

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 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, Chief of Police Craig Lutchner, 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; Tom & Glenda Strouse; Karen Hunter; Lana Gulden; Harry Lewis (non-resident); Zachary Black; Angie Troutman (non-resident); Rob Walter (non-resident); Bob Lagerman (non-resident); Sandra & Robert Sulouff; George Rohrer; Dave Rebuck (non-resident); Barbara & Larry Redington; Earl & Karen Persing; Pat Brown; Mike Erdman; Andrew Youngs (non-resident).

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 Stender, Jr. to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Meeting held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- Garage Bids: opened bids today at noon, the public and contractors were allowed to be present. All necessary papers were included in all bids. Low bid came in from Martins at \$215,714 minus \$1,358 for a monolithic pour, which we would be fine with. The other bidders were: Dutchman Contractors at \$255,408; Gray Builders at \$259,000; Zartman Construction at \$268,900; and JB Gibbons Construction at \$279,900.

Yoxheimer we did receive a grant for \$50,000

McClain yes we did receive that from the County and we still have roughly \$210,000 left in ARP.

MOTION made by Rowe to accept the lowest bid of \$214,356, which includes the deduction for the monolithic pour, from Martins Construction for the garage project. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Endo Class Action: I have not completely gotten through the paperwork yet. I am suspecting that the reason we received this claim form to vote either accept or reject a bankruptcy court their determination of the bankruptcy proceedings how creditors will be handled. This is a proxy vote.

MOTION made by Peters to allow the Chairman to file paperwork if the Solicitor finds that is necessary when he gets through the paperwork. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Secretary: *(Financial Report on File)*

- Audit: has been completed, successfully passed, will come back once they review QuickBooks.
- Fire Dept Reports/Fire Tax: are on file from each company.
- Accept Zoning Board Resignation: with Joseph H. Stender Jr. filling the seat for his dad, he is not able to serve on the Zoning Board.

Hart we need to fill that position. Asked if anyone was interested, no one spoke up.

MOTION made by Peters to accept the Zoning Board Resignation from Joe Stender, Jr. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

- Priestley-Forsyth Library Donation: this time of year, we always give a \$1,000 donation.
- 17857 Donation: this is for the events held in the Borough, the last 2 years we donated \$500.

MOTION made by Peters to allow the secretary to send donation of \$1,000 to the Preistley-Forsyth Library and \$500 to the 17857. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

- Silvertip proposal: for maintenance on the furnace and geo units.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the Silvertip maintenance proposal in the amount of \$2,115. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- TRA Electric Maintenance: for the traffic lights

MOTION made by Peters to approve the maintenance proposal from TRA Electric in the amount of \$1,200. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Purchase of Recorder for Fire Board: we were able to purchase that through ARP, around \$250.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to retroactively approve the purchase of the recorder, paper, binder, etc for the Fire Board. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- YMCA Letter: approval for using the park in the summer: June, July and August

MOTION made by Peters to allow the YMCA to use the park on Monday and Wednesdays in the summer. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

- Anselmo Grant: looking to get some free mulch for the park.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to apply for any granting agencies possible for the park. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Police Department: *(Report on File)*

- Ammo Purchase: before the prices go up.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to retroactively approve the ammo purchase in the amount of \$1,978. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

- Non-employee Reimbursement for Court: with having an officer leave for another department, we will have instances where he will need to come back for court. I am asking for approval to pay him his ending pay rate for those court appearances.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to pay non-employee reimbursement for court at the rate they left at. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Bullet Proof Vest Grant: last year you approved the vests, the vests are in, and we have closed the grant and will get \$2,100 back.

- Taurus/Municibid: we are ready to put the car on Municibid, 2016 with 124,000 miles on it.

Peters I would like to see a minimum of \$3,000 for the car.

MOTION made by Peters to approve the listing of the Taurus on Municibid with minimum of \$3,000. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

Fire Department: *(No Report)*

Fire Police: *(Report on file)*

- Ballistic Vest Purchase: **Black** Fire Police are looking for ballistic vests for protection when responding to calls, four vests. Drawing up policy that each fire police person will sign. **Yoxheimer** are these specific for specific individuals. They will be safety-reflective. **Black** these are for the active members right now and have been on average here for 3 years. **Yoxheimer** so no one is looking to leave right now? (**Black** no) I think we will probably approve this, but I think you should approach Northumberland County about helping with the cost. **Black** I have an appoint with the Degenstein Foundation
Peters we are going to do this, but it would be great if you could find some help
MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the purchase of four (4) ballistic vests for the Fire Police in the amount of \$3,089. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

Black I also need approval for events this year.

Yoxheimer you usually provide a list of events, if you could get us that. This isn't on the agenda to vote on tonight, so if you could have the list available for March then we can vote on it.

