

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 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 Craig Lutcher and Sergeant Kevin Rushton, 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 Persing; Pat Brown; Robert Sulouff; Conrad Whyne; Annmarie Weber; Yvonne Derr; Katie Wehry; Zachary Black; Becky Geise; Glenda Strouse; Randy Persing; Robert Hand; Nonresidents in attendance: Lana Gulden; Glenn Moyer; David Rebuck; Jon Anderson; Sandy Field.

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 informed the audience that an executive session was held from approximately 6:30PM this evening until this meeting started to discuss personnel issues. One of the things was Craig will be retiring, and we needed to discuss the process for the next Chief.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Derr here on behalf of Furmans to ask permission to have the Tomato Trot on May 10, the proceeds from this event is going to WGRC radio. We have included the Township on the registration form to be released from any liability, we are getting an insurance policy for the day of the event and will add the Township as an additional insured. Amy Hoffman reached out to a resident on Starook, who then contacted her neighbors about us using that road. The Starook homeowners were okay with the road being used as long as they had notification of the day and time of the event and their road not being closed down like last year and none of the homeowners were made aware. We are sending postcards out to the homeowners on the roads that are being used and plan to go door to door as well.

Geise we have contacted both the Borough and the Township Fire Police who both said they will help the day of the event.

Yoxheimer have we put the event on our website in the past.

McClain this is the first year that we have been included in the planning.

Yoxheimer we can put it on our website. Anything else you need?

Anderson we are looking for approval, we want to be good neighbors.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow Furman's to hold the Tomato Trot on May 10, 2025. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION made by Peters to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisor Meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- Joint Comp Agreement with the Borough of Northumberland: this would be for a sharing of costs for the joint comp plan.

McClain we will be getting a map grant for \$43,000 and then the remaining cost will be split with the Borough. We have been paying all the invoices to this point though.

Yoxheimer explained what a comp plan was for the next few minutes and mentioned several meetings have already occurred and there is a survey that can be taken to help with this.

MOTION made by Peters to allow the Solicitor to prepare an agreement for the Borough of Northumberland to sign for the sharing the cost for the Joint Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Yoxheimer and passed unanimously.

- Hookies Grove Tree Issue: long story short, there may or may not have been a tree that was removed that should not have been. Essentially what has been offered was a payment from the Township in the amount of \$250, I can't advise against that, that will be much lower cost than long drawn out legal procedure.

MOTION made by Peters to allow the Secretary to issue a check to the Hookies Grove Fire Dept for \$250 for the tree, provided Thunder Ridge also contributes \$250.00 and we get a signed release from the Hookies. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Secretary: (Financial Report on File)

- Approval for the YMCA utilizing the park for 2025 Summer Day Camp:

Peters they will have access to the bathrooms.

McClain as long as there is no major vandalism, yes, with some more frequent check ins.

Yoxheimer are they locked up in the evening.

Wehry that would require us to come in after dark to lock them, unless you want them locked at 4:30.

McClain you had said about checking on them more frequently during work hours.

Wehry yes, we will check them frequently during the week.

(Discussion ensued on doors being locked after dark)

MOTION made by Peters to allow the YMCA to use the Point Park Mondays and Wednesdays from 10AM to 2PM for the summer day camp. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Purchase laptop/scanner for the Fire Board: Tim Varney had mentioned they were looking to obtain a laptop/scanner to better keep minutes for the Fire Board.

Yoxheimer would they be able to just get stuff to us to help scan things in.

Rowe this is for the Fire Board, right (**McClain** yes) well they get quite a bit of money each year. They should be able to afford it themselves. I would much rather see the money go to the commendation bars, for their volunteer work and Mike's passing of his mother.

Peters it will be owned by the Township, you break it you will have to replace it. You're talking about bulk scanning. To relieve you and Amy of having to do that, is worth a couple hundred bucks.

MOTION made by Peters to allow the Township to purchase a laptop and scanner for the Fire Board to use, not to exceed \$942.40. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

Yoxheimer Rick, you will do an agreement that they understand the well being of that laptop/scanner is their responsibility. (**Shoch** yes)

Black if you want it to stay here, it doesn't matter. He can just come here and use it.

Rowe it's just a little scanner, nothing commercial.

Hoffman I think leaving it here would defeat the purpose of Tim getting everything into the computer.

Shoch I think its fine for them to take it to their home, we will just have an agreement that if they damage it, they will have to replace.

