

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

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, Office Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Amanda McClain and Office Assistant Amy Hoffman, Roadmaster Jared Wehry, ZEO Jackie Hart and SEO Bill Toth.

Visitors present: Helen Peters; Hope Webster Kopf; Glenn Moyer; Tom & Glenda Strouse; Karen Hunter; Lana Gulden; Harry Lewis.

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:

Hunter spoke about several concerns she has with Encina: the Encina website is not clear on how the actual facility works; the chemical content and temperature of the water being put back into the river; where does the solvents and waste go; how often will the temperature and water quality be checked, and by who; how will long-term compliance be assured and enforced; no data on the prototype facility in Texas; in their proposed process, if just 10% is waste, can the local landfills handle an additional 45,000 tons of waste; spoke with someone at DEP in Williamsport and said because of a loophole Encina was not required to file a waste permit.

Shoch regarding the waste, they would probably argue that they were able to get rid of 90% of the plastic waste, so 10% would be a lot less to handle.

Yoxheimer when you talked to DEP, did they tell you that Encina was installing an industrial sewer system, on site at their location for river discharge. (**Hunter** he did not mention that)

(Discussion ensued)

Hunter showed map she received from the Northumberland Conservation District regarding the Watershed Priority. Which shows Encinas proposed facility right in the middle. The Conservation District indicated 2 permits have been applied for, a general permit and a NPDES permit (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System). I was told by administration at the District that the permits are just reviewed for administrative and technical completeness

Yoxheimer we just received a letter from the Conservation District with mention of 40 some deficiencies on their NPDES permit, so it is a little more involved than just completeness, and DEP does weigh in on the permits.

(Discussion ensued)

Yoxheimer to be candid, most of the concerns you have, are concerns we have. To my understanding there is a small prototype facility in Texas where they are working on the technology.

Hunter I haven't seen or heard of anything about this pilot plant.

(Discussion ensued)

G. Strouse will PennDOT be involved?

Yoxheimer yes, they have already weighed in, (**Hart** 4 drives, 2 for regular use and 2 for emergency use, adding a distillery lane). We heard 150 trucks a day. They are calling this a billion-dollar facility.

Harry Lewis from Northumberland, made phone calls, and the 1.1-billion-dollar number comes from the PA Manufacturing Association in Harrisburg, this is what they told me, spoke with the executive director they said they have a computer model, we take the input the company gives us and puts it into the model and it generates the number. Encina gave them the numbers that they put into their model. I asked the director if they vetted the technology, and he said no. I went to Encina website, I can only identify 77 million in investments from Hong Kong, Chinese money from Hong Kong, that's all I can identify, not a billion. I think the billion-dollar number we should be skeptical of.

(Discussion ensued)

Lewis I went to the Texas regulator website to see if they had data on the prototype, the short answer is, there is nothing on the website because their prototype in Texas isn't in operation. So, the local people in a sense are guinea pigs for this. We are concerned for sure, and we want to make you aware of our concerns. I want to know this technology works.

Yoxheimer one of the things we just completed was the operations and management agreement, we entered an agreement with DRIVE and Encina, this is to make sure if the plant does not go to completion, or goes to completion and fails, they will have to post economic security that all those things can be handled.

(Note: resident in front row took pictures of all those sitting in the front)

Shoch the agreement would give us the ability to shut the operation down if the facility was not operating the way it needed to be if something wasn't being treated properly. This would go off the standards DEP would set, so they would have to provide what they are allowed to exceed.

(Discussion ensued)

Glenn Boyer I looked at a lot of recycling plants that have caught on fire, I noticed the figures of full time employees of one of them had 84 full time employees. Does the 1 billion have something to do with getting public money.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION made by Peters to approve the minutes of the Reorganizational/Regular Supervisors Meeting held on Monday, January 3, 2023, and the Special Meeting held on January 17, 2023. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- Advertise Amendment to Fire Dept Ordinance: a revision, this would change the limit on Fire Police allowed and increase the allocation that is made to the Point Township Fire Board to \$200 annually.

MOTION made by Peters to advertise the amended Fire Dept Ordinance 2023-01. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- Advertise revised Rental Ordinance: amendment to make some changes that were found to be problematic, some updates to the dates of when it would be out in affect, that were in the original ordinance as well.

MOTION made by Peters to advertise the amended Rental Ordinance 2023-02, which rescinds prior Rental Ordinance. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- Sign MOU for Joint Comprehensive Plan-Northumberland Borough: we are not committing to a price at this point, they will have to bid out for it. We need this to apply for grants.

(Discussion ensued)

MOTION made by Peters to allow the Chairman and Secretary to sign and enter into the Memorandum of Understanding for a Joint Comprehensive Plan with the Borough. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- Approve Resolution 2023-03: when we originally approved this for reimbursable consulting fees, we did not have the Township Engineers fees, so we need to update to include those.

MOTION made by Peters to amend the agenda to add the consideration of approval of Resolution 2023-03. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Yoxheimer this is to allow the township to recoup professional expenses, by our Solicitor, Engineer, etc. for services they provide.

MOTION made by Peters to approve the amended Resolution 2023-03. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- Acorn Drive Agreement: this is for the ongoing maintenance of the road with West Chilisquaque. The small amount you would get from liquid fuels for it, would probably pay for winter maintenance, but when it comes time for the Road to be resurfaced, it would not be sufficient. I talked to the Solicitor at West Chili and they thought the liquid fuels monies we would receive would cover all of it. So, we have been at a stale mate for some time now with where to go with this. Maybe rather than take on responsibility for all of it, just to maintain it in the winter since you would plow it to get to the Township section anyway and not get compensated for that at all, but you also don't agree to handle the other maintenance. The other way of looking at this, is Acorn Drive, all the homes it services, are homes in the Township.

