

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

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 Clayton Rowe, Vice-Chairman Thomas Strouse, Jr., Supervisor Randall Yoxheimer, Supervisor Zachary Black and Supervisor/Roadmaster Jared Wehry. Also, present were Solicitor Richard J. Shoch, Chief Kevin Herring, Secretary/Treasurer Melissa Young, Office Assistant Amy Hoffman, and ZEO Jackie Hart.

Visitors present: Montie & Helen Peters; Karen Persing; Pat Brown; Mike Erdman; Jean Neitz; Bradley Woodring; Michael Reedy; Jason Hummel; Ann Murray; Dan Varner; Tina Hernandez; Andrew Youngs; Firman Abdill; Bob T Sulouff; Tom & Glenda Strouse.

Chairman Rowe 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).*

Rowe short notice, but the Board of Supervisors will be meeting after this for an executive session, for personnel issues.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION made by Black to approve the minutes of the Reorganizational & Regular Supervisor Meeting held on Monday, January 05, 2026. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- Intermunicipal Agreement with Sewer Authority: we talked at the last meeting about an agreement because of the Road Crew helping the Sewer Authority with work. Work and rate should be established. Jared had also mentioned that he for see's the possibility of having to use Township equipment and putting a rate out for equipment. I did send that out, I am not sure if anyone had time to review. The Authority will be discussing it at their meeting Thursday night. I kept it general and left exhibit A to list responsibilities.
(Discussion ensued)
- Establish Rate for Independent Auditors: at reorg we appointed 3 independent auditors, there was conversation of what they can be paid. They are entitled to compensation for their time, you can't change or increase the compensation during the year they are serving. We also need to get their terms established, we can do that at the next reorg meeting. The default rate is \$10 an hour under the 2nd class township, you can have a resolution to set it at \$18 an hour. You can't do anything for this year because they already met this year. Next year at our reorg meeting we should appoint them,

and appoint them for specific time frames, and then if they want to continue, they run for election. Then you can establish a rate at the end of this year if you want it to be more than \$10 an hour.

Peters I think you should send a letter out to each of the auditors letting them know it is an elected office.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the independent auditors rate of pay at \$18.00 an hour. Seconded by Black and passed with a vote of four (4), with one (1) abstention – Wehry.

- Resolution for violations of IPMC/Rental Ordinance: setting fees for violations.

MOTION made by Rowe to approve Resolution 2026-03 for violation fees for the Rental Ordinance. Seconded by Wehry and passed unanimously.

Secretary: *(Financial Report on File)*

- Motion made January 5th to pay bills between Feb 10th:

- Credit Card should be arriving soon: cards arrived today

- Fire Dept Reports/Fire Tax \$29,000 given to each: they are up front if anyone wants to review them

- Library Donation - \$1,000 & 17857.org Donation - \$500:

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the library donation for \$1,000 and \$500 to 17857.org. Seconded by Wehry and passed unanimously.

- Selsyn Electric Quote for Sewer Authority/emailed & available here:

Rowe she isn't having any problems, we shouldn't do work, too expensive.

- Ethics Financial statement forms: there is a list up there who completed and who we need.

- Cleaning Quote: came back at \$355 more a month in addition to what is being paid for the Police department.

Rowe that's too expensive, we thought maybe it would be \$100 more since they are already here.

- Kids 1st Community Ad on folders benefits Priestley Elementary: the cheapest is \$250 for a business card size.

Rowe are you interested in doing something like that for the kids?

Herring it certainly wouldn't hurt, but I also don't see a benefit to it. My kiddo has the folder there with all the ads on it, it doesn't look at it.

Rowe you were thinking of having that night out, and this could basically add to it.

Herring I just don't know what it would add to the night out.

- Permission to pay bills online/interest 3.55% variable/sweep MM acc: asking to set up online payments for utilities.

MOTION made by Black to approve paying what bills are able to with setting up an online automatic payment. Seconded by Wehry and passed unanimously.

Police Department: *(Report on File)*

- Haven to Home use of Board Room: they reached out to me about using the Board room. They have been here once a month on Sundays for 1 or 2 hours.

Murray I am kind of associated with them, but I am with Sun PETS and had also requested to use the Board room. Our volunteers from both agencies are spread out from all over, so we are always looking for a place to meet. Sun PETS is only looking to meet April through October for 1 to 2 hours, once a month. We have 4 people on our Board that live in the Township. We have 8 people on our Board.

Hoffman Haven has been meeting here for about 2 years now. We had talked to you guys about this back in November and you guys had given Sun PETS permission to use the room, but you wanted Rick to draw up an agreement and we were under the assumption at that meeting that it was okay for Haven to Home to continue using the room and have them sign the agreement once it was created.

Shoch I do recall that and I apologize for not pulling that together yet, but it would probably be a one page document, sort of a waiver. I can get it together in the next week.

