

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 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, Sgt. 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; Earl & Karen Persing; Zachary Black; Randy Persing; Pat Brown; Tom, Sr & Glenda Strouse; Randy Persing; Jacob & Lindsey Shipman; Non-resident from the Daily Item – Rick Dandes

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 Strouse, Jr to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Mtg held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025; an executive session was held after this meeting to discuss personnel and legal items, no action was taken. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- Approve Ordinance 2025-02/Violations for high weeds/grass: the Board approved this ordinance for advertisement. This is for an additional avenue for violations for high weeds/grass that after the failure to multiple notes are ignored this would give the township the ability to have the lawn maintenance paid for, and charge and additional 10% and if the homeowner doesn't pay, it would allow us to put a municipal lien on the property. This won't come into play, until the other notices have been ignored.

MOTION made by Peters to approve Ordinance 2025-02 for violations for high weeds/grass. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Approve Ordinance 2025-03/Vehicle length restriction on Mountain Road: this was something the Board had looked into a number of years ago. This is for vehicles over 45 feet in length.

MOTION made by Peters to approve Ordinance 2025-03 for Vehicle length restriction on Mountain Road. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

- Route 11 Bridge Lightning/PennDOT Lighting Agreement: this is for consideration of the Board for the contract with PennDOT. This is just for discussion right now, we don't have anything to vote on yet. If you remember a number of years ago, PennDOT came to us about removing some light poles because they had become a hazard. Under the contract the Township had with PennDOT from, I

believe 1973, said that the Township was responsible for maintenance, etc for those lights.

PennDOT is looking to place the poles and then after that we are responsible. The new contract they had given us, is basically the same as the old one, the only thing I saw that was different was there is a section in there, that says if we don't do repairs that they not only would bill us for the repairs, it could also keep us from getting Liquid Fuel money, in the amount it took them to complete the repairs.

Yoxheimer the only thing I want to remind everyone of, is that at one-point PennDOT wanted us to pay for all the lights on CSVT for the parts in the Township. With enough push back and complaining about it, at one point, Union County decided they didn't want any lighting if they were going to be responsible for paying the light bill. So, at some point PennDOT decided they would pay for the lighting. I think precedent has been set by them doing that. Do we want to get Culver and Stender involved?

(Discussion ensued decided a meeting should be set up with PennDOT to discuss lighting with them)

- Financial Agreement for plans: this is a memorandum of understanding for someone who brings plans into the Township and gives the Secretary's office the ability to invoice those individuals for the Township Engineers fees and/or the Township Solicitor.

Yoxheimer I think this makes it fair, and they are aware they may accrue some additional costs with their projects.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the financial agreement form, MOU, for plans coming into the Township. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Shoch I did want to mention that we heard back from codification with the lists of things we need to look at and make decisions on. One thing they asked was to get a committee together. A lot of the zoning things, I would imagine Jackie would be involved, some of the things I may be able to answer, Bill Toth, Todd Pysher, 1 or 2 of the Board members. We need to know who those people are they can send email links to them to get into the link to answer those questions. We should let them know in the next week or 2.

Yoxheimer I would think at some point as a key group we would get together and answer the questions. Do an initial meeting to lay out who is responsible for what.

Secretary: *(Financial Report on File)*

- Fire Tax Distribution to Point/Tuckahoe Fire Companies: asking for motion to distribute the first Fire Tax Distribution, in the amount of \$27,500 to each company Point and Tuckahoe.

MOTION made by Peters to approve the Fire Tax Distribution to each Fire Company, Point and Tuckahoe, in the amount of \$27,500 to each company. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

- Approve Klaciks to audit both Point and Tuckahoe Fire Companies: I did mention something to Tony at Klaciks, and he had given us a price of \$3,000 for each company a few years ago, he said he would honor that.

MOTION made by Peters to approve Klaciks to complete an audit for both Fire Companies, Point and Tuckahoe. Seconded by Stender, Jr and passed unanimously.

- Transfer \$20,000 into the HRA from General: we need to add some money into the HRA, this is also needed for the new hire coming on.

MOTION made by Stender, Jr to approve the transfer of \$20,000 into the HRA from the General Account. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Karen w/Northumberland County/tree & plaque at park for Jimmy Neitz: Karen who dealt with the Northumberland County Convention reached out about anyone looking to be part of that now that they don't have Jimmy's help, there is a mtg at Massers on June 11 at 6PM for anyone looking to get

involved. She also asked, if we had some place they could plant a tree in his memory with a plaque. We don't really have room around the building, so we were thinking the park.

