

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 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., and Supervisor Thomas Strouse, Jr. (arrived at 7:08PM) Also, present were Solicitor Richard J. Shoch, Chief of Police Craig Lutchter, Office Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain and Office Assistant Amy Hoffman, Roadmaster Jared Wehry, ZEO Jackie Hart and SEO Bill Toth. (Absent: Joseph Stender, Sr.)

Visitors present: Earl & Karen Persing; George Rohrer; Pat Brown

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 Peters to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Mtg. held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Seconded by Neitz and passed by a vote of three (3), two (2) absent – Stender & Strouse.

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

**Solicitor:** working on easements for the project you got me parcel numbers for.

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

- Tra Electric/Route 11 Bridge Lighting: Tra Electric gave us a quote of \$2,495 to have the 2 poles removed on the Barry King Bridge.

**Yoxheimer** since this was a safety issue, I approved this to be taken care of already, and now looking to get it retroactively approved.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to retroactively approve the signing of the Tra Electric quote in the amount of \$2,495. Seconded by Peters and passed with a vote of three (3), two (2) absent – Stender & Strouse.

- Fire Tax Distribution: asking for motion to distribute the fire tax monies evenly to the two fire companies, Tuckahoe and Point, in the amount of \$26,500 each.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to distribute the Fire Tax monies in the amount of \$26,500 to each fire Company, Tuckahoe and Point. Seconded by Neitz and passed with a vote of three (3), two (2) absent – Stender & Strouse.

(Strouse arrived at 7:08PM)

- SilverTip Quote: per the discussion we had last meeting about the water issues here at the building, we had SilverTip give us a second quote with just replacing the two pieces we currently have that are original. This quote came in around half of the first quote (\$3,450), for \$1,750.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to approve the quote from SilverTip, \$1,750. Seconded by Peters and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent – Stender.

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

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

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

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

- Mike Erdman – Herb Gotshall resignation Assistant EMA Coordinator: **McClain** we received a letter from Gotshall resigning as Assistant EMA Coordinator on June 20<sup>th</sup>.  
**McClain** last month the Board discussed Erdman as EMA Coordinator, but the Board decided that they wanted him to attend a meeting. He unfortunately works the next 2 months on the Tuesday we have meeting, but he is trying to change his schedule to come for August.

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

- Change Orders: **Yoxheimer** we have received some change orders for the Kapp Heights project. Change order #1 is for the basin itself.  
**Strouse** was that put in by the developer of Kings Point? **Yoxheimer** yes. That basin was installed back in 2002.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to accept change order number one, in the amount of \$6,300. Seconded by Peters and passed with a vote of four (4) one (1) absent – Stender.

Change order #2, has to do with a junction boxes themselves, they will be 6x6, and 14 feet down. This was designed by Diehl Vault.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to accept change order number two, in the amount of \$6,325. Seconded by Peters and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent – Stender.

Change order #3 is a no cost change order, has to do with the grates.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to accept change order number three, which is at no cost. Seconded by Strouse and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent – Stender.

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

**Yoxheimer** wasn't there a tree issue on Stone School while you were away?

**Wehry** just went and looked at that today. We got a complaint about trees along Stone School that looked like they were going to fall over, they have always looked that way. Took pictures so we have that on record. A couple are dead.

**Yoxheimer** we will have to contact the homeowner eventually. I know we had issues with that homeowner in the past when we looked to remove some trees with the sewer project.

**Strouse** do you have a blade lined up to push this dirt from the Kapp Heights project?

**Wehry** we will have a dozer here. (**Strouse** do you have that scheduled?) Weavers knows we need one, but we have not been given a definite date yet.

**Yoxheimer** what will actually be the starting point with this project, will be when we hear from Diehl Vault that the boxes are ready.

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

**Toth** 3 systems were constructed, 2 of them were finished. I haven't received official word, but Amy and Jackie said they heard that Nittany Learning is not going in on Route 11. (**Yoxheimer** asked Hart what happened with the project)

**Hart** they were not going to make the deadline for school to start. They have already found another place.



**Toth** that beauty shop that was up on Route 405, all they have to do now is go through planning.

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

**Hart** 3 zoning permits issued in June; 3 roof top solar system, a pavilion, and a more detailed property maintenance report on file.

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

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

**McClain** received all of the items we ordered that we got through the grants. Waiting to hear from Derr when they will be able to put the bleachers and benches up. He advised of a grant through Bimbo Bakery, waiting to hear details on that.

