

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025**

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, Chief Kevin Herring (*left at 7:05pm for a pizza party for Bregensir*), 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; Earl & Karen Persing; Pat Brown; Ryan & Samantha Romig; Jean Neitz; Julie & Dan Kratzer; Randy Persing; Mark Gratzinger (not a resident, here on behalf of Lacrosse). Present for swearing in, but did not sign in: Jacob & Lindsey Shipman; Judge Diehl; Bri Ann Herring; Gary Bregensir; Dara Kieski (*all left at 7:05pm with Chief Herring for the pizza party*)

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*).

Swearing in of Officer Bregensir – Judge Diehl: Bregensir sworn in.

Herring is it okay for me to continue with my agenda items, we are having a small party for Gary.

Yoxheimer yes, that is fine

Police Department: (*Report on File*)

- Swearing in of new officer - Bregensir:
- Ordinance for Solicitation Permits: Rick and I are still looking into this, will have something for next months meeting.
- Ratify vote from July Meeting for vest purchase for new hire – Shipman: with the new hire of Bregensir, we are in the same boat as Shipman and need to get him a new vest.

MOTION made by Peters to ratify the vote from the July 8, 2025 meeting for a vest for new hire, Shipman, and also to purchase a 2nd vest for Bregensir at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 in total for both vests. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

- Purchase of uniform/vest for new hire - Bregensir:
- S. Luther Savidge Trust funding received: I had submitted a request for funding for an evidence camera. We received \$4,211.74 for the purchase of the camera and equipment.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

E Persing asked why public comments are allowed at this point, Shoch and Yoxheimer proceed in giving an explanation for that on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION made by Peters to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Mtg held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- Approve the O&M Agreement: this is an operation and maintenance agreement, this is a standard agreement we have used in the past for the sewage planning module.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the O&M Agreement for Romig land development plan. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Discussion of Driveway Ordinance: Jackie and I had gotten together and talked about a couple of our ordinances. The driveway ordinance with her being in the field, Jackie has gotten feedback from residents about people being allowed to have a second driveway on a single parcel.

Hart the reason this came up, was because on Stone School Rd, I am sure you all remember a gentleman came in about parking his work box truck in a 2nd driveway he had created. The ordinance the Township currently has states that you can only have 1 driveway fronting a road, but there is a provision that allows the resident to come in and make a request to the Supervisors for a 2nd driveway if there are certain circumstances. There is a neighbor on Stone School that is upset with this 2nd driveway being allowed, that it blocks his view, that he built a brand new house, he feels he should have been notified about what this neighbor was looking to do. If we are going to keep that as an option for residents, I think we should change that to become a conditional use where neighbors are notified. I thought this could be discussed while we are codifying ordinances.

Yoxheimer I would like Jared's input. Once you go off the Township road with your driveway, you can make the parking area as big as you want.

Peters they could just come in their driveway and make a left hand turn and park the truck.

Hart I understand, but they do have 2 driveways, and I go down that road all the time and I just don't think it is very becoming.

Yoxheimer from the standpoint of conditional use, I think you are right about that.

Hart I brought that up, since it was a complaint I had heard. There are different regulations you can put in, if you have 300 feet of road frontage, you are allowed to have 2.

Strouse, Jr. what are the regulations on state roads?

Hart I believe it's 300.

Wehry I agree with Jackie, the less tie ins with our roads, the less drainage issues, etc....

(Discussion ensued)

Secretary: (Financial Report on File)

- Approve Resolution 2025-02/Signatory for PennDOT Winter Maintenance: this is required for winter maintenance and this is for who will be able to sign the agreement.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve Resolution 2025-02 for signatory for PennDOT winter maintenance. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Sign/approve PennDOT Winter Maintenance Agreement: this is a 5-year agreement, covers Ridge, Strawbridge and Spruce Hollow. This contract is \$10,000 less than the last 5-year contract.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the signing of the PennDOT winter maintenance agreement. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Peters is Acorn Drive under the state winter maintenance agreement?

Wehry no, they turned that back over to us.

Peters what about the part that is in W. Chilli?

Wehry we salt and plow like we do the rest of the road.

Shoch that road is access to homes that are in the Township.

Yoxheimer part of it is not in the Township, so what happens with the repairs?

Peters that's a battle to be fought at a later time.

(Discussion ensued)

Yoxheimer asked the Solicitor to look into having that section of road marked as Twp.

Police Department: *(Report on File) (all items listed were discussed at the beginning of the meeting)*

- Swearing in new officer - Bregensir:
- Ordinance for Solicitation permits:
- Ratify vote from July meeting for vest for new hire - Shipman:
- Purchase of uniform/vest for new hire - Bregensir:
- S. Luther Savidge trust funding received:

Fire Department: *(No Report)*

Fire Police: *(No Report)*

EMA: *(No Report)*

Engineer: *(No Report)*

Yoxheimer I have talked with Todd. Jared has been talking with him about work on Hookies.