Yoxheimer Jimmy did a lot of the excavating for the park back in the day, so I think that would be very appropriate thing to do.

McClain she wanted the Boards permission.

Yoxheimer I guess the question is, can we rely on you and Amy to get back in touch with Karen

McClain yes, we can do that.

Peters if they are going to put a plaque in the park, it better be substantial so it can't be stolen.

McClain we are going to order the cameras in about a week or 2, I thought we could do a dual story with maybe the memorial tree and the installation of the park cameras.

Yoxheimer depending on what they were thinking, we could maybe contribute for a more permanent plaque.

Strouse, Jr Central Builders has some humongous boulders, maybe get something like that and engrave the boulder.

McClain maybe they would be willing to donate.

Wehry we do have some big boulders in the park now. Maybe we can use one of those.

Police Department: (Report on File)

- **Accept Sgt. Rushton's Resignation:**

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to accept Sgt. Kevin Rushton's resignation as of October 5, 2025.

Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

E. Persing I have a question on that. We have to pay him out until October 5, what if he gets another job?

Herring we still have to pay it; it is all time he has earned.

Shoch he is doing this, instead of a lump sum

Yoxheimer there is another issue with insurance. What happens with insurance if he gets another job?

Herring he has conceded that he would go on that insurance and be taken off the Townships.

Yoxheimer when the new police contract comes around, we will look to have some wording changed.

E. Persing I would hope so. Give them what they need when they are here, but when they walk out the door, that should be it.

- **Approval of New Hire:** Jacob Shipman comes recommended by myself and all the other officers in the department. He is currently a 9-year veteran of the Shamokin Dam police department with specialties in narcotics investigations, crime scene investigations, and death investigations. I would like to bring him in as patrol 5 rate, based on his experience.

MOTION made by Rowe to approve the New Hire Jacob Shipman at a patrol 5 rate as of July 1, 2025.

Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- **Approve Police Study for Regionalization (Milton PD):** I wasn't part of this discussion with Milton, you had that with Craig.

Yoxheimer for anyone not aware, we were approached by Milton Borough about potential regionalization with their police department. We had talked/thought about doing that with Sunbury and then Northumberland. There could be a rationalization that regionalizing with another department could happen. At the time we looked into it years ago, there was no real financial benefit to doing that. How is the funding on that happening?

Strouse, Jr/Peters no cost to us.

Yoxheimer if its minimal cost, or not much cost, it always bares some interest to see what the results say and the feasibility of it. I don't know how the rest of the Board feels. We have a good force

here and we can conduct our own business without help from anyone. I suspect, as time goes by, it probably would make sense to have larger forces, so maybe in the future.

Peters this isn't a situation where they look at the Township or the Borough of Milton and say we are about to save you \$200,000 dollars. That does not happen.

Yoxheimer the thing that does bother me is that you add another layer of bureaucracy. Now you have 2 police forces, you are going to have some bureaucratic intermediary between the 2 municipalities. That would be one of my main concerns.

Peters when you sit down and do the math, the calls that Sunbury had were 3 times the amount the Township has and it became a question of if that was the best way to use taxpayer funding to police the city of Sunbury. If they are doing the study for free, maybe it is a good time to hear about it, but don't be surprised by the answer.

Herring I don't think it hurts to hear what the study has to say.

Peters I agree, as long as it isn't wasting your time or the Secretary's time. I will put that out there, if this becomes cumbersome for you, or the girls, you let the Board know.

Herring we are good now, so we can see if it can make things better.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the police study for regionalization with Milton PD. Seconded by Strouse, Jr and passed unanimously.

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

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

EMA: *(No Report)*

Engineer: *(No Report)*

Yoxheimer met with Todd today. Had several conversations, nothing consequential at this point.

Road Department: *(No Reports)*

Wehry I met with Todd as well today. We looked at that pipe out by Hudson Lane. He is going to get a drainage area assessment of that hole to see if we can still put that pipe under Hookies like we talked about. Or, if it would put too much water through that pipe.

Yoxheimer do you have an alternative dump area for that water on Hookies.

Wehry not really. That is where it is going to go. It is either going to go underneath the ditch line, underneath Hookies, or continue down the same ditch line.

Yoxheimer so they both end up at the same place?

Wehry no, the one on the west side of Hookies, just goes down, not sure if that catches in the one swale you have in your field.

