

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 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, 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 & Karen Persing; Pat Brown; Mike Erdman; Scott Antolik; Todd Reichenbach; Jason Hummel.

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 Peters to approve the minutes of the Reorganizational & Regular Supervisor Meeting held on Monday, January 06, 2025, with executive session; and executive session on 1/28/2025. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- Fuel Bid – Open Bids: Furmans didn't get their bid in for the reorg mtg, we have only received 1 bid, I believe it came into today, they are missing the bid bond, but because we only received this bid, that is irrelevant.

MOTION made by Rowe to accept the fuel bid from Furman Foods Fueling. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- Approve Advertising for Zoning Appeals Board: this would be a joint UCC Board of appeals, Jackie has had past experience with a joint appeals board and pulled together the paperwork as an example. You all know it is hard to find volunteers that want to serve on these boards. Also by having a joint board, it gives you a bigger pool of people to appoint to the board. The other places looking to be part of this is the City of Sunbury, the Borough of Northumberland and Washingtonville.

Peters it looks like from the document, it takes 3 members and 2 alternates. (**Hart** correct) how is that selection process handled. It doesn't look like the appeals members can be supervisors or council members. (**Hart** correct) How is the individual billing handled.

Hart Amanda and Amy have volunteered to be the administrators if we would get an appeal. If there was any money left after expenses for the appeal, the Township would keep. So if any appeal would be made in any of these areas, we would receive the administration fees, would handle setting up the meeting, etc. It would be the same fee in each area that would be charged. The Township

already has 3 members in the Point Twp Appeals Board, so we would just need to find 2 alternates. You would be voting on your Board members. This would be for the Uniform Construction Code and the Property Maintenance.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the advertisement for an ordinance for the Zoning Appeals Board agreement and Resolution. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

Rowe who appoints the members?

Hart as I mentioned, you already have 3 members, so we already have them.

Rowe there is 3 allowed on the Board, there is no way Sunbury is going to allow that.

Hart 3 members and 2 alternates. I have already spoken with all the Solicitors in those areas and they are all happy to do whatever the Township wants to do.

Rowe and you think Sunbury is going to be okay with having 3 members from our Township for the Board? (**Hart** yes, absolutely) Not with that mayor.

Peters I think with the low response from this, it will fly.

Secretary: (*Financial Report on File*)

- Fire Department Reports/Fire Tax: these were emailed to each Board member and will be emailed to our Auditors. Each Fire Company was given \$29,400 in tax monies for 2024 and each company did provide a report showing how that money was expensed.
- Preistley-Forsyth Library Donation: Motion for the annual Library donation for \$1,000

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the donation to the Library in the amount of \$1,000.

Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

- 17857 Donation: Motion for annual 17857.org donation for 2025. We can choose where the donation goes or they will put where it is most needed

MOTION made by Stener, Jr. to approve the donation to 17857 in the amount of \$500. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

Yoxheimer I want to back up just a minute, since we were talking about fire department reports, is that the paper work you gave me Mike? Explain this paperwork please.

Erdman Clay told me that you were talking about seeing how training was going between the 2 stations, call stats, who is responding to what calls. So I printed out reports from 2024, there are 2 different training reports, 1 on a company level and 1 for state level training. It is broken down by individual, it doesn't tell you what individual from what station, so I hand wrote that. There was nothing submitted from Tuckahoe training wise for 2024 in emergency reporting.

Yoxheimer should our inference be that they aren't doing any, or they just didn't give you a report.

Erdman I don't know.

Rowe remember we had a discussion about that and we were concerned with whether or not they are doing, you know we are giving them that money every year, and they doing their training, are they keeping up with it, are they going on calls. Is there really a fire company, that's basically the discussion we had.

Erdman I can only go by what's in emergency reporting. As far as calls, there were no calls from them entered after April. This report is from the State. Everything we submit, goes to the state.

Yoxheimer how do we get a copy of Tuckahoes.

Erdman if they report it elsewhere, you will have to get from them direct, because it is not in emergency reporting. This is our reporting system that we report to the state.

Yoxheimer if I wanted to see as a resident, could I access this report.

Erdman my guess is you would have to go to each individual station and ask for that. That report there is not accessible by the general public. Not sure if there is something state level you could access. PA does not have a minimum training requirement you just have to have a Hazmat Recognition Course.

Peters what kind of reports are you getting.

McClain they are financial reports. That is all that is required I get from them to give them that tax money per the Second Class Township Code Book.

Strouse, Jr. what is your opinion of what they are doing?

