

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024**

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 Thomas Strouse, Jr., Supervisor Montie Peters, Supervisor Joseph Stender, Jr. and Supervisor Clay Rowe. Also, present were Solicitor Richard J. Shoch, Office Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain and Office Assistant Amy Hoffman, Roadmaster Jared Wehry, ZEO Jackie Hart and SEO William Toth.

Visitors present: Helen Peters; Tom & Glenda Strouse; Lana Gulden (non-resident); Zachary Black (left for a fire call before meeting started); George Rohrer; Dave Rebeck (on February sign in sheet non-resident was marked and on March sign-in sheet resident was marked); Barbara & Larry Redington; Earl & Karen Persing; Pat Brown; Mike Erdman (left before start of mtg, returned at 7:15); Andrew Youngs (non-resident, left before start of meeting, returned at 7:15); Randy Cimino; Radny Persing; Pat Brown; Earl Persing; Patricia Prigt; James Neitz, Sr..

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).*

Yoxheimer asked for a moment of silence for the Township residents that lost their lives in a house fire.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION made by Peters to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Meeting held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- *Games of Chance:* Strouse had asked the Secretary about the article that was in the paper with the City of Sunbury cracking down on the games of chance machines and if this was something we wanted to look into doing. I looked at the code that was referenced in the article and it falls under chapter 106 of the Sunbury code, which is license occupations and then a subset of that is license fee for amusement devices and vending machines. It does not specify the fee; I think the article had \$100. The owner of the machines would pay the fee, not the establishment that has it. To put an ordinance together would be fairly easy. Something to consider is how many are there in the township and look at any of these other amusement type things and have any license fee for them, such as billiard halls.

Yoxheimer is there a lot of them in the township.

Hart Sunbury has a full-time code office that goes out and does that.

Yoxheimer lets quiz Sunbury to see how it is going for them.

Strouse I don't think it is working for them

Hart Danville Borough does the same thing and they have a list of establishments and the administration just sends out an invoice.

Peters how do you differentiate between a short stop and a fire company?

Shoch you don't. Usually, the fire company does not own the machine and that is who you would be collecting the fee from.

Peters/Yoxheimer I think we should just table for now.

McClain maybe there is an easy way to find out how many there are in the Township.

Secretary: *(Financial Report on File)*

- AIA Contract signatures/Change order for garage:

MOTION made by Peters to allow the Chairman to sign the AIA contract for low bid that went to Martins for \$214,356. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the change order #1 for the new garage with taller garage doors in the amount of \$6,641. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Sale of Police Cruiser: The police cruiser sold for \$5,100 on Municibid, the buyer came on 3/7/2024 and completed transfer.

- Email Security: in talking to GoDaddy, who our email is through, as well as our Tech advisor, we are requesting additional security for our email. The cost is \$787 annually.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to engage in the added security for email from GoDaddy in the amount of \$787. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Police Department: *(Report on File)*

Strouse keep your cars locked, people are going through them.

Filbert last Monday, the 4th, the fire at my parents house, I just wanted to pass on the outstanding job that Officer Kelly did. He was ready to help where needed, he helped with CPR, the last I knew he was covered in mud from the knees down, doing whatever he needed to do.

Fire Department: *(No Report)*

Fire Police: *(Report on file)*

- Approval of Fire Police Events for 2024: read the list of events.

MOTION made by Peters to approve the events for 2024 for the Fire Police. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

Strouse, Jr. any word on a grant for their vests.

McClain we have not heard back. The vests we ordered did come in and he picked them up.

EMA: *(No Report)*

- Approval of Deputy EMA Andrew Youngs:

MOTION made by Rowe to approve Andrew Youngs as Deputy EMA Coordinator for Point Township. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Engineer: *(No Report)*

Yoxheimer we are now in the process of getting a bid ready for the paving in the Kapp Heights project, which would be part of the Multimodal Grant and the Growing Greener grant. We will have a special meeting on March 28th to make approvals for this project.

Road Department: *(Report on File)*

- **Brine:** **Yoxheimer** Kyle Bettleyon that lives in the Township, approached me about the Township utilizing this method to treat roads. He asked me a day or 2 one of the winter storms we had, which was not conducive to get approval at a meeting, I told him if it was a minimal amount, you could try a small section of road so we could see how it worked. I had Wehry monitor where this was done.

