

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, July 12, 2022**

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 Montie E. Peters, Supervisor James Neitz, Sr. Supervisor Joseph Stender, Sr. and Supervisor Thomas Strouse, Jr. Also, present were Solicitor Richard J. Shoch, Chief of Police Craig Lutchter, Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain, Office Clerk Amy Hoffman, Roadmaster Jared Wehry, ZEO Jackie Hart and SEO Bill Toth.

Visitors present: Helen Peters, Earl & Karen Persing, Rocky & Holly Roshon, John Derr, Bryant Hamor, John & Bonnie Troxell, Jim Bruggers, Lana Gulden, Rhona Prutzman, Sandy Field, Joe Gonya, Tom Sr & Glenda Strouse, Tom Hummel, Randy Persing, Jim Geise.

**Executive Session 630PM**

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** advised an executive session was held to discuss legal issues and PD contract, from approximately 6:30 until 6:55.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION** made by Peters to approve the Meeting minutes from the Regular Supervisors Meeting on June 14, 2022. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

**REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):**

**Solicitor**

- *Approval to advertise for Domestic Animal Ordinance 2022-04: regulates domestic animals, a quality of life issue for people in the Township, maintaining their pets appropriately.*

**Strouse** asked about farm animals, keeping dog on leash

**Hart** this is more so for vicious dogs that are dangerous. No one is looking to cite someone that has a dog loose on a farm, but one that is nuisance. This is a complaint driven process.

**G. Strouse** is there a limit on how many dogs you can have?

**Hart** yes. There is a definition of a kennel, it is considered a kennel if you have more than 3 adult dogs, dogs less than 6 months old do not count, it does limit the dogs you can have.

**MOTION** made by Neitz to approve the advertisement of the Domestic Animal Ordinance 2022-04. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- *Repository Property Sale consent approval:* once they get through a tax sale and no one bids on it, it goes on the repository list, they ask the Township to sign off to sell for whatever they can get for the property so they can get it back on the tax roll.

**MOTION** made by Peters to approve the signing of the Repository Property Sale list. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- *Abandon 11<sup>th</sup> Street Alley:* last meeting the Board voted to abandon the 11<sup>th</sup> street alley, and another similar situation came up at different location, but after some more research on Paper Streets if the Township did not open it within 21 years of its creation, it is abandoned by operation of law. So, it would revert back to the adjoining property owners to work out or seek legal representation.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to rescind the vote from the June 14, 2022, meeting, "request the Board abandon the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Alley", because at this point, after 21 years, we have no vested ownership in that property. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

**Secretary:** *(Financial Report on file)*

- *Whiteboard Quote:* Asked consideration for purchase of a whiteboard. The whiteboard is a movable TV screen with a computer which would replace the screen and projector that was previously used. Discussed benefits to all Departments including but not limited to remote meetings, arraignments, ability to mark up maps, view documents and plans for meetings.

**Yoxheimer** Advised they will consider but no action to be taken tonight.

**Police Department:** *(Report on File)*

- *Police Contract:* **Yoxheimer** the new contract is from 2023-2025, I have sat down with the representative from the bargaining unit. *(Explained the contract negotiation process).*

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to accept the new Police Contract for 2023-2025. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- *Copier:* we got a handed down a copier, so we are looking to upgrade.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to allow the Police department to purchase a new copier for \$2,314.05. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

**Fire Department:** *(No Report)*

**Fire Police:** *(Report on file)*

**EMA:** *(No Report)*

**McClain** we received an email from the EMA director, they are in the process of meeting with Union County about emergency response for the CSVT.

**Engineer:** *(No Report)*

- *Consideration of Kapp Heights pipe purchase*

**Yoxheimer** I spent about 3 hours talking to the Township Engineer about this. *(Explained the project for those at the meeting, what and who was involved, and the grants that are in place for this project.)* Covid hit and halted everything and now the prices of the pipe alone have increased by almost \$90,000 since January of 2021. I think at this point we are going to table any pipe purchase and contact the granting agencies and ask them how much their patience level is with us and how far we can extend this out and wait to see if this gets better. When the order is filled, and they have all the pipe we need for this project, they will send us updated prices.

