

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024**

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, Office Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain and Office Assistant Amy Hoffman, Chief of Police Craig Lutchter, Roadmaster Jared Wehry, ZEO Jackie Hart and Bill Brady. (*Absent: SEO William Toth*).

Visitors present: Helen Peters; George Rohrer; Earl & Karen Persing; Pat Brown; Joe Myers; Michael Erdman; Andrew Young; Karen & Richard Smeltz.

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 Rowe to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Meeting held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- EMS Resolution 2024-05: there was a meeting with Geisinger that was held at Tuckahoe, that Geisinger is looking to be housed at Tuckahoes station. They requested at that meeting that the Township make the Resolution for closest ambulance service.

Yoxheimer Mike since you are here, what are your thoughts on this.

Erdman Geisinger frequently removes themselves from ambulance services to transfer patients, and said that he didn't think they had enough EMS staff right now to staff the ambulances they have now and wasn't sure they would be able to staff one at Tuckahoe. The other thing with Geisinger, I don't know if their unit would even be dispatched by Northumberland County. We have to call up to Montour see if they have a unit available, then they have to dispatch them, and probably 95% of the time, Montour never tells us anyone responds, the unit never tells us they are on scene, their units never switch their radios over to talk to us. My recommendation would be to name Evan as the primary ambulance service for the Township.

Shoch you can name numerous agencies, or just one.

McClain come September 1st, AREA will be out of Danville and we don't want to have them as our primary.

Shoch we can change this at any time.

Rowe I was hoping Geisinger would be here tonight, my only concern is those people that bought memberships, that Evan won't honor those memberships.

Shoch if the Board decides they want to name Evan as the primary and not closest service, I can make that change.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve Resolution 2024-05 for EMS Services, with changes to reflect Evangelical Community Hospital as primary. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Codification: change order from General Code: explained that this was started about 15 years ago and the process is to compile our ordinances and then make them all available online.

Yoxheimer we updated a lot of ordinances since then so we would be up to date with them.

Shoch the Township has budgeted \$10,000 toward the codification.

Strouse, Jr. so what are we paying them to do?

Shoch right now have 3 big binders in my office with all the ordinances, zoning and SALDO have their own binders, we have given them all our ordinances in digital form, they will convert them to a document they can work with, and then they will take all the amendments and have a code book/section.

Hart I am very familiar with General Code. You do not need to codify every time you pass an ordinance, they have a section called new law, if another ordinance is passed, the office could email that to General Code, they could put it in the new law column, and it would not cost you anything. So generally, what most municipalities do is wait until they have 8 to 10 ordinances and at budget time, they will propose having them codified and then General Code will send you the updated pages. The main goal is to have all your ordinances online.

(Discussion ensued about the Air Quality Moratorium)

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the change order from General Code for codification, in the amount of \$15,854.80. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

Secretary: *(Financial Report on File)*

- Fortinet Firewall Purchase (\$5,365.55): per our IT Tech, we need to update our Firewall. He said this is the single most important piece of technology in the building. It protects us from viruses, ransomware, outside threats and manages the Wi-Fi. The current device we have is at end of life.

MOTION made by Peters to approve the purchase of Fortinet Firewall in the amount of \$5,365.55. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Resolution 2024-06 for Gannett Fleming/Joint Comp Plan: had meeting last Wednesday. Got MAP grant. Gannett Fleming was chosen by us and the Borough.

Yoxheimer Gannett Fleming was the one that did it back in 2009. We will be looking for a few people to sit on that committee.

MOTION made by Peters to adopt Resolution 2024-06 to allow Gannett Fleming to do work for Joint Comp Plan. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- RTK Policy Update Resolution 2024-04: I just received a RTK request that was sent out across the state asking for technical information and the bills for those tech items, such as: IT related, Verizon accounts and how much we pay for them. The Office of Open Records and PSATS recommended we add a line to our RTK Policy, that says: anonymous or verbal requests will not be considered.

That was all that was added, that is a means to protect us.

MOTION made by Stender, Jr. to adopt Resolution 2024.04 for Right-To-Know policy update. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Police Department: *(Report on File)*

- Bullet Proof Vests: Amanda applied for a grant for 2 bullet proof vests, and we were awarded that and got those monies through S Luther Savidge Grant. **Yoxheimer** thank you Amanda.
- PD Policy: we needed to update our policies. This is done through a company that provides us with updated policies and then we can review them and update them to our department. This is currently being paid for through a grant and will be for the next 2 to 3 years.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to adopt the new Police Department Policies. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

Fire Department: (No Report)

Erdman I wanted to circle back to the EMS Service, are you naming Evan for all of the Township?

Shoch they are going to be named as the primary.

Yoxheimer how will County know.

Erdman you can send a letter to County to let them know that you passed the Resolution.

Rowe at the Fire Board, someone brought up that some of them want to run blue lights, but they aren't allowed. They said the Supervisors are the ones that said they are not allowed, that there is an ordinance against that because at one time it was abused. Do you know anything about that? (**Yoxheimer** no, I am not aware of anything like that). At the meeting they said the police department discourages that. Do you know anything about that?

Lutcher if we had issues with anyone, we talked to the Fire Chief, and they would address it, but no huge issues.

Rowe as far as everyone's concerned, they are allowed?