- Purchase Commendation bars for Point Township FD: Mike Erdman had mentioned about this at last months meeting, but we couldn't vote on it since it wasn't on the agenda.

Rowe it's for that fire he had at his parents' home, and his mother passed away. They want to do something for the fire fighters and also for the police that were there at the scene.

McClain the bill to Rogers Uniform hasn't been paid yet, so we will make payment directly to Rogers Uniform. It was for \$460 and it was for around 20 bars.

Yoxheimer I think that should be reflected in the minutes that we are not setting precedence, this is a unique situation, we are looking to show our respect and commendation for the services that they did.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to pay the bill for the commendation bars for the Point Township Fire Department in the amount of \$460. Seconded by Stender, Jr and passed unanimously.

McClain we were contacted by PA American Water, the flyer has been sent to each of you, anyone that would be affected on Queen Street with the project they are getting ready to start with pipe replacement.

Police Department: *(Report on File)*

Lutcher just wanted to update the Board that we have 4 applications out for the patrolmen position. Was open March 1st and closes on March 28th. Testing will probably start mid-April.

Fire Department: *(No Report)*

- Blue Light Usage: **McClain** that was tabled from the last meeting, you wanted it on the agenda for this meeting.

Rowe we told them they could just run the lights. We don't want to get involved with signing any kind of paperwork. We told them we don't have a problem, Craig said PD doesn't have a problem. No other municipality gives written permission, so I don't think we should either.

Peters what about liability.

Shoch no more liability than normal, they go for the deep pockets.

Fire Police: *(No Report, per Black)*

EMA: *(No Report)*

Engineer: *(No Report)*

Yoxheimer I met with the utility company, they are going to replace water line on Queen St this year. They are looking to replace pipe on King St next year.

- Grant Reimbursement Status: **McClain** spoke with Pysher and he said he is working on that this month.

Wehry we are counting on that for road work.

Road Department: *(Report on File)*

- Purchase 20-ton Air Jack: this one we would be able to haul on the truck and take with us to refill tires. Is on wheels, NAPA quoted me \$625.

MOTION made by Peters to approve the purchase of a 20-ton Air Jack for \$625. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Purchase CAT Mini and Skid Steer: asking for permission to purchase. CAT is going to be the best fit, I have talked to Randy and some of the other Board members between last month and this month in the difference in the weight of machines, the PSI. The price did come down from the quote they originally gave me around \$8,000. So, the final cost for both machines would be \$179,700, minus the \$62,585 money we received from the backhoe, that takes it down to \$117,115. My suggestion after talking to Amanda on what is in each account, I am recommending to pull \$37,000 from liquid fuels and the rest from the road tax. Comes with a 5-year or 2000-hour warranty.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the purchase of the CAT excavator and skid steer, not to exceed \$179,700. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Hookies Grove Road Rebuild: explained new method for paving that I am recommending we use for the road is a paver in place process. Total project estimate I have is roughly \$265,000. This complete, start to finish. I did talk to Barry and asked for a price quote on what it would cost to do the same project but pave it instead, just to pave that road, would cost \$400,000, plus everything that would have to be done ahead of time.

Strouse, Jr. we are waiting for the grant money to come in and do Neitz road?

Wehry yes, that is an LSA grant. Some say we won't hear until June or November about that.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Roadmaster to start the process for the rebuild of Hookies Grove Road from Stoney Lane to Mountain Road. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Strouse, Jr. is there any funding available through NRCS

Wehry I'm not familiar with that

Strouse, Jr. National Resource Conservation Service. They do waterways and that stuff. Is there no money through the conservation district for Hookies.

Wehry through them, there is center for dirt and gravel is out of Penn State, each County has it's own entity of that program. Every County gets allotted so much money, I think Northumberland County gets almost \$300,000 to be disbursed to every municipality in the County.

Peters some of what you are doing on Hookies could qualify for some of that.

Wehry anything you would put in this year by May, would not be awarded until next year, so that won't help us this year. Maybe the bottom part of Mountain Road. Dirt and gravel is starting to be more lenient on what they allow.

- Line Painting Requests through COG: I would getting pricing through the COG, this would be on Cannery and 16th Street, double yellow and fog lines. I don't have numbers in front of me, I won't know until COG.