**McClain** stated the money from County for the Kapp Heights project needs to be used within 2 years or the money is forfeited.

**Yoxheimer** we will go back to County and see if that can be extended if needed.



**Road Department:** *(Report on File)*

**Wehry** we were able to get the low volume road grant, they approved us \$7,551.80, which will cover most of the prep work: stone, machine rental, etc....

- *Trailer:* part of the building renovation project was for the stormwater pipes to be completed, which dumps right where the trailer is, looking for a status of that being moved?

**Peters** we have a Sewer Meeting Thursday night, we will find out then.

- *Locust Street Basin:* **Yoxheimer** (asked if there was anyone from Locust Street present, there was no one) last month we had a bunch of people come in about Locust Street. When it rains, it is ripping the macadam up and taking it down to the bottom of the hill, there are no catch basins there since this was an earlier development before those requirements were in place. There is a detention basin that sits at the bottom of Locust Street on Cannery. We can possibly get some water into that and use it as it is, but it is overgrown.
- *B. Troxell:*

**B. Troxell** we have property along Spruce Hollow Road and the intersection of Ridge. It has not been farmed for some time because the neighbors complained about water run off in that area, which started us looking into this problem. At the time the problem started we did not own the property, we do now, my husband John was the executor of the property at the time. Although the Township came in and put in a swale, it has never worked particularly well, and has never been maintained.

**Yoxheimer** the Township has found documentation that it is our responsibility to maintain that.

**B. Troxell** there are multiple issues now, the ditch has not been cleaned up from where the sewer went in. PennDOT came out, but that hasn't happened yet. Where the trees are, that has become more of a wetlands then it was before. When you're facing that field, the water was coming off over to the right, now its coming more to the left. Also, the water company has the line in the middle of that, they have been out once and tested some water and said that it was not treated water, so it was not coming from the pipe, but we aren't completely sure if there isn't a problem with where that pipe is. We need to look at the whole problem, and I think it is a new developed problem, and I think it needs to be looked at first.

**Peters** are you sure that the water is water runoff, and not spring? I think that whole area has springs.

**J. Troxell** we are not sure.

**Peters** its so dry right now, you would think that the field would be bone dry.

**J. Troxell** that field is pretty dry, but that area in the woodlands, is still wet. It is draining down. I think Roush development has added to it, and the water companies' reservoir is across Ridge Road, I don't know how many gallons a day they are pumping out of that.

**Yoxheimer** I had a chance to talk to Peters at length about this. There are about 3 or 4 separate issues, we have PennDOT involved, PA American water, maybe to some limited extent sewer, and then the Township. I will look into getting the engineer out there along with Jared, and Peters if he would like to. Take this one issue at a time and then pull the other agencies in.

*(Discussion ensued)*

**Sewage Enforcement Officer:** *(No Report)*

**Toth** had 1 application for a permit, 2 inspections, 1 final inspection, 2 perc tests, 2 hours for Encina

**Yoxheimer** you are anticipating more with Encina at the end of the month? (Toth – yes) Is there anyone here about Encina?

**L. Gulden** its not about sewer, I had a question about the site of the project and the zoning there. Am I right, that it is zoned Industrial? (**Yoxheimer** correct) and is it the Floodplain or the Floodway in there? Does this project fall into the floodplain ordinance that was just passed earlier this year?



**Yoxheimer** there are 2 levels of land for this area, the level that is consistent with Route 11, and then when you get past the railroad tracks it drops off hard, some lower fields would be in the floodplain, whether it actually constitutes the floodway, there may be some areas in it, but I don't know how much of it is floodway. (**Hart** there is no floodway)

**L. Gulden** so they will have to apply for a floodplain certificate?

**Hart** they could do that, or there would be a few different options. They could bring fill in, which would take you out of the floodplain. So, there are a few options that can be done to alleviate that.