Shoch I have never seen an ordinance that states anything about blue lights.

Rowe at the next fire board meeting can I tell them if they wish to run blue lights, they can.

Yoxheimer yeah, I don't see anything wrong with that.

Lutcher blue lights just alert the people around you, it doesn't give them any rights to violate any laws, they still have to drive the speed limit, etc.

Fire Police: (No Report to file per Zac Black)

EMA: (No Report to file per Mike Erdman)

Erdman I don't have anything. Apparently, there was a bunch of rain that came through, but I was out of the Country. I wasn't made aware of any kind of damage.

Wehry the only road that flooded was Roush Road.

Engineer: (No Report)

Yoxheimer Todd left for Florida today. He is still working on reimbursements.

Road Department: (Report on File)

- Flail Mower Repair: this year, one of the flange bearings went bad, I called around where we get parts for that, the part for that assembly is about \$1,000. Seems like every year we are dumping money into this.

Yoxheimer we have 2 things going on, we need to discuss if we want to keep the tractor and put some kind of different mower in it, or if we want to get rid of the whole thing and look to rent something.

Wehry I got some prices on rentals. A weekly rental for a flail mower, is \$2,000 for a week, plus \$600 for freight from Bradco. That is the cheapest. Stepheson Equipment that wanted \$3,200 a week, plus \$1,100 freight. Freight is drop off and pick up.

Strouse, Jr. if you aren't knocking a bunch of trees back, I think a rotary mower would be a better option.

Yoxheimer is there anything that would prevent us from putting a rotary head on that?

Wehry the machine is just aging and isn't in the best condition. We can run the flail mower for a good 3 weeks.

Peters find out how much a boom bar with a rotary head is, to replace the arm on ours.

(Discussion ensued)

- Hiring GTA/Core Sample Testing: had meeting with Todd Pysher, and Recon and Russell Standard. Per the engineer, there was too much moisture, and it is not settling up.

Yoxheimer once we get the concrete next spring, then we can have Russell come in and seal it up, there price is god for a year, so we have until June 11, 2025. Should be around \$60,000 for the concrete, and then that road is done.

(Discussion ensued)

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow GTA to complete Core Sample Testing to establish mix design for Neitz road. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Neitz Road FDR bid out in December/January opening:
- Catch basin and pipe for Church Road: had a resident reach out about a hole near her driveway. To me it looks like someone cut the pipe in half and tried to put it back together. If we can get a coupler, instead of replacing pipe, we will do that.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Roadmaster to order catch basin in the amount of \$776 and if needed pipe for Church Drive, at a cost of \$220 a stick. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Hookies Tree Easement: we should get all our easements back soon, we are waiting for 1 more back. Once we get that, we can look into getting the tree work done.

Yoxheimer explained about a Sewer tree project that the Authority is looking to do on 405.

Strouse Jr. did you have a chance to check that new driveway on Stone School?

Wehry the property line is higher than the road, I let the homeowner know that we are going to have to come and take care of some of that.

Yoxheimer we had issues with that from the beginning. Tom Gates is the developer. We had a meeting with numerous people on site there to discuss issues, we will get Gates involved again if necessary.

Wehry we never had issues with water on that side of Stone School until that new development came in.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

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

Hart we had 3 zoning permits: retaining wall at 1629 Susquehanna Trail; 8X12 Shed at 102 Fryling Road; 20X10 Storage Shed at the Good News Club off 405.

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

Hart we have 3 applications for zoning variances and 1 application for conditional use hearing. We will be reviewing all of those next week at the planning meeting.

Recreation: *(No Report)*

McClain we did have to add a 2nd port a potty to keep up with the traffic coming through the park. Jared talked to us about the Road Crew cleaning the park bathrooms.

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

Yoxheimer explained project Authority is looking to do along Route 11 in 2 phases, a repair and replace project.

Other Business:

Brown we have an issue with someone in Oak Park not maintaining their property, this started a year and a half ago. Not for lack of trying on Bill Brady's part. My neighbor had a snake in his garage, and we have mice, we have never had these issues. Is there more power or something more Bill can do?

Hart when Bill first started working on this project, the resident in question took care of his lawn and then you came in and said that he took care of his lawn. This gentleman owes \$1,025 in fines. There are 2 citations pending in court, it is in the hands of the Judge. Our avenues are exhausted because they are in the court. It is a quality-of-life issue. What other municipalities have done is put in their ordinance that the Township can hire a company to come in and do the work and bill the resident plus charge a 20/25% admin fee.

Brady the Judge has had 1 citation since November, and the 2nd one since July of this year.

Hart read off the attempts the Judge has tried to make in contacting this gentleman.

Yoxheimer when can it go to Sheriff's sale?

Shoch it would have to have a lean against it.

Hart we can't go any further than this.

Strouse Jr. can we update the fine amounts?

Hart the fines don't seem to bother him. It would be up to the Judge to increase the daily fine amount.

Peters do we have the ability to contact the Judge about this?

Shoch I can send a letter to the office, we can't reach out to him directly.

(Discussion ensued)

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Solicitor to send a letter to Judge Diehl to request some action be taken on the Oak Park Violations and for the Solicitor to confer with Jackie about an ordinance to address someone not mowing their lawn. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

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 9:00PM.

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