

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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, 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; Robert Sulouff; Earl & Karen Persing; Thonda Swank; Jean Neitz; Zach Black; Tom & Glenda Strouse; Radny Persing; John Derr
Present, but did not sign in: Clarence Kelly

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, September 9, 2025; Executive sessions held on 9/9 right after regular mtg, 9/16 and 9/30 to discuss personnel issues. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- Motion to approve ad for Act 94 (increase Supervisor pay) Ordinance 2025-07: this would only be for new incoming Supervisors. The new Supervisors yearly salary would be \$3,145, on a quarterly basis and they would receive less if they did not attend a meeting.

(Discussion ensued)

MOTION made by Peters to approve the advertisement for Act 94, increase in Supervisor yearly pay to \$3,145, quarterly. Seconded by Stedner, Jr and passed unanimously.

- Tax Appeals: The Twp received a notice from County about a few properties in the Township looking to reduce their taxes.

(Discussion ensued)

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow Shoch to attend the tax appeals Meeting on October 27th to see what they are looking to reduce taxes to. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Approve Ads for Ordinances: Floodplain #2025-04 and Stormwater #2025-05: these are ones that need to be updated to comply with state regulations.

MOTION made by Peters to approve the Ad for Floodplain, #2025-04 and Stormwater, #2025-05 Ordinances. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

Secretary: *(Financial Report on File)*

- VFRA (Volunteer Fire Relief Assoc) \$25,256.67 payment: money we received from the state that needs disbursed to Fire Relief.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to distribute the VFRA payment in amount of \$25,256.67. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Approve updated job descriptions for Secretary/Treasurer and Office Assistant: these were sent to all of you on Oct 2 for review so we could approve tonight.

Yoxheimer to be candid, I did not have a chance to look at these. Does anyone else want more time?

Peters I would like some more time. I didn't read it either.

- Vote on Selective Insurance or open up to have new quotes: Ronnie Vandine contact Randy about trying to quote the Township for insurance.

Yoxheimer I am sure Ronnie called most of you. He approached me to allow the information to be released to him, I told him I wanted it to go to the October meeting and be a Board vote.

Rowe that isn't a good thing to do every year. You are going to have insurance companies not want to carry you if you do that every year.

Shoch I talked to Ronnie, this was not something that happened every year. The Board doesn't put it out there that you are looking to shop for insurance.

Peters I agree with Clay, it's a bad idea to shop every year, but we don't know what Selective is going to come back with. I am not going to vote to open this up, but I am not ready to lock in Selective.

Yoxheimer some of us use Ronnie's insurance company for our personal things. I know I do, Montie does, do you Tom (**Tom** yes), so it could be problematic if we go with his insurance company that it could be viewed as some kind of favoritism. At this moment we are not going to do anything but what to see what numbers we get from Selective.

Rowe we need to get a policy in place so we don't have this happen every year.

- New Township Credit Card: the cards we have are in My and Radny's names and these are tied to our birthday dates and social security numbers. Department heads were starting to save those credit numbers and just use for purchases/class fees without asking to make sure our credit card balance could sustain the charge they were looking to make, and I didn't like that. So, we transferred the balance of the cards to the one that was in Randy's name, and now he too would like to be removed from the credit card. So, we are going to look into one that will just have the Township listed and not a certain individual. We do have subscriptions and things tied to this card for automatic renewals, so we do need to replace it before we just cancel. If anyone has a suggestion for where we can look.

Yoxheimer with the fact that there will be some changes with the Chairman of the Board at the beginning of the year, I would like to have my name removed.

McClain we are going to look into Capital One, Citibank

Shoch I believe the Sewer Authority got one through PLGIT.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to shop for a new Credit Card for the Township, with PLGIT being one. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Accept resignation letter from Secretary/Treasurer – Last day Jan. 9, 2026: read letter prepared for the Board.