Erdman for the last year or so, we have been joint training with Northumberland Fire Company, because 95% of our calls are together so we are all doing things the same way. There is an open invite to Tuckahoe to join us for those trainings every Tuesday.

Yoxheimer on the scenes that you go to, is Tuckahoe there?

Erdman some, the numbers I gave you don't reflect that because they didn't report any calls after April of last year. For 2025, so far, they have entered everything and it is being documented appropriately. But after Clay said something to me previously, I went through our cad, through the County and pulled every call report and who was marked responding and they were marked as not responding 62% of the time. Now, I don't know how much of that was a crew showed up to the station and was held in quarters.

Yoxheimer since we are talking about this, Amanda, you said per the second class twp code, they are required to show reporting of how their money is expensed, but there is no requirement on their activity level, training level, or any of that. I can't imagine you can't have one without the other. Maybe we can ask the Fire Board to investigate and come up with answers.

Erdman every year our state grant would get withheld until they saw some type of reports done, and then just enough reports would get submitted to satisfy it, so we would get our state grant money, and then the rest would just sit there open. I am estimating that 8 to 9 hundred calls, just sitting there open, not completed. (**Yoxheimer** how difficult is it to complete) I would estimate about 5 minutes a call. Each station would submit their information into the system and then a chief would review and submit. One of the prior chiefs was not reviewing and submitting. After about 8 to 9 months, we finally have all chiefs with the same access and things are getting reported.

Yoxheimer my concern is, if there is a fire and a resident wants to know response time, do we have any responsibility if they don't respond.

Shoch you don't have liability for their actions, they are a separate legal entity.

Peters if it looks like 2025 has been straightened out, what are you looking for us to do. For them to come and talk to us?

Yoxheimer we do not deal directly with the companies, I think we have to go through the Fire Board, I think the Fire Board needs to take a more active role. This is a volunteer position. So Clay, do you think we are where we need to be with this?

Rowe yes, but I would be interested to know what calls Tuckahoe responds to if we are giving them \$29,000.

- Approve renewing PennDOT Maintenance Agreement: in talking to PennDOT we are at renewal stage for maintenance agreement. They sent me a dummy contract, we just need to do a motion that we are interested in moving forward with a 5-year contract. Once he gets that, then he will send us a contract that will either be on the March or April agenda.

MOTION made by Peters to advise that we agree to re-energize the 5-year maintenance agreement with PennDOT. Seconded by Stender, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Wehry I was at a PennDOT connect meeting and they told me that there plan for Ridge is to replace most, if not all of the drainage on Ridge Road, and realign when they can, with minimal impact, of trying to get 2 to 3 foot shoulders. But as far as widening it, the lanes aren't being widened, but trying to get a wider shoulder. He said the shoulders where they can, they realize there will be some places where they can't.

- Resolution 2025-02/Signatory Authority for PennDOT Agreement: we can table this until we get the contract. This is just for us being the signatories for the contract after the Board reviews.
- Tax Collection Percentage for 2026 Term: read details of what the tax collector makes from an email that was sent to the Supervisors not long after the January meeting.

Hoffman she has already taken a hit and since we have Keystone collecting the LST

McClain the email was sent Jan 10, she gets approximately \$1.53 for each County Real Estate bill and 26 cents for each per capita bill. She said she makes approximately \$7,000 from school taxes and \$3,000 from County last year. She does not get benefits from the Township and also pays building/office rent.

Yoxheimer so her gross is roughly \$44,000 from all taxes collected.

Shoch and she pays her own deputy and pays rent here at the Township office.

Peters leave it at the 4%, at least until the reassessment is done.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the 4% to stay in place for the tax collector compensation. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

McClain we did officially receive the money for the sale of the backhoe, \$62,600.

Police Department: (Report on File)

- Start Hiring process/March: with Craig retiring, we are looking to start the hiring process.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the hiring process in March for an additional patrolman. Seconded by Rowe and passed unanimously.

- Long Term Disability: we assess the benefits at the beginning of the year and we noticed that the benefit doesn't cover the individuals salaries if something would happen to engage that benefit. This is each individual paying more, not that we are asking the Township to pay.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the police personnel to supplement their own long-term disability above the contractual amount that the Township covers. Seconded by Strouse, Jr. and passed unanimously.

Fire Department: (No Report)

Erdman at the Fire Board level, we had discussed allowing our members to use blue lights when responding to the station, the board seemed to be okay with it, but before they made a decision, they wanted to make sure you guys were okay with it as well. We have a form they would have to fill out and file. There are disciplinary actions if they were to do something stupid while using the blue lights.

Peters that would usually come with a discussion with the police department.

