreation Park: inch and a half water line, we need about 1500 feet of it, the cost is right around \$2400. We will install in house.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Road Department to purchase pipe and fittings for the Recreation Park. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Peters I think it may be better for us to rent a piece of equipment to dig that.

Yoxheimer maybe we can rent a ditch witch since its only for inch and a half pipe.

- Fuel pump for portable fuel tank: we have utilized this more often in the last year.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Road Department to purchase a transfer pump, not to exceed \$300. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- Dale Sellers contracting Mountain Road project \$11,799: still waiting to hear from the low volume roads to see if we can get any help from them.

Yoxheimer we are looking to do something similar to what was done on Comfort Road.

E. Persing asked if the Township has equipment to suck up leaves?

Yoxheimer yes

E. Persing you guys did a good job on Comfort Road, however the ditches are so full of leaves, it is starting to washout the road you just put in.

Wehry asked Jimmy if they ever picked leaves from the ditches on Comfort?

Neitz oh yes, Comfort, Mountain, all of them. On Comfort and Mountain, we blew them back into the woods.

Wehry a class I was in last year they showed a type of big blower that can be pulled behind a vehicle that blows the leaves.

T. Strouse I think Hoover tractor has them

R. Persing are there any plans for Lahrs Road? Or are you just going to let it like it is?

Neitz a lot of roads are bad.

Yoxheimer the issue with Lahrs is, right now Peters has been doing everything they can to get Lahrs Road Sewered. It would be foolish to do anything with the Road if we are able to come in and install Sewer. Wehry, how much of Lahrs Road can you get tacked back together? Are there areas you can zip and repair?

Wehry not much can be done with just cold patch. The buses and trucks will have it ripped up again.

Yoxheimer what stops us from going in and zipping those areas, and then having someone go in and oil and chip.

R. Persing you said in the fall it would be 3 to 5 years for Sewer to be run, and you said it was because there is a lot of failing septic systems, I only know of 1 house that put a new sand mound in, no one else. The residents along that road are 90% retirees, they aren't going to be able to afford a sewer bill and hook up fee. Public sewer isn't needed, so its not for us, its to make money for the Sewer Plant.

Peters the Sewer Authority doesn't make any money. You are sending a boat load of money downtown.

R. Persing with 42 residents, that's going to make more money for someone.

Peters we did a needs assessment, and Lahrs Road failed.

Yoxheimer the average age of a septic system is maybe 20/30 years.

T. Strouse the PA Farmer a couple years ago they had the average Mid Atlantic soil will support a septic system for 15 years, a standard system.

Yoxheimer we are trying to get done at a minimal cost to the Homeowners and the taxpayers.

Peters the sewer rates in our Township, are almost unforgivable, they are too high, but they are too high, because you're pumping all that money downtown. We in Point Township had no control over what happened downtown. At one time, \$52 dollars and 50 some cents, of the bill goes downtown to satisfy the debt on the sewer plant downtown. At every turn of the road, we are asking for help with this project, we just haven't gotten yet it.

(Discussion ensued)

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

- Approve/Sign Campbell Sewage Module

MOTION made by Peters to allow the Sewage module to be signed by Chairman and Planning Commission. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- Approve Alternates for SEO/Chris Bowers and Gene Powlus

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the Alternates for Sewage Enforcement Officers Chris Bower and Gene Powlus. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Zoning Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

- **Conditional Approval of Gordon Add-On Subdivision**

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to make a conditional approval for the Gordon Add-On Subdivision, conditioned on the shed to be removed and complete a deed of consolidation. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- **Conditional Approval Mertz Subdivision/Non-Building Waiver**

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to make a conditional approval for the Mertz Subdivision/Non-Building waiver, conditioned on deed of consolidation. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- **Approve Campbell Subdivision**

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the Campbell Subdivision. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Recreation: *(No Report)*

- **Port-a-Potty:** Derr will make sure April 1st a port-a-potty is brought in.

(Discussion ensued)

- **Dashing for Kindness Easter Egg Hunt, April 9th**

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow Dashing for Kindness to hold the egg hunt at the Point Park on April 9 and to waive the park fee for the egg hunt. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

Other Business:

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

G. Strouse there was talk about looking ahead and not being able to look into a crystal ball, I am a history buff. I wrote this in February of 2005. Continued to read which mentioned the concern of the traffic that would be caused with the new interchange and the likelihood of the traffic increasing on Ridge Road.

(Discussion ensued)

Pay Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 8:49PM

All motions passed by a hand vote.

Executive Session

List of Communications: *(On File)*

Financial Reports:

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hoffman, Office Clerk

Accounts Payable – Totaling: \$61,906.90

Amanda McClain, Secretary/Treasurer