Yoxheimer the bridge is PennDOT maintained, that is one thing we insisted on. I will talk to the Township Engineer again.

Strouse should we reach out to PennDOT to see if it is required?

Yoxheimer asked McClain to contact Barry Garverick and ask if there is a requirement, we have to have a maintenance agreement with West Chili.

Secretary: (Financial Report on File)

- Audit: began the beginning of February, Tony will return in March to finish
- Fire Department: both Fire Companies submitted their documentation for the monies allocated to them from Fire Tax.
- Parking Lot Lights: we have contacted PPL and they are going to install a light at the far end of the parking lot for safety for our patrons in the evening/voting/meetings.
- Savidge Trust Submission: for four bags of additional mulch at the park, three benches and a little library to have outside the Township building. Notification given in April.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Secretary to make submission to the Savidge Trust. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- Approve PMRS interest payment

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to retroactively approve the PMRS interest payment. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

- Selsyn quotes: electrical work for a flagpole light and to get the PD garage electric finished.

MOTION made by Peters to amend the agenda to add the Selsyn quotes for electrical work. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Peters to approve the Selsyn quote #1996, \$1,180 to finish the PD garage electrical work. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Peters to approve the Selsyn quote #1995, \$1,480 for flagpole light. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Police Department: *(Report on File)*

Fire Department: *(No Report)*

Fire Police: *(Report on file)*

EMA: *(No Report)*

Engineer: *(No Report)*

Yoxheimer pipe for Kapp Heights is being delivered. We are ready to get it put out to bid.

Wehry what is the Boards thoughts on renting a dozer during the project? We are doing so excavating on Hookies and using the Loader to push piles of dirt right now, its okay, but if we are getting 10 to 12 trucks a day dumping 23 ton at a shot, I don't know that our loader will be able to keep up. Are you okay with me getting prices?

Yoxheimer yes, go ahead and get prices. It's going to come fast and furious. Reach out to Weavers and maybe talk to Bettleyon.

Road Department: *(Report on File)*

- **Kyle Bettleyon:** **Yoxheimer** they wanted to present a proposal for salt brine for the roads. We will just let that go for now.
- **Wehry Vacation request:** looking to take off June 19th to July 6th, since it is more than 2 weeks, I am putting in the formal request, whether you want to approve or deny.
Yoxheimer the only concerns I have is the project and the scheduling.
Wehry understood. My thought was even if the big project is going on, the week of July 4th is in there too, I am sure the contractors will have off for the holidays.
Yoxheimer how much notice do you need on this? (**Wehry** no less than a months' notice, it's my wife's and I's 5th anniversary, so we are looking to take a bigger trip.) Let's take this a month at a time and see when the bid gets out.
- **Apache Tree Quote/Hookies Grove:** I know we are not necessarily looking to rebuild Hookies Road this year, but we decided to take advantage of the nice weather and get a head start on the ditch work, and part of that rebuild project is getting rid of a bunch of trees removed. A tree company gave us an estimate to remove 18 trees, which was in the amount of \$18,400.
Yoxheimer we may have another option. In a conversation I have had with Karl Bettleyon Thursday night at the Sewer Mtg, there is a logging company that he is aware of, that may be interested in coming in to remove them. We may have to get some easements from property owners.
Hunter we will take wood chips if they have any.

(Discussion ensued)

Wehry this didn't have time to make the agenda. We were doing work on Hookies and stick came through the front grill guard on the backhoe and punctured on small hole in our AC. I talked to Masser Ag and he came out to look at it, he said the AC condenser is not usable in that condition. He doesn't fix those, he got a price from Melcot Radiator, they said anywhere from \$150 to \$200 to patch it, or for a brand new CAT part is about \$250 brand new. My thought for that price, it would be better to just get the new one, with a labor it would be no more than \$850 to do the whole thing. I did ask Cleveland brothers for a price, and they said a little over \$1,200.

Yoxheimer I think we can just authorize it to get done without making a motion. The actual piece that it hit, the grill guard, it hit it just close enough to 1 of the attachment screws and snapped it.

Wehry The grill guard is \$438.75, plus whatever shipping is.

Yoxheimer can Hinkle's weld it? (**Wehry** I can check)

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

Toth no billable activity

Zoning Enforcement Officer: *(Report on File)*

Hart 2 denied zoning applications which will result in hearings.

Yoxheimer what is your time frame on the Rental Ordinance implementation.

Hart it would be adopted on March 14th, it would be our plan to work with Hoffman to put a list of rental properties together and use our iworq program. Once we have the list, we will just look at registration. Inspections wouldn't start until 2024.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: *(Report on File)*

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

Recreation: *(No Report)*

McClain Derr sent a report in and said there is a work party scheduled for March 18th with a rain date of March 25th. There is also a Dashing for Kindness Egg Hunt on April 1st with a rain date of April 8th. He is working on schedules for the different sports that use the park.

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

Other Business:

Yoxheimer identification tags, did you come up with anything.

McClain we don't think we have a system, and for just a couple tags, I don't think it would be worth buying anything.

Hart NEIC has a system, we can make ID cards.

(Discussion ensued)

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

- Encina/Public Comment

Pay Bills:

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

Adjournment:

MOTION made by Peters to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

All motions passed by a hand vote.

Executive Session

List of Communications: *(On File)*

Amy Hoffman, Office Assistant

Financial Reports:

Accounts Payable – Totaling – \$76,531.72

Amanda McClain, Office Mgr/Secretary/Treasurer