MOTION made by Black to allow Haven to Home and Sun PETS to use the board room upon signing agreement. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Fire Department: (No Report)

- Appointing Assistant Fire Chief (tabled motion at Reorg): **Black** the Fire Board met, there was a vote that was made, Assistant Fire Chief George Geise was voted in, it was 5 to 9.

Yoxheimer how did the vote go?

Black the Chairman was absent, the motion was put out for the vote, I do believe there were folks that didn't vote which would have been the Chairman. And the vote came out to be George.

Rowe so my understanding is the next Chief would come out of Point Township, correct?

Black yes, the next sitting Chief would be Point.

MOTION made by Wehry to accept the recommendation from Fire Board for naming George Geise to Assistant Fire Chief. Seconded by Black and passed unanimously.

Fire Police: (Report on file)

Geise just for public information, Black submitted his resignation as Captain of the Point Township Fire Police and Bradley Woodling will be assuming those responsibilities as Captain, and Black will assume role of Lieutenant.

EMA: (No Report)

Engineer: (No Report)

Road Department: (Report on File)

- Pipe for Cannery Road: this is for the Cannery pipe replacement across from Gibbons Road, the cost is \$7,356

Geise did you talk to the engineer about the size of the pipe? (**Wehry** yes) and he agrees that size of pipe is necessary? Because my assumption is it is not, I think we could reduce that pipe size. I would talk to him about that.

Yoxheimer I believe we already have, and he agreed that we are going to stay with the existing pipe size.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Roadmaster to purchase 60 inches of pipe, 3 sticks for the intersection of Cannery and Gibbons. Seconded by Black and passed unanimously.

- Retro Approval of Sterling: repair to the hub kit with gasket and plug and 2 new drive tires, the original quote I gave the Board was \$1,595.32, the final price was \$1,463.38

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to retro approve the Sterling invoice for repairs. Seconded by Black and passed unanimously.

- Luther Savidge Grant, approval to purchase playground part: we received \$3,950

MOTION made by Black to approve the Roadmaster to purchase the failing piece of playground equipment with the grant money. Seconded by Yoxheimer and passed unanimously.

- GTA Mix Design: this is the first step to doing the work on Blue Hill for the mix design, \$5,000 and sampling is \$1,500.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve GTA completing the mix design. Seconded by Black and passed unanimously.

- Storm Sewer Blue Hill: received a quote from West Branch Rental for \$9,250 to replace the Storm Sewer pipes at Blue Hill and Route 405 since we do not have the manpower for traffic there.

MOTION made by Black to approve the West Branch Rental Storm Sewer pipe replacement in the amount of \$9,250. Seconded by Yoxheimer and passed unanimously.

- Dues for COG: dues will need to be paid soon for \$400 for 2026, due in March.

MOTION made by Black to pay the COG dues in the amount of \$400. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

- Appointing members to the Appeals Board:

Zoning Enforcement Officer: *(Report on File)*

- Appointing Zoning Hearing Alternate:

Hart we had 4 zoning permits issued for the month of January: one at 3772 Point Township Dr for used car sales; a new home on 190 Hummels Sawmill Road; roof top solar at 543 Lahrs Road; and a new home at 699 Ridge Road.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: *(Report on File)*

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

Recreation: *(No Report)*

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

Other Business:

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

Neitz what is going on with Neitz Road, 3 people have been in the ditch and needed pulled out, one was an ambulance. If nothing is done with that road this summer.

Wehry delineators, I was looking into that for the summer.

Rowe it might need to be done before, if you've got ambulances that you're pulling out of the ditches. Is there anything we could do? Could we put reflectors up so they know where the edge is?

Wehry we can try, we have a hydraulic jackhammer that we should be able to get them in with.

Strouse, Jr I pulled an amazon truck out of the ditch on Hookies, the part we just did.

Wehry why are they driving so close to the edge of the road?

Strouse, Jr. I didn't ask them that, I just pulled them out.

Wehry maybe what would help on Hookies is we could do line painting, at least the yellow lines. I will look into some different options for that.

Erdman Point Fire Company wanted me to ask the Board if you would be willing to discuss changing the ordinance that has the Fire Board. We pretty much run independently of each other as it is. The Township gives funding directly to each company. We just have the Fire Board Mtg once a month and all we do is argue, nothing gets accomplished. We have invited Tuckahoe to train with us every Tuesday, we've offered, they don't show up. All we do is argue and I don't see an end in sight for that. Especially when the Board is half Tuckahoe and half Point, nothing is going to get accomplished without a tie breaker. We have tried over the last few years to train together, we let them know every Tuesday, you guys are welcome, no one shows up. We have done things outside of training, like having an event over the summer so families can get together and we invite Tuckahoe, and no one ever comes. So we get the feeling there is no interest at all in doing anything together. We are stuck under the Board that controls everything, and we just argue.