E. Persing what the hell happened here? I don't get this, this is a complete surprise.

McClain I am not at liberty to discuss everything, but I am not happy, I am disgusted, sad, sad for the Township. On average Amy and I have brought in anywhere from 60 to 80 thousand a year in savings and grants to the Township in the last 8 years. We have done a great job, it will be breaking

a cool union, but we'll be friends to the end. I did the best I could do. This Township needs a Township Manager, it does, simply put. You need transparency and you need to hold people accountable, every department needs to be held accountable for their actions. It needs to happen. I have worked toward that position for 3 to 4 years, and it was made clear to me that isn't going to happen. There is no growth for me. It has affected my health to the point where I am just not staying. It is even hard to stay until that point, but I am very dedicated to closing out my fiscal year. I have already talked to Tony and he will be able to start an early audit. That is important to me, and it would be great if we could get someone here to at least train prior to me leaving. I just can't discuss everything at this point.

E. Persing no job should affect your health, I agree with you there. Let me ask the Board something. Has anyone ever discussed having a Township Manager?

Yoxheimer yes we have.

E. Persing and the Board doesn't see where that is important? The way I am looking at, you have 3 or 4 different entities within the Township. Who is going to oversee all of this? You guys don't have the time? Who is going to oversee it? I just don't get this. This doesn't make sense to me.

McClain maybe the next person coming in will grow at the rate I did when I first started, and it will be different at that point.

E. Persing yeah, we can hope for that. I just don't get it.

McClain it is with a heavy heart, but it is what's best for me at this point.

MOTION made by Stender Jr. to accept resignation from McClain, effective Jan 9, 2026. Seconded by Yoxheimer and passed unanimously.

(Discussion ensued on advertising since the Board is holding off on the job descriptions)

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to advertise for the Secretary/Treasurer position. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

Police Department: *(Report on File)*

- **Sergeant Promotion:** asking for approval to start the testing process with the intent of having them start January 1.

Strouse, Jr can we wait until after we are done paying Lutchter out to do this? (**Herring** we could) especially since we are going to have to hire another Secretary and pay someone else until the end of the year.

Herring I can push it back until March of 2026. Would you prefer I bring someone to you on January 1 and have it take effect in March, whenever Craig's last day is?

Yoxheimer how are you looking to hire a Sergeant?

Herring I have 3 that are eligible to test. The way the contract is written is only within the department. You need patrol 5 status for 1 year within the department to be eligible. The 3 that can test if interested are Officer Kelly, Officer Larka and Officer Kieski.

Yoxheimer If we are waiting to pay Craig out, I don't see why you couldn't wait until the beginning of the calendar year to start the process, since you are hiring from within. What are the feelings of the Board?

Strouse, Jr. yes, wait to start the process in January with a promotion date of April 1.

Herring so you don't want me to start the process until the beginning of the calendar year?

Yoxheimer yes, I think that makes sense.

Herring it will be a competitive process so it will take about a month.

Yoxheimer have all of them expressed interest in testing?

Herring so far only 1 has expressed interest. It hasn't really been posted because I didn't know

where the Board was at. Now that I know, I can post that and see what interest there is. Do you guys need to vote on that?

Yoxheimer I don't think so. We are just going to review your process and implement it.

- Capital Purchase of new PD vehicle with outfitting: this would be to replace the 2018 Ford Interceptor, it has 88,000 miles on it, with idle time we are looking at 175,000. It is 7 years old, so maintenance costs are starting to go up. Total cost of the new vehicle and outfitting is \$67,912. That would be through Ford and Keystone Communications for the outfitting.

Stender, Jr. I thought you were getting the vehicles through some kind of grant, and we were just paying to outfit them.

Herring that is the next 2 vehicles, the 2 marked cars. I have a 2018, a 2020 and a 2021. The grant is for the 2 marked cars.

Strouse, Jr. what does the budget look like for that?