Strouse, Jr. it actually goes out in the field above that. We had plans of putting a ditch, a water way with NRCS down through there through. But if your putting it over on this side, I've been in contact with them about putting a waterway on the east side. It would be a permanent conservation reserve program and they would pay to actually build it, and then a small payment every year to maintain it.

Yoxheimer Todd is going to have to do an analysis to see whether the pipe they put in Hudson has the capacity to carry everything that it needs to.

Wehry what your doing would actually elevate some of that water.

Strouse, Jr. Pam would like to meet with them too, the lady from NRCS, to see what their thoughts are. I can send you her number to talk to her.

Wehry we did start grinding on Hookies yesterday. The plan is to have Hookies and Mountain Road grounded and compacted by the end of June. We are also halfway through Hookies today, there isn't much material there, so we are moving pretty quick. Last week we took some millings out to the really bad parts.

- Retro-approval of PT Summer Employee: I had conversations with Randy, Tom and Clay about bringing him on. Yesterday and today we had him running the roller. He will only be with us until August 8th, give or take.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to ratify the hire of Part-Time Summer Employee, Nicholas Rice. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Boom Mower Quotes: how do we want to proceed with berm mowing? This morning I emailed you some different quote options. I have it down to 5 options. We can continue using our current piece of equipment, and repair as needed. Option of renting, buying a new attachment for the John Deere, buying a new attachment for the Skid Steer, or a whole new flail mower, but with that, you are looking at \$190,000, I don't think that's necessary for a machine that only gets used a couple times of year.

Yoxheimer how many times a year and for how long would you have to rent a machine?

Wehry hard to tell, in the past we have just gone out and done it when we had time. So, I have never tracked that. (**Peters** who has those machines) the 2 closest is Bradco out of Towanda, and SCI out of Harrisburg who are about \$2,000 more than Bradco. (**Peters** how much a month) a month is \$6,000, plus a \$600 delivery fee round trip.

Yoxheimer what kind of stress does buying a head put on the skid steer?

Wehry as far as the machine itself, none. The head is its own unit. The only thing that may wear out faster is, would be the tracks since you would be on the road. But with that, you can really get off the ditches and cut back with that. Other wear and tear, none that I know of. It's all hydraulics.

Yoxheimer how long would it take us renting that it would just make more sense buying the attachment to put on the skid steer?

Wehry I would say a month would get us caught up and done.

Yoxheimer I would assume you want to do that in late spring, and then mid-summer.

Wehry some people do it earlier in the summer before the weeds even start and get the brush taken care of so you don't have all that growing up.

Yoxheimer so probably at a minimum of twice a year and then for how long each time? 2 weeks?

Wehry 2 to 3 weeks minimum. Tom and I discussed using our machine and fixing as needed.

Strouse, Jr. I am just sitting here thinking, we could probably get more money for it if we took the mower off of it and sold it separately.

Peters if your going to do that, then just run the thing till it craps, and then take the mower off and sell the tractor.

Strouse, Jr. how high did that get on Municibid?

Wehry we had the reserve at \$15,000.

Strouse, Jr. I would think the tractor you could get \$20,000 by itself.

Peters the reserve was at \$15,000 and it never got to that.

Hoffman no, the reserve was at \$30,000, and it got to \$15,000

Wehry no

Peters she might be right though, I think we set the reserve at 20 or 30. I think you should run this thing until it destroys itself, then we will see which direction to go.

Yoxheimer when will it get used next?

Wehry on Hookies when we are ready for it probably the end of the month when I am on vacation John and Lance will work on that.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: (Report on file)

Toth did a final inspection that was installed in April. Replaced a tank that had caved in on a property in Ridge Road. Did 6 soil profiles at Little's Sportsman Shop for their shooting range.

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

Hart for the month of May, we issues Zoning Permits for: Solar at 734 Hookies Grove Road; Solar at 242 Church Drive; 12x16 Storage Shed at 506 Susquehanna Trail; Roof top solar at 2376 Ridge Rd; 2400 Sq Ft. pole building at 144 Charlie Dr; Roof Top solar at 2266 Ridge Road.

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

Recreation: *(No Report)*

McClain Special Olympics is meeting every Saturday over the summer for softball practice. The pavilion rental has been huge this year. I think every weekend in June is rented and only a few available dates in July. I am excited about that.

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

- Appoint New Member:

Other Business:

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

Pay Bills:

MOTION made by Peters to pay bills. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.

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