

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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, Supervisor James Neitz, Sr., and Supervisor Thomas Strouse, Jr. Also, present were Solicitor Richard J. Shoch, Office Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain, Office Assistant Amy Hoffman, Police Chief Craig Lutchter, Roadmaster Jared Wehry, ZEO Jackie Hart and SEO Bill Toth. *(Absent: Montie E. Peters and Joseph Stender, Sr)*

Visitors present: Earl & Karen Persing; Lana Gulden; Randy Persing; Tracy & George Rohrer; Jim & Deb Zerbe

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, September 12, 2023. Seconded by Strouse and passed with a vote of three (3), two (2) absent – *(Peters & Stender)*.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

Secretary: *(Financial Report on File)*

- Reminder of Budget dates: 11/1; 11/6; 11/9; 11/13: ad will run in 10/24
- VFRA (Volunteer Fire Relief Association): this is the money we get from the state, that must be distributed in 60 days to the Northumberland/Point Township Fire Relief Association. The amount is \$23,461.54.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to distribute funds to Fire Relief in the amount of \$23,461.54. Seconded by Neitz and passed with a vote of three (3), two (2) absent – *(Peters & Stender)*.

- Barry King Bridge Lighting: the township paid TRA Electric to remove 2 poles that were recognized via a courtesy bridge inspection by PennDOT as being unsafe. We did send a letter to Stender and Culvers offices for help with this burden that PennDOT is saying is ours to replace the lights.

Yoxheimer lets leave this on the agenda each month so we don't forget about this and that when it gets closer to PennDOT doing the bridge project, we can address this.

- PennDOT TE 160 and Resolution 2023-06: these were tabled at our last meeting, but we do need to get them signed at this meeting.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Chairman and the Secretary to sign the PennDOT TE-160 and Resolution #2023-06. Seconded by Neitz and passed with a vote of three (3), two (2) absent – *(Peters & Stender)*.

- Comprehensive Meeting: we have our next meeting set up for October 20th to discuss the submissions that were received. I should have a Supervisor to go along with me for that.

Police Department: *(Report on File)*

- Body Camera Policy: the body cameras came in from the grant, so the next step is to adopt a policy, this was given to the Solicitor to review which we got from Lex Pool, and which we will start to use them for all of our policies. They won't go into use until we have training.

MOTION made by Neitz to adopt the Body Camera Policy for the Police Department. Seconded by Strouse and passed with a vote of three (3), two (2) absent – *(Peters & Stender)*.

- Replacement of PC, can use ARP monies: our most heavily used patrol computer stopped working. We had to order a new one, total was \$855.91.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to retroactively approve the purchase of the computer for PD for \$855.91. Seconded by Neitz and passed with a vote of three (3), two (2) absent – *(Peters & Stender)*.

Lutcher we did get an email that the bullet proof vest grant was approved, so we will receive half of that cost.

G. Rohrer wanted to give a word of praise to the police department. We were away and had an internal motion alarm go off, and the police department was there in less than 5 minutes, kudos to PD for responding so quickly. It ended up being a false alarm, but we are thankful for the quick response.

Fire Department: *(No Report)*

Fire Police: *(No Report)*

EMA: *(No Report)*

Engineer: *(No Report)*

- Kapp Heights Project Change order #5: we received a change order. Part of our ability to get this grant was DEP requiring us to place some plant material in the basin, which will also require better soil, this is all part of the grant.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve change order #5 for \$18,700. Seconded by Neitz and passed with a vote of three (3), two (2) absent – *(Peters & Stender)*.

- Approve Chairman to sign change orders prior to mtg for Kapp Heights project: I have mixed emotions asking for this, but we have done it in the past. I am asking for approval for myself to be able to sign change orders prior to meetings. I will reach out to the Supervisors before signing them for their thoughts and approval.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Chairman to sign change orders, when necessary, prior to meetings. Seconded by Neitz and passed with a vote of three (3), two (2) absent – *(Peters & Stender)*. *(Discussion ensued)*

Road Department: *(Report on File)*

- Hydraulic Motor: this was mentioned at the last meeting, I have a total price of \$678.32.

MOTION made by Neitz to approve the purchase of the Hydraulic Motor in the amount of \$678.32. Seconded by Strouse and passed with a vote of three (3), two (2) absent – *(Peters & Stender)*.

Wehry last month we were made aware of some drainage issues on Center Street, we were up there and worked on that, road is grated. Libeck Road was sealed for the winter. Leaf picking will begin at the end of this month/beginning of November until the Friday before Christmas.

Stouse did you look into a blower for Mountain and Comfort?

Wehry we did borrow a blower from Upper Augusta last year, but they share the machine with a couple other municipalities, and they are not looking to let us borrow/rent it on a regular basis. I called a few places last year and no one has any to rent.

Strouse what about Hoover Tractor, they are in Mifflinburg. (**Wehry** I will give them a call)

Neitz will talk to East Cameron Township, they have one.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

Toth inspected 2 systems, issued a permit for a tank replacement.

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

Hart we had a lot of zoning permits: 3 manufactured homes; 2 solar systems; carport; pole barn and a loading dock addition. A more detailed code report is on file.

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

Hart advised board the Troxell plan that was submitted was wrong and they withdrew and are revising, and we also had a submittal from Jeffrey Mertz for a minor subdivision. It is actual 2 add-on lots for the Mertz properties that were separated by the bypass.