McClain I told Kevin to ask for it out of capital because we couldn't afford it in the budget, that it should be a capital purchase if anything. But that is up to you. We worked on a draft budget, but we are \$100,000 in the hole. We indicated paying some insurances out, which would give us a little surplus. I got creative and we are good, but there is no room for a vehicle purchase from general. Insurance went up 20.5% on average.

Strouse, Jr. who do we have health insurance through, can we shop around a little for that?

McClain the hard part with that is, we need all of us to make a group, and we are at the mercy of the police contract, because their contract states in part that you have to give them a 30 day notice if you want to change, but it has to be as good or better insurance then what they currently have.

Yoxheimer I will tell you, we went through that one time, we did get a better rate through one of the health carriers other than Geisinger and the next year they went up and were just as much as Geisinger. Lets not make a change we are going to regret in a couple of years.

Peters back to the car. (**Yoxheimer** how much was that again)

Herring \$67,912 with outfitting.

Yoxheimer with having experience with the budgets before, I think that we probably could handle it without going into the capital funds, that is certainly up to the Board.

Peters what makes it that we have to buy this car tonight?

Yoxheimer I don't think anything, is there?

Herring so basically I talked to Randy to see if you guys wanted to make it a capital purchase or if we should take it into budget, so I had a game plan going into budget.

Peters if your game plan is to come up with \$60,000 then we are good. Until we are in budgets, I don't know where any of this sits

Yoxheimer I think Amanda has a pretty good feeling right now where things are, based upon past experience. Before we have broken the payment down to 3 payments so it wasn't so much, in 3 yrs.

Herring I am anticipating we could get about \$10,000 on Municibid.

McClain my advice is that if you are not going to make this a capital purchase, you wait for the first budget meeting.

Strouse, Jr. how many miles do you typically put on a car in a year?

Herring right now the least amount of miles on a cruiser we have is this car outside of the 1 Chief Lutchter purchased, everything else is over 100,000.

Strouse, Jr. how many hours do they have on them? (**Herring** I didn't look at that) I would imagine they sit around and idle a lot.

Herring yes, they do. Typically you double the mileage for your idle time. With that I am also trying to get.....I have an evidence kit half way built through the help of the Luther Savidge Grant

and this would make it mobile to where we would have a pull-out tray in an F150 where we could keep all of our equipment in there, ready to go. The only other avenue I could do with that, is a trailer, but then that would create other issues and expenses.

Strouse, Jr. if we get an F150, we aren't going to save anything on gas. (**Peters** oh, terrible)

Herring it's the same motor; it will be really close.

MOTION made by Strouse, Jr to hold off making a decision on purchasing a new vehicle for PD until the budget meetings. Seconded by Peters and passed with a vote of four (4), 1 – Absent, *Yoxheimer stepped out of the mtg briefly.*

Herring another thing I wanted to let the Board know was that I applied for another round of the Luther Savidge Grant. Which was for equipment for the mobile evidence kit I have been building, level 4 rifle plates with outer carriers, forcible entry tools and spike strips and I will know late October. That is for a total of \$18,000 in equipment we are looking to get from them, at no cost to the Township.

Peters do we have any control over Route 11? (**Herring** as far as?) what is going on with the tractor trailer that is always parked down there that you can't see around?

Herring we have had complaints about that, but unfortunately it is legally parked.

Peters how is it legally parked when it obstructs your view to pull out there.

Herring as long as the right side of the vehicle is within a foot of the curb. I believe the owner of the truck lives on Lottie Drive. So, he parks it there and then walks home. So, in short of talking to him and asking him to move it, we do not have any legal grounds to have it moved. If the property owner calls and wants it moved, then it's a different story. (**Peters** who owns it?) I don't know, I haven't gotten that far yet.

Peters look into it and see who owns the property.

Yoxheimer returned and Peters filled him in on the tractor trailer parked on Route 11.

Herring we have gotten about 2 complaints in 8 or 9 months.