MOTION made by Peters to allow the Roadmaster to do the line painting on 16th St and Cannery. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: (No Report)

Toth 1 application for residential dwelling, 5 unbillable hours

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer: (Report on File)

Hart 2 zoning permits issued in February: a use review to complete a sewage application and 1 permit issued at 121 Epler Road for a roof top solar.

Planning Commission: (No Report)

- Approve the Hopewell Resolution 2025-01/Sewage Module: this had to be updated, so the new one is being approved tonight.

MOTION made by Peters to approve the Hopewell Resolution 2025-01 and sewage Module. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

- Approve Brubaker Subdivision: this is relocation of lot lines, planning approved with conditions, they need the sewage exemption postcard and the draft deeds for the new lots. Both on public sewer.

Yoxheimer I will abstain from the motion since I sold this lot to Brubaker.

MOTION made by Peters to conditionally approve the Brubaker plans, conditioned upon receiving an approved DEP postcard and draft copies of the new deeds to be recorded. Seconded by Rowe and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) abstained – Yoxheimer.

Recreation: (No Report)

Wehry finished up on the grant Amanda got last year for the benches in the park. They are assembled and at the park, stone put in.

Yoxheimer asked if they were done discussing the locks for the park bathrooms.

(Discussion ensued regarding ideas for locks)

Sewer Authority: (No Report)

- Support Letter from the Township for the Authority LSA Grant: **Shoch** I did make a small change, it sounded like they were talking about a single person, and I changed mention to the unanimous vote, we will have Randy abstain since he is on the Sewer Authority Board.

Yoxheimer the project they are looking to do is on Diner Road, the sewer main

Peters Jared was Diner Road the area where the drain box was that was sinking?

Wehry yes. Is that project going all the way to Route 11? (**Yoxheimer** I believe so, yes) I wonder then if whoever does the work, we could have the contractor reset that box when they are there.

Yoxheimer the best thing you could do Jared, is to talk to Don and talk to him about that drain.

MOTION made by Peters to approve the support letter from the Township for Sewer Authority LSA Grant for Diner Road Sewer Main. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) abstained – Yoxheimer.

Other Business:

McClain Sandy Sulouff called this morning about resigning from the Sewer Authority Board. We didn't have time to put it on the agenda for tonight since we just got it today, I told her we can put it on the agenda in April.

Shoch we wanted to let the Board know now, so if there was someone you could think of to replace her, we could appoint them at the April meeting.

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

- Conrad Whyne/Air Quality Ordinance: **Whyne** when Encina was looking to come to the Township, we were made aware of the moratorium placed on the Air Quality Ordinance. Is there going to be an update, looking to modify it?

Shoch toward the end of Encina looking to go in, we did talk about why the moratorium was placed on it. It was back in the early 2000's. I think the ordinance had been adopted in the 90's. It was designed because a facility was looking to come in and burn tires.

Yoxheimer let me give a quick synopsis. Proceed to explain about Viking Energy trying to come into the Township who was looking to burn plastic and tires. Air Quality in PA is governed by the

Environmental Agency of DEP. Back then we had someone put an air quality ordinance together. The problem is, when a municipality puts out an ordinance like that, it becomes the municipality's responsibility to enforce it. Which would have meant having a full-time air quality engineer available to test and read results. We would have had to do a modeling ordinance, at the time it would have cost between 20 to 50 thousand, and for what, there was no facility there to model after, since Viking ended pulling out. In the meantime, EPA has picked up the ball on how they monitor air quality.

Shoch one of the reasons the moratorium was placed, was because there was nothing in the ordinance to exempt small businesses. It would have affected small businesses in this area.

Peters the reason Viking pulled out was because of the people, not because of us.

Shoch part of the issue too is, we couldn't place more stringent standards than EPA and DEP have in place. We are going through a codification, so we decided we would handle it through that and have the Air Quality rescinded.

(Discussion ensued)

Unidentified Person asked if the area Encina was going to go, could be rezoned?

Peters we cannot spot zone. To change that zoning, we would have to change the 600 some acres down there.

Shoch we have to provide an area for all allowable uses, so if we take the industrial zone away from there, where would we put it. That area has the rail, highway access, it makes sense for it to be there. If we don't allow a sufficient area for Industrial, then they can put it wherever they want. The courts would say since we don't have an allowable area, they can put it wherever they want.

(Discussion ensued)

- Yvonne Derr/Furmano Food Tomato Trot:

Pay Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:58PM.

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