Wehry this is not a fix for all storms. I really did not notice a difference with the brine. I thought the plowing and the salt worked better. I did not see a benefit this year.

MOTION made by Stender, Jr. to retroactively approve the payment of the Brine work that was done by Bettleyon this winter. Seconded by Rowe and passed with a vote of four (4), with one (1) abstention.

- **Leed Street Pipe replacement:** we need calvinized pipe, 3 sticks of 18inch, \$1,320

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Roadmaster to purchase the pipe needed for Leed Street in the amount of \$1,320. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Wehry Need to get letter to the Hookies Grove residents about holding a special meeting to discuss tree removal. I did the traffic study for Mountain Road. I can give this to Rick to complete the Ordinance. I did talk to Liberty Township and they did not do a study or have any engineering done to place their sign. They said they talked to PennDOT, and they told them they could put it up, that has not been my experience. We can restrict length without an engineering study. This would be placed on Mountain & Ridge and Hookies & Mountain. We sat through an LTAP class and talked to the instructor and told him about our process with the zipper and they are interested in hosting a road show here at the township with the crew and I and using our machine as the training.

Yoxheimer there are not too many townships that can do their own roads.

Wehry sealcoating, which is basically tar& chip, should be done every 5 to 7 years, so Comfort Road maybe next year or the year after, will probably have to be done again. Putting seal on every 5 to 7 years will prolong the road.

(Discussion ensued)

Strouse, Jr. we paved Neitz probably 15 years ago, we never tar and chipped that. (**Wehry** correct, that's original) Its going backwards, and that's a shame to lose it.

Wehry I was just out there today because we got a call about the edge of the road breaking up going up the hill, in that area. My thought is that we should be able to get in there with the zipper. (**Strouse, Jr.** but we wouldn't have to do that if we would have sealed it) I agree, but this is where we are at. I think we could zip some areas that are bad, not the whole thing. I brought up crack seal on Gibbons and Stone School for this reason, we have to try and keep our good roads, good. We will look into crack seal in the fall since we cannot do that until the winter.

Strouse, Jr. did you find out anything about returning these big pipes?

Wehry yes, we are waiting on ADS, LB is waiting to hear from them on a restocking fee.

Strouse, Jr. would we be better putting them on Municibid and selling them?

Wehry they were bought with a grant, so that would be a question for Todd.

Peters we aren't getting rid of it until we have some cold hard numbers.

Yoxheimer could you guys return that a stick at a time?

Wehry yes, it goes back to Muncy I believe.

Yoxheimer what we need to focus on over the next few years, if economics allows it, is to increase the amount of roadwork we do. We are not getting ahead of it. There are a lot of roads that may benefit from the seal coat and we can get them done at once to save on mobilization.

Persing, R. asked Tom how Lahrs Road was compared to Neitz. A lot of roads are bad.

Strouse, Jr. Lahrs Road is much better than Neitz.

(Discussion ensued)

Cimino Comfort Road is only done from gun club up, Ridge to the Gun Club is crap.

Wehry to do about 6,000 feet of seal coat, this is just the section of Hookies we are looking to do, and this does not include any contracting work that we can't do in house, stone box, rent roller, purchase stone, just the seal coat with the fog seal will be \$140,000 for 6,000 feet, 20 feet wide. The liquid fuel money we get every year is in the range of \$140,000 to \$150,000.

Strouse so roughly a mile.

Wehry if you're looking to pave a mile, then you are looking at a million a mile. Regardless, we are trying to do our best with the money we have.

Neitz why don't you look into turning Hookies back to stone until you can afford to do something.

Yoxheimer we would like to get rid of the trees before we do anything with that road.

Strouse I talked to some of the landowners and they said if they were aware that by saying they wanted to keep the trees was holding up the project, then they would have said they didn't want the trees.

(Discussion ensued)

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

Toth 1 electric inspection, that's it.

Zoning Enforcement Officer: *(Report on File)*

Hart 1 zoning permits this last month, for solar at 434 Stone School Road.

- *Anonymous Complaints:* wanted to bring up about our contract that our company has about code enforcement. When we were hired, the contract basically is to initiate enforcement on complaints that are received in writing, with a signature. I believe there was a vote here last fall that said we are not to act on any anonymous complaints. We have been receiving some complaints that aren't formally written, and I just want to know if the Supervisors. If we can discuss again how you want us to handle. We do not patrol looking for them.

