

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

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., Joseph Stender, Sr. and Supervisor Thomas Strouse, Jr. Also, present were Solicitor Richard J. Shoch, Office Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain, Office Assistant Amy Hoffman, Roadmaster Jared Wehry, ZEO Jackie Hart and SEO Bill Toth. *(Police Chief Lutcher absent)*

Visitors present: Helen Peters; Earl & Karen Persing; Rick Dandes; Carol Erdman; Kim Jordan; Dennis Erdman; Joe Moralez; Lana Gulden; Art & Cathy Newbury; Randy Persing

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).*

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION** made by Neitz to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Mtg. held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

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

**Solicitor:**

**Secretary:** *(Financial Report on File)*

- *Budget dates – 11/1; 11/6; 11/9; 11/13:*

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to approve the budget/regular meeting dates of: 11/1, 11/6, 11/9; and 11/13. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- *Approve 2024 MMO:* Minimal Municipal Obligation for uniform and non-uniform.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to approve the 2024 MMO, in the amount of \$88,222. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- *Barry King PPL Letter:* we paid Tra Electric to remove 2 poles from the Barry King Bridge. PennDOT originally told me they could replace the lights with a grant, but in talking to them again, that grant was not an option for them anymore. So our options are: 1 – pay outright for lighting replacement, which was estimated around \$120,000; 2 – apply for grants to replace lighting, (both of those options would require an updated maintenance agreement with PennDOT); 3 – Do nothing and still be under the old maintenance agreement that was signed 7/8/1976 and be responsible for remaining lights; 4 – Submit a request to have lighting removed which could be included in the bridge project in 2026. *(Discussion ensued)*

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to have Tra Electric give us an estimate on removing the remaining pole lights, and have them taken down as long as it is under \$10,000. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.



**Yoxheimer** as long as the 3 other poles are not in jeopardy of falling down, lets just leave them alone until 2026 when PennDOT it looking to complete the bridge project.

- PennDOT TE-160 & TSMA Resolution 2023-06: The TE-160 is PennDOT application for Traffic Signal 'Approval'. After speaking to Matt Swartz from PennDOT he advised these forms were never filled out for the new signals and we are filling them out now as 'Existing Signals' as they are obviously up and running. Also, the TSMA (Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement) which was also overlooked by the States paperwork gurus. Part of this is a Resolution which is done for you to sign. We do already have an agreement with Tra to do yearly maintenance and act as emergency responders to any issues we would have. **Strouse** what happens if we don't sign them? The red lights are already there. **Yoxheimer** not sure what would happen, we will hold off right now on this. *(Discussion ensued)*
- MAP Resolution 2023-07: (map assistance program), this is the program Justin Skavery from County will be applying to, so we could possibly get half of the cost recovered. The remaining cost would then be split with the Borough since we are doing the joint comprehensive plan which is why the Resolution states 'not to exceed a quarter of the cost of the highest bid amount'. *(Discussion ensued)*

**MOTION** made by Neitz to approve the MAP Resolution 2023-07. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

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

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

**Fire Police:** *(No Report)*

**EMA:** *(No Report)*

**Engineer:** *(No Report)*

**Yoxheimer** we are in the middle of the Kapp Heights project. So far little complaints from the residents in that area.

**Neitz** asked if the Township Engineer checked the top of Prestley Terrace with that water situation? The storm sewer only goes to Wedegewood to see if that can be caught in the catch basin or not.

**Yoxheimer** at one point there was supposed to be a line run up Valleyview, and unfortunately because of where the cost of the project was, we did not include that. It's not impossible to include that, we could put some type of catch basin and then tie it into the system.

**Residents** raised concerns about water issues on their properties on Center Street. There used to be drainage there before. Neitz would come up and dig a trench. It went to the basin on Leed Street and the Center Street intersect. We have major flooding issues on Center since that isn't done anymore. Since we spoke to the road crew 2 years ago, and some ditch was done then, nothing has been done since. There is a woman that lives up there that doesn't want her yard dug up, they didn't dig it up, and now all that water stops at her property and floods across.