EMA: (No Report)

Erdman I do not have anything to report. I am slowly working through the training. I finally got the information with what I need to do, most is being done online. In going through the training and speaking with Amanda, I have found out that I can have an assistant. I would like approval for an assistant to be put in place and my recommendation is Andrew Youngs. With me working out of state a couple days a week, it will be beneficial to have an assistant, and he also works full time at the 911 Center.

Yoxheimer this is not on the agenda; we can take care of this at the March meeting.

Engineer: (No Report)

- Final Kapp Pay App #3: this cost also includes the final two (2) change orders.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the final Kapp Heights Pay App #3 for \$95,907.44 that includes retainage and two change orders. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Approve Final Change Orders: change orders #7 for \$3,879, excavating trench in inlet 1 and 10; and #8 for quantities 1-12, additional work \$16, 284.68.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to accept change orders seven (7) and eight (8) for the Kapp Heights project. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Strouse the pipe out here will be returned?

Wehry yes, LB is looking to have a tractor trailer come and take it all at once.

(Discussion ensued)

Road Department: (Report on File)

Wehry at the intersection going on to the CSVT toward Milton, is now a yellow blinking light. We now have 2-red/yellow/green lights and a controller that is a spare one if needed for the other light.

- Hookies Grove Road Rebuild/Trees: showed video on the condition of the road. To prepare for the repair of the road, we need to have some trees removed.

Yoxheimer we want to take about 58 trees, some of the trees are in our right of way and aren't an issue to take down, some of them are on the homeowners property and we have to get permission. When we first talked to the homeowners, most of them wanted the trees. The logger we had lined up, is not going to take the trees down and a more reasonable price then a regular tree cutter, if he can't take the wood. We are not going to redo this road, if we cannot do the proper ditching, we need to do to make the road a better rebuild.

Peters if you cannot do proper ditching, then it is worth rebuilding the road.

Yoxheimer the logger we have used twice in the township, he will take everything. He deals in chips. There are about 8 homeowners.

(Discussion ensued)

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Solicitor to create a letter to send out to the Hookies Grove residents about the trees on their property and hold an informal meeting. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Libeck Road Oil & Chip Pricing: last fall we rebuilt Libeck. Put fog seal over it for the winter. I want to put 200 tons of subbase, and then we have to have that road seal coated this year.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Roadmaster to expense what is necessary for Libeck, not to exceed \$25,000. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Sycamore Oil and Chip: 2 years ago, we replaced pipe crossing. My plan is to zip what's there and mix with millings and follow up with seal coat.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Roadmaster to do full reconstruction of Sycamore for \$60,000. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Rany excused himself to use the rest room)

- Pipe and Catch Basin/Bulk Plant: the cost is \$1,211 for the catch basin and \$1,320 for the pipe.

MOTION made by Peters to allow the Roadmaster to purchase pipe & catch basin for Bulk Plant Road, in the amount of \$2,500. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed with a vote of four (4), one absent (1).

- Mountain Road Truck Sign: this has been on our list for a while. If you want to have a road restricted for trucks or weight, there has to be a traffic study done. Act 31 says that if a Township wants to restrict trucks over certain lengths on Township roads without a need for a traffic study, we can limit trucks to over 45 feet long if a road meets certain criteria and we have documents on file. Mountain Road does meet a few of those criteria's. Something we can do in house, I can complete the study with PennDOT's forms, I then can present to the Board what I find and if everything looks good, we can place that sign. One of the main reasons I think we should do this, is on the other side, Liberty Township, already has their road posted.

Strouse, Jr. so if Liberty already has it posted, then they had to have had a study done already. If they can't go the other way, I don't understand why we can't just put a sign up.

Shoch/Yoxheimer this is PennDOT's requirements.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Roadmaster to start the process of putting tonnage sign on Mountain Road, with Rick following through with results. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Stone School & Gibbons Crack: I took Barry Garverick from PennDOT on these roads and I asked him his recommendation for these roads. He recommended that we cracked sealed and then seal coated, so we do not lose these roads. As far as I know we have never cracked sealed. Barry gave me some contractors to call that do this. The best time to crack seal is in the winter.

Strouse, Jr. any idea on the cost?

Wehry I do not at this point. Wanted the Board's opinion first.

Yoxheimer I would run that by Todd as well.

- New Tires for 2013 F550:

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Roadmaster to purchase new tires for the 2013 F550, not to exceed \$2,000. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

Toth slow month, nothing.