Yoxheimer I believe County owns that property, so they wouldn't know that the truck is parked there.

Strouse, Jr. are the Township officers going to be participating in the Truck or Treat at the Drive In?

Herring yes. The Drive In reached out to us and basically gave us free reign of it to use, to promote that and have it along with the Fire Departments. Right now, we have 10 people signed up, I don't know if we will get any more gumption behind that or not. I'll have 3 or 4 officers there, so that way there is security at it. It's the last Saturday of the month, Oct 25th from 2 to 5.

Yoxheimer had you reached out to anyone, with the understanding that you are a new Chief, typically any activity like that probably should go before the Board for utilization for Township equipment. Has anyone been approached about this?

Herring it was an oversight on my part; it honestly wasn't a thing I thought about bringing to the Board.

Yoxheimer we probably wouldn't have had an objection, but I just learned about it tonight myself.

Anytime Township equipment is being used.....are those officers on a volunteer basis?

Herring yes, they would be coming in on a volunteer basis. I viewed it as no cost to the Township.

Then do I need permission for the Northumberland Halloween Parade?

Yoxheimer typically in the past we have been asked. Are you requesting that? I make a motion to allow..... (**Hoffman** that is not on the agenda)

Stender, Jr. just say it's okay he does it and just go from there. (**Rowe** yeah, just do it)

Swank read a letter she prepared about a neighbor that she has called the Police about and the responses they gave her (*don't sit on your front porch or go out in your yard; ignore them; dogs bark; you are the only one complaining*) those were just a few solutions given to me by the Police Department. She went on to read about the number of dogs this neighbor has, the amount of noise they create, and the lack of

control the neighbor has with them. Also, mentioned construction being done at all hours of the night, as well as the neighbor burning whatever and whenever they want.

Herring the time you mentioned about the front door being put in, Officer Shipman and I were down and cited her for the noise ordinance for that. Officer Kelly, who is in the back of the room was down on Oct. 9th for that report, what was said to you, I am not sure, that can be looked into, but I know that you were asked to provide the Ring camera and according to our report that was not available because your Ring camera was dead.

Kelly that day, you provided camera footage for I believe the Thursday before, the video was 4 minutes long and as you stated, the ordinance is 10 minutes.

Herring then he also sat there for 15 or 20 minutes (**Swank** I could have provided that if you would have reached out to me) *Thonda, Thonda, I am addressing you please.* He sat there for 15 minutes and waited for the dogs. Officer Larka was down and viewed the burning, at that time they were burning wood. So, it is not that we aren't looking into these things, we are, but we can only cite if there is something there which we have. We have cited Laurie in the past.

Hart the house was condemned in June of 2023, but the owner worked with Bill and that was lifted in October of 2023.

Herring so the only answer I don't have is what my officers said to you, and that I will get.

Discussion ensued regarding the barking dogs during quiet hours and the number of dogs she owns, and citations on Laurie and the process of that.

Hoffman we do have ordinance 2022-04 that talks about curbing of dogs that they are not allowed to have more than 3 dogs, or it is considered a kennel. Jackie had said she had talked to Craig to make sure that the police department was willing to enforce this since they are here 24/7, and he had said yes.

Hart kennels are conditional use. It is not permitted in R-2 to have a kennel.

Herring we haven't gone that route because the boyfriend is claiming he is just visiting, so how do you establish how many dogs live there and how many are visiting. His registration has 1 address, his license has a different address, neither of which is the one in question, so he is claiming that he is just visiting. She is claiming that they aren't here permanently, they are just visiting. I feel for her (**Swank**), I know the property.

(Discussion ensued regarding the homeowner at 285 12th Street)

Herring if you want to file a complaint for what my officers said to you, I will absolutely look into that.

Swank no, I invited other neighbors to come tonight and they refused to come because they feel the same as I, they feel ignored, beaten, defeated.

Herring we have done what we can, I understand your frustration.