Black so what exactly is the resolution you are looking for?

Erdman to disband the Fire Board. Let Tuckahoe be their own station and let Point their own station, they do their thing, we do ours. That is pretty much how it is now, the only difference is we share a

station number, and we share incident reporting together. Over the last few years we have had issues with incident reporting.

Black so you are essentially asking the Board to disband the department.

Erdman there is no department. There is 2 stations and there is the Fire Board. There is no legal Point Township Fire Department, at least to my understanding. We each have our own charters, each our own station.

Shoch I have to go back and look at the ordinance, I think the Board itself was considered to the Board of the Point Township Fire Department, so there is that single entity.

Erdman to my understanding outside of the ordinance that doesn't have to be.

Shoch yeah, and I don't know that you have to have that as a structure.

Erdman right now there is another Township in the County that has 2 fire stations and they operate completely separate, there is no Board between them, there is none of that.

Black if we do that, what is there to stop you from saying you're going to merge with the Borough then after we do that.

Erdman there is nothing stopping it from happening now. At the end of the day we have to do what is best for the citizens and if a merger is going to be better, then that is going to be the better option. Neither station is fantastic for manpower, we are already having to call in from elsewhere to get help as it is.

Rowe how would that reflect the money that they get from the tax.

Shoch I guess it depends on if you're merging into and becoming part of a Northumberland Borough Station.

Erdman that is not the conversation we want to have. We just want each station to be their own separate station.

Shoch no, that is not what he is saying, he means if you were to merge with a station that is outside of the Township then the tax monies would go to whatever station is there.

Yoxheimer part of the overall job of the Board of Supervisors to all the services provided by the Township to the residents, which includes the Fire Companies. What you are proposing now, the independent departments would effectively come to us for whatever issues they have or monies they need. I think the reason the Fire Board was established was because they would act as the mediator between the fire department and the Township. If a request would come in, you would take it to the Fire Board and the Fire Board would send it to the Township.

Erdman the Fire Board doesn't control any money.

Yoxheimer that is because that is how the Board of Supervisors chose to do it. If you eliminate the Fire Board, then who represents the Fire Companies here?

Erdman whoever we chose to Chief and Captain of those stations would be the representative here.

Yoxheimer before we make any decisions, we want to sit down and have some discussions we the members of the Fire Board and with some of the principal people from the Fire Stations and have some more in depth conversation about this.

Erdman we weren't looking for a decision immediately, we just wanted to start conversations, because something needs to happen. As it stands, I am fighting to keep people because of how things are going. We already lost one that had 20 years with the department, he just said I am sick and tired of this, I am done, and he left.

Yoxheimer we attended some of the Fire Board meetings, we know what exists at the Fire Board meetings. This clearly is nothing new to us, but how we resolve it is going to take some time. This Fire Board existed as long as I can remember. (**Erdman** the ordinance is dated from the 70's) this is a big change for everybody. Before we do something hasty or don't take something into consideration I think we need to exam this for a little while. We should have had these conversations a while back.

Rowe do you have any thoughts on this Goerge?

Geise no, I want to go home.

Rowe are you on the Fire Board Mike?

Ermand I can't be because of being Chief.

Rowe I guess we will table it for now and will have to sit down and discuss it.

Yoxheimer do we want to plan or establish a time for at least a time frame for when we want to have this get together?

Rowe is the entire Fire Board here right now? (**Erdman** no)

Yoxheimer I think we should have a special meeting instead of doing it at a Township meeting.

Rowe I agree. Zach, do you want to see if we can get something together?

Black there is someone else that wants to speak.

Reedy the only suggestion I would make is that we had the same problem in the Borough, we had a Fire Board, and it was the same exact thing. The ESB, the emergency Services Board, there are representatives from each individual company. 2 from Hookies, 2 from the 1's, but there are people from at large anybody that has no dealings with the Fire Departments and there have been other people that have been put in place that the majority rules. That was the only way at that point in time that they could get any agreements. I understand what you're going through.

Rowe Zach can you put that together for us? (**Black** yes)

Varner I am building a house at 699 Ridge Road just down from the Township building here. I wanted to come tonight because my surveyor dug his feet otherwise my contractor would have started back in January building my new home. The paperwork got submitted to you guys today. Whatever you guys could do to help that go through quickly I would appreciate that.

Murray I just wanted to say our Road is wonderful on Comfort and I wanted to thank you.

Pay Bills:

MOTION made by Black to pay bills. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

MOTION made by Black to adjourn. Seconded by Wehry and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.

All motions passed by hand vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Session

List of Communications: *(On File)*

Amy Hoffman, Office Assistant

Financial Reports: *(On File)*

Melissa Young, Secretary/Treasurer