Zoning Enforcement Officer: *(Report on File)*

Hart 3 zoning permits this last month.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: *(Report on File)*

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

Recreation: *(No Report)*

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

- *Appoint Robert Sulouff to fill J. Hinkle's resignation:*

MOTION made by Peters to appoint Robert Sulouff to fill Jeff Hinkle's position after his resignation. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Other Business:

-Riverboat: **Troutman** here on behalf of the Central Susquehanna Riverboat Society. We are moving forward very quickly. Sunday we are having an event for the public, at Front Street Station from 1 to 4. We will be presenting history and current endeavors. We will have a panel of other individuals involved in this project.

Yoxheimer can you give us a sense of where you are with this.

Troutman come on Sunday and you will find out. The paparazzi left, so I can tell you a few things.

Unidentified Individual I can help out there, we have been notified by the Coast Guard that we are to hire a naval architect, we have done that.

Peters so you know you need a skipper to run the boat.

Troutman yes.

Peters this is based out of the Borough?

Troutman between Sunbury and the Borough. We are working on a lease agreement with the Boro. Docking site will be at Pineknott Park.

Peters you are working on a lease agreement with the Boro. I am sure you are aware that the River is in Point Township, not in the Boro. So, if you are going to run something like this, one of my questions is what type of insurance you are going to carry to hold the Township harmless.

Unidentified Individual we assure you, we will be covered.

(Discussion ensued)

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

Lewis I have a comment for the Board. I got word that a previous meeting I did not attend, there was a rather heated discussion about Encina and my name came up. I wanted to clear the air. I have a handout for the Board. The first thing is an article from the Daily Item from 2022, that's the date The Daily Item announced the Encina project. The second page is the Encina press release, dated April 7, 2022. What I heard was that there was discussion that I was inaccurate in my factual presentations publicly about the timeline. What I have been telling the public is prior to the public announcement of the Encina project, there was an email exchange between the Solicitor and Jennifer Wakeman at DRIVE about the to be enacted zoning ordinance of 2022 and making an accommodation for Encina in that ordinance that was prior to the public announcement. I provided the email chain so we are all on the same page factually. I don't want to suggest as it was at a prior meeting that I was misinformed or misstating facts, either to this Board or about the Solicitor, or anywhere else.

Shoch and just to clarify, I did not necessarily say you misstated facts, what I had said was, there was discussion about this, and I think some of the folks that were at the meeting that night, are here tonight, in fact two times it came up because the press put it in twice, what they had indicated was that wasn't what you actually said at a meeting was the way it was portrayed in the paper was what was stated was that the rezoning of the one parcel, the one that was rezoned as part of the overall rezoning and the map

amendment was done at the request of Encina. What I stated was that was not factually accurate. That was ear marked to be rezoned, from probably as early as 2015 when the owner of the property was going to approach the township about going through the process to have it rezoned, because of the interest in potential buyers for that for an industrial zone and because it abuts an industrial zone, and the parcel that it abuts, is the same owner, the Board said to them at that time that they needed to redo the zoning ordinance. I think Mr. Rohrer was one of the ones that said that wasn't what was said, what appeared in the paper. I told them, I totally understood that I have been misquoted in the paper more often than I have been quoted correctly. We felt it was necessary to address this, because the public gets ahold of that misquote and then comes in here all upset. We do not want to allow that to gain momentum. Mr Rohrer and I had a conversation about it at the one meeting and he indicated what you were referring to which was some of these.

Lewis I was referring to some of the email exchange, I value my integrity (**Shoch** as do I), being called a liar, I am not saying anyone here said that I am in here to defend my integrity.

Shoch we did not call you a liar, what we said was what was portrayed in the paper was factually incorrect. The paper said, that you said, that there was information sharing that the parcel we rezoned at Encinas request. Back when the previous owners asked us about rezoning.....

Lewis so you are saying this started back with the owners of Central Builders. (**Shoch** yes.)

Yoxheimer gave some history of what had happened with those parcels back in 2006 or 2007.

Lewis all that I am here tonight for, is, and as a curiosity to the Board, I heard that I was being alluded to in a disparaging way. I presented the facts that I knew to be true. Thank you for hearing me.

Shoch if you go back to those meeting minutes, I think I said I would be surprised if what was in the paper, was what you said, and apparently that was the case. Mr. Rohrer told me after the meeting what he thought you were talking about when the paper misquoted you. (*explained the process of receiving suggestions from individuals regarding the new zoning ordinance*)

(*Discussion ensued*)

Lewis thank you for the explanation.

Peters spoke of some history of those parcels back from 2000

Yoxheimer the article we were referring to, made it sound like we had some back door deal with Encina to have that ground rezoned. I took great offense to that. The regulatory agencies will make those determinations of permits. It suggested that we did something that only benefited Encina, that there was no history with that ground, and that is just not the case.

Lewis thank you for your time.

Pay Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.

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