**Wehry** the pavilion at Oak Park is gone.

**McClain** the pavilion at the Point Park has all been stained and looks very nice. I will be working on a grant to add electric for the next grant round.

**Wehry** we will look to stain the fence next in front of the playground.

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

**Other Business:** *(None)*

**Strouse** what is going on with logging on Hookies?

**Yoxheimer** a lot of the residents wanted to keep the wood. The logger will not come and drop the trees and leave them. The Solicitor will look into the Township being able to tell the residents to remove the trees that are in our right of way at their expense when the time comes. We will look at Hookies later, we need to get the other 2 areas done first.

**Strouse** years ago we received a letter from PennDOT stating what the symbols they put on the trees meant, the letter said we had to take care of them, or they would and they would charge us for it.

**Yoxheimer** if I knew that the homeowner was going to miss out on a small fortune with us doing this, I would feel different, but in most cases it's a few trees on each property.

**Yoxheimer** as an FYI, there is a property looking to be sold in the Township. They did an expansion on this commercial project but didn't complete a land development plan. Back when they were working on the project, when we realized they started the project without a land development plan, per our ordinance we did a cease-and-desist order on the project. It ended up being a big thing, they created a lot of bad publicity for the township, and we ended up agreeing on, was to allow them to continue with construction with the understanding that they committed to doing a stormwater detention plan and to do some ENS measures to get the water from their facility to this existing basin that they had, they never completed it. Because of all the issues we had, at that point we weren't going to chase after them because we knew it would eventually come back around. Because they are looking to sell, they have to do a phase 1 environmental study. I got the call from the person doing the study asking if there were any issues with this project, and I said yes, there was a stormwater plan that was never fully implemented and they have been using the facility ever since. The day after that phone call, the contractor stopped here at the Township asking what was going on. We will be looking to have some sort of as-built plan presented to the Township that shows what they agreed to be completed, was in fact completed. At the time the Township was going through some other turmoil and the comment that this guy actually made to us was, do you really want open this can of worms now with everything else you have going on. Asked Hart if under LNI, under commercial plan, there is a minimum number of parking spaces?

**Hart** yes, under the use and occupancy would determine number of parking spots. We could go back to the year it was completed, which would be 2009 and see what code says.

**General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:**

**Rohrer** any updates on Encina, as far as them submitting new plans? Submitting for the sewage, for the wastewater?

**Hart** we have not received anything

**Yoxheimer** the only thing we heard was that they got a new individual, Joe Morales, he is their new local representative.

**Rohrer** I saw he was on the regional waste water board.

**Yoxheimer** I know him personally, I have known him for many years.

**Rohrer** the did submit something to DEP. Does that mean they are by passing you here?

**Yoxheimer** unless we are copied, we are non-regulatory, that is between them and DEP.

**Shoch** there was something that we received from DEP that we were cc'd on, a deficiency letter, 19 deficiencies.

**Yoxheimer** normally there may be about half a dozen to a dozen deficiencies on the first submission, and by the second one, they usually have it down to a few, but that was not the case with this.

**Rohrer** do you have control over the solid waste? They will have a tremendous amount of sludge.

**Toth** that would be industrial waste if it is not sewage. They handle that by EPA regulations or state. They over see that; we don't touch it.

**Rohrer** yes, there were some rumors that they would spread it on the land there, the sludge.

**Yoxheimer** one thing I caution everyone, is, research, and education is a good thing, and I would recommend that people really not listen to a lot of rumors about them spreading all sorts of materials out there. If you don't see it normally, you won't see it out there.

**Rohrer** would the Township be willing to invite DEP to have open public meetings.

**Strouse** there will be a time for public comment.

**Yoxheimer** in the past we have had DEP in our room, in many cases, I don't know how effective they were. You have people so against it, regardless of what DEP does or doesn't say, people aren't going to buy it. I am not opposed to it, I just don't know how valuable it would be.

**Peters** we have done this before, we would have a room tilted toward not wanting Encina, so they only want to hear reasons that they are not going to be allowed to be here, not that they have complied.

*(Discussion ensued)*

**Pay Bills:**

**MOTION** made by Strouse to pay bills. Seconded by Neitz and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent – Stender.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57PM.

*All motions passed by hand vote.*

**Executive Session:**

Respectfully submitted,

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

Amy Hoffman, Office Assistant

**Financial Reports:**

Accounts Payable: Totaling -\$18,885.14

Amanda McClain, Office Mgr/Secretary/Treasurer