*(Discussion ensued)*

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

**Wehry** we have Libeck Road just about completed. We look next year about getting a seal coat on it. We need to have the Twp Engineer look at some more drainage issues up there.

**Yoxheimer** maybe while they are here, we will have them look at Comfort and Mountain Road.

- PennDOT Ridge Road Redlight Intersection: since the township has ownership of these lights now, we have to give them permission to get rid of the one left turning lane.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer conditionally approved the work PennDOT needs to do on Ridge Road at the red light, eliminating one of the left turn lanes. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.



- Freightliner Invoice for Ecks Garage: because of where the plow mount was located, it took them longer to do the work on this and therefore came in higher, from \$1,562.38 to \$2,133.89.
- Neitz Road Guiderail: this was supposed to be done, and never was. There was an engineer study done on that already. It does go up the hill and along the bridge.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to allow Chemung to place guiderail on the bridge on Neitz Road and along the hill, not to exceed \$20,000. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

**Wehry** one of our plow trucks, the shaft is bent. Took it to Zimmermans, he would have to rebuild the motor, which is about \$500 to \$600 range. A new motor is about \$670. Called Bradco for a price on a new one, and they said about \$870.

**Yoxheimer** the difference is about \$170 from rebuild to new, get a new one. Since this isn't on the agenda, we will put it on the agenda for next month. On another note, should we look to get Libeck sealed up before winter.

**Wehry** we can't use liquid fuels, Friday is the cut off for that. I can reach out to see what the cost is. We talked about doing it now or later since we still have to do some pipe work.

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

**Toth** 2 permits; 4 hours unbillable time

**Zoning/Ordinance Enforcement Officer:** (Report on File)

**Hart** 6 zoning permits were issued in the month of August. A more detailed report is on file.

**Planning Commission:** (No Report)

**Recreation:** (No Report)

**Sewer Authority:** (No Report)

**Other Business:** (None)

**General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:**

**Resident** asked about the Rental papers received in the mail. My mom lives at my house, she doesn't pay rent.

**Hart** explained we are trying to establish a good database and who has rentals. Your situation is certainly exempt from this ordinance.

**E. Persing** how does the sewage work? Who gets the money from the sewer bills? Where does that money go?

**Yoxheimer** there is fee, it is not uniform across the township, those payments go to the Sewer Authority. Under the Township is the Sewer Authority. The township appoints the members. We have to send our sewage to the Borough.

(Discussion ensued)

**E. Persing** on who's authority is that can tell residents that they have to connect to public sewer?

**Yoxheimer** about 10 years ago Toth did what is called a needs assessment. We identified the areas under a 537 plan. DEP requires you to do this, to make an assessment on how your sewage will be dealt with in the future. DEP would like to have all sewage going into a sewage plant.

**Toth** one of things that drives it is financing. When public sewer is available, it is for the good of the public, that it is better overall for the health and welfare of the community to have sewer in that area.

**Shoch** state law gives the township the authority to tell residents to hook up to public sewer.

**E. Persing** so since you are waiting for sewer to be run up Lahrs Road, the residents have to wait to have their road fixed.

**Yoxheimer** we are expecting some bigger business that wants to build on 405 near the new CSVt, and when that happens, we hope we can piggyback off that and run up Lahrs. Funding also becomes easier when you have a bigger business looking to move in.

*(Discussion ensued)*

**R. Persing** when we had all those hard rains, there was a ton of stone at the of Lahrs and 147.

**Yoxheimer** that's maintenance issues on the guys. They will look into that.

**R. Persing** when Neitz was there he would scrape the sides of the road.

**Pay Bills:**

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

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:21PM.

*All motions passed by hand vote.*

**Executive Session:**

Respectfully submitted,

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

Amy Hoffman, Office Assistant

**Financial Reports:**

Accounts Payable: Totaling -\$92,129.85

Amanda McClain, Office Mgr/Secretary/Treasurer