Rowe yeah, we had discussed it with the Chief, he had no problem with it at all.

Erdman we used to use them all the time, and then at some point we were told someone said we couldn't anymore, then we found that to be false. So, we did want to get that set in stone if we can or not. They can't disobey traffic rules, they still have to stop at stop signs, they have to go the speed limit.

Fire Police: (Report on file)

EMA: (No Report)

Erdman attended a meeting with PEMA on some flood control stuff, went quick because I was the only EMA that showed up.

Engineer: (No Report)

- Grant Reimbursement Status: **McClain** spoke with Pysher who said he is working on them.

Road Department: (Report on File)

- Vacation Request: you asked me to bring this up at the February meeting after we discussed it in January. I sent out an email the day after the reorg meeting clarifying how many days off I am requesting. I am requesting 9 days, June 30 to July 15, with the 4th of July in there. I did get feedback from Tom and Clay, they were both fine with that. I am asking for that to be approved.

Yoxheimer you are scheduling your summer work around that?

Wehry yes, and to piggyback off of that, it eliminates some time restraints that we had. When I spoke with Russell Standard, the ones who were doing the seal coat on Neitz and agreed to hold the price until June, they will actually hold their price until the end of the construction season and do the work when they are in this area. So, we will have a longer time to prepare everything.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the vacation request for the Roadmaster from June 30 to July 15. Seconded by Rowe. and passed unanimously.

- Backhoe/Municipibid: the backhoe sold for \$62,600 so I wanted the Boards direction with moving forward on purchasing a mini excavator (\$100,625) and a 255 CAT skid steer (\$87,850). Prices on those machines are good through March. With the money from the sale of the backhoe, the 2 machines would cost \$125,875.

Strouse, Jr. I would like to know the price of Kubota; Messick's is buying Rovendales out. I would like to know the price comparison between CAT and Kubota.

Yoxheimer how much do you have in your equipment budget right now?

Wehry off the top of my head.....(was looking for the information) liquid fuels around about \$143,629 and Amanda, what is the road tax account right now.

McClain I believe a little over \$100,000)

- John Deere Appraisal: an ongoing conversation about the flail mower. I had Bradco come down and give me an appraisal, which they said was around \$20,000, there is a bearing that needs to be fixed that will cost around \$1,000.

Yoxheimer Municibid. Can you rent what you would need in the summer?

Wehry yes we can, we can try and just rent something 2 times a year. It is \$6,600 a month to rent what we would need. I think we can do everything in 2 weeks. So maybe in the spring rent it and get everything cut low and then again later in the summer.

(Discussion ensued)

Peters fix the bearing and put it on Municibid.

- Salt purchase request from Northumberland Borough: the Borough is completely out of salt, or running very low, and they called us to ask if we could sell them some. I don't think we are in a position to get rid of any, I recommend not selling. We are still waiting on 4 loads to be delivered and we are only able to order 1 more load after those are delivered.

Yoxheimer if they have a situation where we have a black ice storm, maybe we can give them a minimal amount.

(Discussion ensued)

MOTION made by Strouse, Jr. to approve selling 20 tons of salt to the Borough if they are still in need. Seconded by Yoxheimer and passed unanimously.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: (No Report)

Toth no activity for permitting, 5 ½ unbillable hours

Zoning Enforcement Officer: *(Report on File)*

Hart 3 zoning permits this last month: Fence at 2979 Ridge Road; ADA Chairlift/porch at 1205 Queen St; Zoning Occupancy permit at 404 Susquehanna Trail, was Suncom, they moved out and another entity is in there now that is similar, they give intense therapy treatment to 2- to 6-year-old children.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: *(Report on File)*

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

- Approve Reichenbach Subdivision: this is basically the relocation of a lot line.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the Reichenbach Subdivision plan. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Recreation: *(No Report)*

Wehry we noticed tire tracks going up to the park today through the snow, when we went to check it out, it looked like someone had been doing donuts in the lower field.

(Discussion ensued about possible deterrent/security options)

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

Other Business:

Wehry Furmans reached out to me, and it's more for your information, I guess on May 10th they are having their annual tomato trot. They don't have any more information on that. They don't have their route yet, once they do, they will get that to us. They said they had people complaining last year that people were running on their street.

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

- Dave Hummel/Trees on Hookies: **McClain** is Dave here?

Shoch Jared and I have talked, I think what we need to do is to call the contact they listed, Dave Bogovich and go over things. I am wondering if there is a misunderstanding with what the agreement says.

(Discussion ensued)

Pay Bills:

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

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:56PM.

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