Black that is the problem with ordinances, they can be cited, but if they ignore it, or pay the citation, they just keep getting citations.

Herring we will continue to cite, if there is a citable offense.

Yoxheimer a paper trail is sometimes the best thing you can have.

Herring with that, I will have to look at the nuisance ordinance, but as far as I am concerned, Jackie, that's just junk, correct? (**Hart** yes) maybe we can look at re-writing an ordinance to have it go to a misdemeanor level. Then we would actually be able to get an arrest warrant for it.

Black the problem is, if we go and arrest that person the problem is still going to exist, because the dogs will still be there because we do not have a dog warden.

Swank with the offenses she already has against her, I am not sure if she is even allowed to have dogs.

Herring a lot of that, when the home was condemned, the humane society came and got involved in that and they are responsible for monitoring that.

Sulouff is there anything more on the burning issue she brought up?

Herring with that one, that is easily addressed, but again, it's a summary offense. We go down and just try and talk to them.

G. Strouse there is a complaint on Residents of Point Twp Facebook page, there is a picture of their backyard with the burn barrel and her neighbors complaining of the stench and smoke.

Herring she is the only complaint we have received.

Swank didn't Keith Mull contact you about a complaint in July.

Herring I can go back and check. Now that you say that Officer Shipman handled that. But again, it doesn't matter who complains, unfortunately our hands are kind of tied, I sympathize with the residents, but at the same point I can't make something that isn't there, that would go against my integrity.

Neitz commented about people even owning dogs if they aren't being taken care of.

Yoxheimer you started talking about animal control. What is your success with them?

Herring the only complaint we have gotten is the noise from the dogs.

Yoxheimer how does the property look since the placard for being condemned was removed?

Herring the property isn't the greatest, but I have seen worse in the Township.

Fire Department: *(No Report)*

Black just asking about the audits again. I did send an email back.

Shoch you are the only one I received a response back from. I need a response back from the Board. I sent an email out, probably about a month ago with the different types of audits they can do and which one you felt would address what is needed. Maybe I did hear back from 1 other person.

Strouse, Jr. yes, I did, just do the basic one.

Shoch I don't know what the rest of the feelings of the Board is, I can resend that.

Black financial statement would be the best one out of all of them. I don't know how far back they would go.

Shoch I think the thought was just for the preceding year.

Peters how many years?

Black me personally, I would go back 3 years.

Strouse, Jr. I saw on the paper that a financial audit was 10 to 25 thousand dollars.

Yoxheimer in the least we should have something, lets just try a three-year minimal audit and see what that produces and if we want something more after that.

Rowe anyone can do an audit, that should be done internally. You get the ledgers and the bank statements, and you match them up. I did this once and I found something. I became the Secretary and I got all the statements, because my wife works at a bank, and I went through everything and found out he was stealing.

Yoxheimer that can't be right for a fire company that has an annual income of \$70,000.

Shoch I can talk to Tony about it since this should be a lot smaller operation.

Yoxheimer we should have an audit of the Fire Companies if they are receiving tax monies.

Hoffman someone did say that Tuckahoe had been doing audits for years and then stopped.

Peters check with Tony.

Fire Police: *(No Report)*

EMA: *(No Report)*

Engineer: *(No Report)*

Road Department: *(No Reports)*

- *Retroactive approval of freightliner brake repair:* spoke to most of you about that, the original cost I was given was close to \$3,000, it came back at \$1,860.10

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to retroactively approve the freightliner brake repair in the amount of \$1,860.10. Seconded by Peters. and passed unanimously.

- PT Winter Help: I had brought this up last month, but I didn't have it on the agenda then, I just wanted to see if you guys had a chance to think about this and the potential of hiring part time winter help. I was approached by Caleb Rathmell who lives on Lahrs Rd. He said if the Township was ever interested in a back up for plowing, in case of an emergency, he would be more than willing to do that. He is self-employed. This isn't someone I would be looking to use every snowstorm. It would just be on an as needed basis.