Rowe the reason this is coming up, is because a resident came to me, with a serious violation. Me as an elected official, wanted it investigated. She wants to remain anonymous, not to the board or to you, but to the public because the individual, she doesn't want him throwing a brick or fear of him retaliating.

Hart we never give a name.

Rowe she wants to remain anonymous to the public. This is a serious violation; I consider it a possible health hazard. He has a pig farm, pigs can carry diseases, parasites, could get into well water. It is a serious situation, it's in a residential area, and I am kind of upset that it wasn't already investigated. I think as a Township Supervisor, if I decide myself, that it is a serious violation and it needs to be investigated, and I looked into it, and it warrants an investigation, it should be done. Now if someone calls in and anonymously complains and it is a serious violation, I still think we should look into it.

Hart I understand what you are saying, but I am an employee and I need to have guidance from the Supervisors on how they want it handled.

Rowe I understand that, but from a Township official I think that should have been enough.

Peters the reason we did this, it is done on complaint base, you don't get to piss on your neighbor and remain anonymous because you are unhappy.

Yoxheimer the way I think we need to handle this, if there is an anonymous complaint that comes in, I think the girls can assign it to a Supervisor, and let the Supervisor get in touch with the person filing the complaint and then the Supervisor can decide if it warrants further investigation.

(Rowe provided some pictures with pigs that he printed from the persons Facebook page)

Hart what our rights are as code officers, there are so many things we are not able to do. We are not able to go anywhere, but a public way. If there is a fence around the property, it is illegal for us to

put a camera above our head and take a picture, its illegal search and seizure. If this individual lives close by and allows us on there property to take photos, that's when we are able to see that there is an issue, we cannot just go in gangbusters. Having photos like this, and this is on social media, now I have probable cause that I can get a search warrant. Bill Brady has been at this address 5 times now looking for someone to try and get access.

(Discussion ensued)

Yoxheimer lets let Rick out together a policy about this that reflects Peters concerns about NEIC will not go unprovoked and looking for these, that they do have to be complaint driven. Complaints can come in, in 2 forms: come in signed from the complainant or come in anonymously and then that is where it will go to a Supervisor to investigate.

MOTION made by Peters to send the code official out on a complaint received for a property at 3015 Ridge Road. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: *(Report on File)*

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

Recreation: *(No Report)*

Derr there will be no egg hunt on the March 23rd, not enough help. That could be something the residents could do if they wanted to get together and do one. In place of the egg hunt on the 23rd, we will have a work party.

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

Yoxheimer in the process of a grant for relining sewer on 405. Same logger we used for Kapp, we want to do work on 405 and get him for Hookies. The original estimate cost was in excess of a million and a half. We have had an opportunity to work with another authority, West Branch Regional. They came in with an estimate, without the pipe, for labor itself, for around \$500,000. We are going to investigate the possibility of a low interest loan versus a PennVest loan. We used this authority on another project, and we had estimated the relining project to be around \$120,000 and it ended up being \$83,000. We do not have to worry about prevailing wage since they are an authority. We could possibly use West Branch for Lahrs Road.

Peters what do you guys know about River Run?

Neitz they have been sold.

Peters so they shut down. Amanda, what was the size of the check.

McClain Rick Dandes was told by Mr. Hoffman at River Run, that it did not sell, but the check we received from County for the realty transfer tax distribution, was over \$9,000, and Mr. Hoffman told him they are temporarily shut down and 40 to 50 employees left go. There was a transfer of some type.

Shoch I did some research on papers that were filed in the last month or so. They created an LLC, not sure if they are trying to get out from under something. But they transferred that deed into that entity, and they gave the mortgage to this Ocean II Plo, LLC, that is the financier.

(Discussion ensued)

Other Business:

Yoxheimer there was article in the Danville paper that misquoted something I said about Encina. There was a retraction put in with the correct comment. We will leave this here if anyone wants to read this.

Persing, R. there have been multiple car break ins in the township, maybe place on website.

Strouse, Jr. is there anything going on with the comprehensive plan?

McClain still waiting for the MAP grant, I am in contact with Justin Skavery from the County **Strouse Jr.** and the ag security area?

Shoch I need to get with you and get that organized.

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

Pay Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:48PM.

All motions passed by hand vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Session: held for informational purposes only

List of Communications: *(On File)*

Amy Hoffman, Office Assistant

Financial Reports: *(On File)*

Amanda McClain, Office Mgr/Secretary/Treasurer

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