Strouse, Jr. what is the status of the audit for the Fire Companies?

Shoch I talked to Tony with Klaciks and he sent over a list of the different types of audits. I can send that to the Board to see what you would like to have done.

Road Department: *(No Reports)*

Discussion ensued regarding the rental of the boom mower.

- John Deere Boom Mower status: **Peters** if it is free to put on Municibid, put it back on there.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Roadmaster to place the John Deere mower on Municibid with a reserve of \$20,000. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Hookies Grove Road Update: last month, Big Rock placed approximately 8 inches of 2A subbase on just over 6,000 feet. Midland is scheduled for next Thursday to place the seal coat. Because of the dry weather, the stone has become somewhat segregated on a little over half of Hookies. I talked with a few contractors. We decided to use screenings and water. Today we did a test where we took about 10 tons of screenings and Kyle from K&T Excavating put down about 1500 gallons of water, did about a 500-foot test area. As of this afternoon, it was still good. *(Explained the process with the screenings and water)*

(Discussion ensued)

Strouse, Jr have you looked at the weather for next Wednesday and Thursday?

Wehry not next week, I didn't look that far out yet.

Strouse, Jr. its 80% chance of rain and 75% on Wednesday and Thursday.

(Discussion ensued on options for spreading the water)

Wehry water would be a charge per load from Kyle.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to spend no more than \$6,000 on water and the purchase of screenings for Hookies. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

Strouse Jr. if it doesn't rain we need to put some dust control down on Neitz Road

Wehry that is \$1.80 a gallon for cost on dust control. I was thinking that's why it would be beneficial to having our own spreader.

Strouse, Jr. at least in front of Martins house.

- Discuss pipe under Egans Driveway: Tom had wanted me to put this on the agenda, to possibly put a pipe under Egans driveway. His driveway is at a steeper section on Hookies. I did talk to Rick about having the Township install the pipe if they purchased the pipe. We do get water from their driveway on to Hookies Grove Road, we did some rock lining on the upside. We have more to do, to try and help slow down some of the water. I think years ago it was not installed correctly.

Yoxheimer what size pipe are you thinking? 18?

Wehry probably 18, 15 at the minimum. I would get Todd's opinion on the size.

Hoffman out of curiosity, have the Egans been part of that conversation at all?

Wehry not yet, we didn't know all the ins and outs yet.

Yoxheimer lets just have Todd take a look.

(Further discussion ensued about who would purchase pipe, etc.)

- Approve updated Job descriptions highlighting authority work: Randy you may want to speak to this. I did send over the revised job descriptions.

Yoxheimer explained dilemma with Sewer and Don retiring and having the road crew check meters and subcontracting the rest of the work. I authorized Jared to go out with Don and see if it was something they wanted to do.

Wehry taking meter readings was not a problem, and we drive by the pumps during the day.

Yoxheimer will the Board give us permission to use Jared and John to start with on reading meters, probably 2 to 4 hours week as they have time and opportunity. Now, if they are in the middle of a paving project, we will have to come up with some other arrangement. Amandas initial recommendation would be to just have the Township pay them for those hours. That is why we had them update their job descriptions. If they would get into a lot of time, we could maybe go to the authority to ask for reimbursement.

Wehry I will add a line to our time sheets to show the hours we worked for the Sewer Authority.

Yoxheimer we do have West Branch Regional that will come in and do some work for us when needed. Don will still receive the emergency calls.

Rowe didn't you get a hold of Mike?

Shoch I tried several times, maybe my number is an old one.

Rowe I will get you a number to call him.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the updated job descriptions, including the work for the Authority. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Approve maintaining PT employee status for Rice, remain on drivers list: He was a great asset this summer, fast learner, punctual. If the Board would allow me to keep him on for next year.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve maintaining part time status for Nicholas Rice and to keep him on the approved drivers list with insurance. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Purchase of screenings for Hookies Grove Road:

R Persing what is the status of Neitz Road?

Wehry we are still waiting to hear about the LSA grant. We applied for that last year and we wont hear if we get that later this year.

Yoxheimer you can look into getting some of that dust control.

Neitz are you talking about that dust control for Neitz Rd? (**Yoxheimer & Wehry** yes) the dust is bad, and people will not slow down. People can't even have a picnic with how dusty it is.

E. Persing Lahrs Road, for years I have heard that Lahrs isn't going to get done until sewer is run up. I had our engineer give us an estimate for a pump station and infrastructure for that to happen and it is around 3.5 million dollars. I am telling you that the Sewer Authority is not going to be able to do that.