Yoxheimer I don't think this is something we need to do by motion, unless Rick says so, but I think have them fill out an application.

- LSA Grant application to replace Chevy pick-up: if the Board is okay with it, I am going to go through the application to look to replace our Chevy pickup truck through the LSA grant. It is a 2012, a lot of rust damage. I am looking to replace it with a 4-door, 350 size truck with a utility body on it: generator, small air compressor, compartments to house tools. I am having Bradco price a Ford 350, unless the Board has a different recommendation. We may have to do a little in kind, because the LSA likes to see that. If this goes well, I will probably look to put in for some of our other trucks.

Yoxheimer why don't you drop down there to the second item under the Sewer Authority. Extra help for Don Troxell. From my understanding he is comfortable with you going along with him.

Wehry I have been doing the pump readings for the last month.

Yoxheimer I think we have had some discussion about you hanging around to get familiar with some of the maintenance activities.

E. Persing when he is cleaning baskets and stuff, I would like for him to have a second person with him. *(Discussion ensued)*

Wehry I was going to wait and bring this up under the Sewer Authority, but while we are talking about that, Don had mentioned that you have to maintain the force main off of Route 11, as far as mowing, I did suggest to him, and I wanted to bring this up to the Board as well, we have a skid steer, so if you would ever need to rent a brush hog, we have a machine if that is something you would want to work together on.

(Discussion ensued)

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(Report on file)*

Toth 1 permit, 1 design review and installed a system as a repair system on Mirkwood Lane, 3 soil profiles on Old Danville, still have to do the percs.

- Set date for SEO Interviews/replacement for Bill Toth:

Yoxheimer we have McDeavitt and Brown, we still want to set up interviews.

Strouse, Jr Paul Rapp said he is interested to.

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

Hart issued permits for: 215 14th St for roof top solar; and 1 at 2845 Ridge Rd for a single-family dwelling.

Enforcement records are on file.

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

- Feaster Final Subdivision Plan: DEP declined the sewage, they need an HOP from PennDOT. So it would have to be conditionally approved on them obtaining that.

MOTION made by Peters to conditionally approve the Feaster Subdivision Plan upon obtaining an HOP from PennDOT for a sewer lateral. Seconded by Rowe and passed with a vote of four (4), 1 – Absent, Yoxheimer stepped out of the mtg briefly.

Recreation: (No Report)

- Lacrosse Storage Container at the Park – vote to approve building: the latest building is similar to what football has down there now. It's moveable, in the future if you say they can't have it, they can move it.

MOTION made by Strouse, Jr to approve the wooden shed that Mark with Lacrosse sent to Supervisors. Seconded by Peters and passed with a vote of **four** (4), 1 – Absent, Yoxheimer stepped out of the mtg briefly.

Wehry we should have an agreement with Lacrosse for the building.

Derr if we get a liability agreement, they are responsible for maintaining it and getting insurance for it. We can get that for football too.

Sewer Authority: (No Report)

- Appoint New Member:

E. Persing I talked to Bob's son the other night, I suggested it to him, he hasn't gotten back to me yet.

- Extra Help for Don Troxell:

Other Business:

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

Neitz who is running for Supervisor.

Yoxheimer turn around. It is Jared Wehry and Zach Black.

Neitz are they widening Ridge Rd?

Strouse, Jr. they don't know what they are doing yet, but yes, in areas they will be widening some areas. They are going to move the stream 12 feet. The Spruce Hollow intersection is going to cost 1 million dollars.

R. Persing I heard a rumor they are putting a church on the corner of Lahrs and Ridge.

Hart that is Ronnie Vandine's church, they have been talking about that, but it has not gone anywhere yet. They are in the very preliminary stages.

Yoxheimer wanted to mention that after serving the Township as Chairman for 26 years, in 2026 I will not be looking to accept a nomination for Chairman.

Pay Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:22PM.

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