Recreation: *(No Report)*

Derr we weathered the storm. Had Zach Black from Fire Police at the park on Sunday to help with parking, it went well. (**Wehry** we did put caution tape around the no trespassing signs to try and help, I may look to put up some more permanent signs) I am looking for 6-inch high curbs to place along the property line to try and keep people out of the neighbor's yards.

Martin since I was once involved with the park, I get phone calls about it even though I'm not involved anymore. When we started the park, football played 1 game on Sundays. I don't know why they are always down at this park and not playing other places.

Derr football uses the park for 4 Sundays in the fall, they have 23 teams in the league.

Martin I was told they played all their games down there. (**Derr** that's not true, they play 4 home games and 4 away games) Never thought the park would get used for this magnitude. What is the solution for parking? I was told soccer can't get on the field.

Derr when it is just football at the park, we can fit everyone. Soccer not being able to get on their field, is a lie. I contacted Sue with the soccer club who does the scheduling with the 4 dates that soccer can't use the park, and she admitted to Amy, that it was her fault that those dates got missed. We contacted her last year with the same request, and she was able to accommodate those 4 dates.

Martin the other thing I am being told, is that they have to pay a fee to play down there. Do they have to pay to play?

Derr there is a fee just for games, not for practicing.

Yoxheimer what is the cost for them to play? (**Hoffman** it is \$15 an hour)

Martin I was told it was \$35 (**Hoffman/Derr** no, its \$15 an hour)

Shoch I think the person who raised the questions on social media, ultimately acquiesced once he had seen the emails that had gone out from whoever does the soccer scheduling. It's not that one is not being allowed to use the field, because football is monopolizing it. She admitted that she forgot about the dates that John had given her, and had she remembered, it would not have been a problem.

Martin the concession stand, does that money come back to the Township.

Derr the concession stand is rented. I have people in there because no one from the teams wants to volunteer to work in there. So, I work it, and then that money goes back into the park.

Martin see, I wasn't told that. (**Strouse** isn't it funny how things fall through the cracks.)

Martin so they are paying the electric and that stuff.

Derr/Hoffman no, that's what the rental fee would cover.

Martin what is the rental fee? (**Derr** \$75 for a day) (**Neitz** that should take care of the electric.)

McClain let me just speak to the financials, we have gotten \$42,000 in grants for the park in the last 5 years. We have replaced playground equipment and added new equipment to benefit all teams. We had a water leak that cost us a lot of money to remedy. Derr puts a lot of work into the schedule and the park. If everyone could be an adult in the scheduling situation, I think it could have easily been rectified. I personally took great offense to the Facebook banter. I would love it if more people came in here and actually got the facts instead of just spreading what they read online. I take huge offense to that! So, I welcome anybody to come in our office, anytime and ask what really is going on.

Martin that's why I am here tonight.

Hoffman you don't have to wait for a meeting, you can gladly give us a call or stop.

Martin I would just like to see a committee formed; I don't want to be involved. I want to see all the kids be able to use the park.

Yoxheimer to be perfectly honest, no one is interested. You see people saying they are interested, but that will only last a short time. I have dealt with John for multiple years now, to be honest with you, he has been as able and capable as anyone we have had, and he puts most of it on his shoulders. If there were any chance of getting a good, effective recreation commission back together, I certainly would not have any concerns with it. Most people that are involved with it have their own kids involved, once their kids are out of it, they are not interested anymore. For quite a few years before John got involved, there wasn't anything at the park. The crowd that you see, I believe is because of the work that he has done.

E. Persing if these people would come here every month, they talk about this stuff every month. Those people that are sitting on Facebook writing all that stuff, they should already know that, if they come to the meetings. They have time to spend on Facebook, they can spend 2 hours a month here.

Yoxheimer social media has its good side, it also can have negative impacts, particularly when the information that is being placed on it is not accurate, and you have individuals looking to create a situation/conflict than they are to resolve conflict. I think this last month you have seen a good example of that.

Martin that's why I came, to get the answers.

Hoffman and of all those people making comments on Facebook, include the person who originated the post, you are the only one here.

R. Persing on behalf of John, he is a pain sometimes, but he is down there busting his butt all the time, during the spring, during the summer, and in the fall, he does a good job. And as far as money he is making off the concession stand, I am glad to have a hamburger and a cold soda on a hot day.

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

Other Business: *(None)*

J. Zerbe from 122 Peters Road, wants to know what is going on with the old schoolhouse on Spruce Hollow? They dug the basement out and hauled all that up and dumped it on my property.

Hart there is currently a stop work order on that. We will be having a meeting coming up shortly.

Yoxheimer there are multiple other issues going on there. I believe however that my Solicitor will advise that is a civil issue.

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

G. Rohrer has there been any new things come from the state in the last 2 months regarding Encina?

Hart we have not received anything new from them. (**G. Rohrer** they have not resubmitted a height variance?) no.

G. Rohrer did you know they got their permit from the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration). They were denied a 300 foot variance but got approved for 264 foot variance for flying.

(Discussion ensued)

G. Rohrer Save the Susquehanna is holding a concerns citizens meeting about Encina in Danville on October 18th at 6:30pm in the Danville Borough Ballroom.

Pay Bills:

MOTION made by Strouse to pay bills. Seconded by Neitz and passed with a vote of three (3), two (2) absent – (*Peters & Stender*).

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

All motions passed by hand vote.

Executive Session:

Respectfully submitted,

List of Communications: (*On File*)

Amy Hoffman, Office Assistant

Financial Reports:

Accounts Payable: Totaling –\$15,132.37

Amanda McClain, Office Mgr/Secretary/Treasurer