Peters that is not how it works. The project at Lithia Springs was 7.5 million.

E. Persing I know, and we are still paying on that. We will be paying on that for the next 20 years.

Peters I understand that, but you can get 3.5 million in a grant.

E. Persing the authority doesn't bring in that much money.

Peters we are paying 40 years on the lowest interest rate out there.

E. Persing we just took out another loan, we can't afford anymore. When was the last time the Sewer Authority got a grant?

Peters Lithia Springs.

E. Persing That was 2014 or 2012. We have no one that goes out there, like your ladies at the Township do with trying to get as many grants as possible.

Yoxheimer what is the solution?

E. Persing fix the road and we will worry about sewer down the road like everything else.

Wehry I think what the Township has been trying to do is not having the Sewer Authority pay to repave the road. (**E. Persing** I get that) that's what they were trying to do.

E. Persing for 12 years now? I don't want you to use the Authority as an excuse for not getting Lahrs Road done.

(Discussion ensued)

Yoxheimer I will task Jared with talking to Todd and coming up with a plan for Lahrs Road.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(Report on file)*

Toth did a perc test for a malfunction on Mirkwood Lane, did 6 inspections for systems under construction, did 7 perc test at Little Sportsman Shop.

Yoxheimer when you get an opportunity, you will know better what you're looking at, see if you can find the needs assessment testing that was done on Lahrs Road years ago.

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

Hart we issued a deck permit for 126 Dogwood Lane. Enforcement records are on file.

- *Discussion on the elimination of the special flood hazard overlay of district:* as we are codifying are ordinances. In 2022 we adopted a zoning ordinance, and within that it included a special flood overlay. In April of the same year, we adopted a model flood plan ordinance. Sometimes when you have those 2 ordinances, it can become a little difficult to review. Because we have a model flood plain ordinance, we've got an approved by FEMA ordinance that allows us to develop in flood plains. Not so much flood way, in a way that FEMA approves. What I am suggesting is, to keep the flood plain overlay, but to allow single family dwellings to be built within the open space district space, along the river. I know Bill did a test today, there is a 14-acre lot down there and he wants to build a single-family dwelling. To me if they are going to go by all the regulations in our model flood plain ordinance, I think that is a good use of that property.

Yoxheimer gave history on the flood plain ordinance. Jackie had talked to me about getting rid of the flood overlay. I had reservations since we had just put that into place in 2022. The push from FEMA is to make things more restricted down along the water.

Hart in the flood overlay also includes Johnson run, lithia springs. When you get the flood overlay hazard the only things it allows is essential services, which is your utilities; cultivation of crops; forestry, that is all that it allows, but it also allows for accessory structures, but to what, and under conditional use it allows campgrounds, and also short-term rentals. It doesn't make sense to allow a short-term rental if you are not allowed to build a single-family house.

Yoxheimer I think since we have someone interested in building, we go ahead and allow the structure to be built.

Hart I think we also want to add about allowing a no impact home business where no one can go there for business, but we couldn't restrict them from having a home-based business.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Solicitor to go through the process to remove the single-family prohibition on the flood overlay district in order for a single family to be built, and to allow a no impact home-based business. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

Recreation: *(No Report)*

- Lacrosse Storage Container at the Park: Gratzinger I am the president of the Lacrosse club that has been using the park for the last couple of years now. We currently have a small Rubbermaid shed that is falling apart. We have some equipment in there, some in my home garage, some in the basement of the garage at the park. I came to ask permission for us to place a 20x8 storage container, shipping container, next to the football shed.

Hart your ordinance does allow for this.

Peters but do we want one?

(Discussion ensued)

Yoxheimer before we give permission, I would like to see what exactly you would be looking to put down there.

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

- Appoint New Member:
- Approve Road crewman to complete Authority duties and addition to Authority driver list:

Other Business:

Brown what is going with the new ordinance for the property that doesn't mow, and the township can have someone mow it and bill the owner. The neighbor in Oak Park still needs to be cleaned up.

Hart I will get Greg on that.

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

Peters horse pen on Ridge Road. If horses are going to cross Ridge Rd, shouldn't they have a sign.

Hart does it belong to the Millers? (**Strouse, Jr.** yes it does) I don't have jurisdiction on road signs.

Wehry I will check with Barry, some signs does fall under Township jurisdiction.

Romig just down the road from here there is a horse crossing sign.

Pay Bills:

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

Adjournment:

MOTION made by Strouse, Jr to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16PM.

All motions passed by hand vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Session:

List of Communications: *(On File)*

Amy Hoffman, Office Assistant

Financial Reports: *(On File)*

Amanda McClain, Office Mgr/Secretary/Treasurer