**Yoxheimer** the area that is in the floodplain, they are not looking to do any construction there, or it will be minimal construction.

*(Discussion ensued)*

**Yoxheimer** we have a reporter in the room tonight that probably knows more about the recycling process than anyone in this room.

**R. Roshon** I've lived right next to that property for 24 years, I have been through many floods, the floodplain and elevation is only about 5 feet higher down there than it is at my house. I went to the open house they had, and they want to put there burning and separation of the chemical plant right next to my property. One of my questions is, 5 years ago when I built my garage, I had to stay 60 feet off the property line. When I first heard the announcement, I called them and they said they were going to put tree lines, etc, I had to be 60 feet from the property line and I am commercial, since its zoned Industrial, what is the standard?

**Yoxheimer** one of the things we as a municipality can do is require buffers between them and your property and suggest that they have a greater set back than maybe what the requirement is.

**Hart** we are seeing minimal 50 feet, but that is industrial to industrial, will have to research the buffer from industrial to highway commercial.

**R. Roshon** on my end, we are lower than Route 11 by about 3 feet. They are going to be the same elevation as 11, and they are going to push all of that

**Yoxheimer** there is a case, where we are trying to get the water away from Route 11. One of the things that was suggested, was some sort of ditching along that border. (**R. Roshon** there is, Central Builders put it in) right, and that was supposed to carry the water down. Moving forward, we can tell them how they have to do their stormwater. Part of the stormwater management plan will be that they have to get that water and either get it under what was the railroad banks and down to the river or something else.

**R. Roshon** another issue you're going to have, is the canal holds a lot of that water, they are probably going to take the whole canal out of there. If I didn't have that canal, I would be out of commission.

**Yoxheimer** part of that canal is on their property, so they are going to have to deal with that water as well. You keep coming to the meetings and let us know what the issues are.

**B. Troxell** where are they at in the process?

**Shoch** they haven't submitted anything yet.

**L. Gulden** also wanted to mention concern with microplastics being put into the river with their process.

**Yoxheimer** that is a DEP issue. I am sure they will have to address that. We are not the regulatory agency for that.

*(Discussion ensued)*

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

**Hart** issued 4 zoning permits, 3 denied which all resulted in a conditional use hearing, 3 citizen complaints which have all been addressed.

**Ordinance Enforcement Officer:** *(No Report)*

**Planning Commission:** *(No Report)*

- *Approve Hopewell Subdivision:* **Shoch** spoke with Twp engineer and we wanted the Hopewell's to attempt to get signatures from the neighboring properties on their plans.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to conditionally approve the Hopewell Subdivision upon making best efforts in getting neighboring property owners to sign plans. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- *Approve Dreese Ad-On Subdivision*

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to approve the Dreese Ad-On Subdivision. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

**Recreation: (No Report)**

- *Soccer Field:* **Derr** we are charging the groups that use the fields for games only, not for practices. An invoice for \$120 was sent to soccer for the times they used the field for games.

**Geise** asked to have the invoice reduced for the time he used his personal mower and gas to prepare the fields. The first games were the first 2 weeks in April.

**Yoxheimer** asked Jared when the park opens?

**Wehry** typically in years past, it has been around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April, the 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, we don't typically start mowing until the middle of April.

**Yoxheimer** we will compensate you this year, with the understanding that our official mowing season won't start until mid-April, anything prior to that will fall on your team to maintain.

**MOTION** made by Yoxheimer to adjust the invoice to \$80 for the soccer league. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

**Derr** if its cold, the water may not be turned on, you will have to take care of a port-a-potty.

**Sewer Authority: (No Report)**

**Other Business:**

**General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:**

**Pay Bills:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM  
All motions passed by a hand vote.

**Executive Session**

**List of Communications: (On File)**

**Financial Reports:**

Amy Hoffman, Office Clerk

Accounts Payable – Totaling: \$41,552.50

Amanda McClain, Secretary/Treasurer