

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday, November 09, 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, Zachary Black, Earl & Karen Persing, Randy Persing, John & (unable to read attendance record for another individual that signed in with him along with last name), Jami & Rick Swinehart, Noelle Long, Glenda Strouse, and Morgan Webb from Encina.

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 thanked all those that came out to vote, at this polling location there was just under 900 voters, not sure of count at the east location. Just ended a Conditional Use Hearing.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION made by Neitz to approve the Meeting minutes from the Regular & 1st Budget Supervisors Meeting on November 1, 2022. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- *Draft Ordinance for Parking Commercial Vehicles on Streets:* the Police Chief put together the frame work for the ordinance. It is not just parking; it also includes placing dumpsters on the street which will require permits. We need to include penalties.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow a draft ordinance to be completed and upon Supervisors feedback, approval for advertisement of the Ordinance for parking of Commercial Vehicles. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- *Approval to advertise Sewage Facilities Operation and Maintenance Ordinance 2022-08:* Meeting was held last week for the Encina plant, one thing that will be required is they will have to have their own sewage treatment facility. We looked at a model agreement, that it would require them to have a licensed operator, providing ongoing maintenance, also providing that we have the ability to shut the facility down if for some reason the system wasn't maintained and being fixed. This Ordinance would allow for that Maintenance agreement to be in place. We need to have this Ordinance in place by the time they are ready to make submission to DEP. This is not specific to Encina, this will be for any developer that would require a system like that.

Yoxheimer Encina is required to have an agreement with DEP to provide adequate control and oversight on what they discharge into the river. Encina will contract with an operator who will operate that facility under the conditions that DEP requires. This document will provide the township with relief from DEP if something would happen out there. There will be financial security in the agreement as well.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve and prepare advertisement of the Sewage Facilities Operation and Maintenance Ordinance 2022-08. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Secretary: (*Financial Report on file*)

- *Approve 2023 Proposed Budget & for Public Inspection/Advertisement:* with no tax increase

MOTION made by Peters to approve the 2023 proposed budget for public inspection and advertisement. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

- *Northumberland County Hazard Mitigation Resolution 2022-06:* per request from County which will allow us to apply for aid if needed from emergency situations. Shoch reviewed and agreed with it being passed/signed.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve the signing of the Northumberland County Hazard Mitigation Resolution 2022-06. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- *Approve Tax Resolutions:* these are resolutions that are done every year, breaking down millage for DCED and Assessment.

MOTION made by Peters to approve Tax Resolutions 2022-07 and 2022-08. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

- *Sidewalk has been completed*
- *Received the Aquos Board today:* after the gracious approval of the Board to purchase the Aquos Board, Julie Rodkey from NNB reached out to me and asked if we had any projects that we would like to submit grants for. I submitted for the grant to cover half the cost of the Aquos Board and it was approved. This saved us \$4,826.72.

Yoxheimer I have spoken to Julie on occasion and in talking about the Township I am happy for the good rapport that has been developed between the Township Secretary and the bank and that they continue to reach out to us for grant opportunities.

- *Planters in front of Building:* would like to thank Karen Hunter and her son for donating the planters. Also like to thank Glenda Strouse for loaning the items, pictures and newspaper articles, in the back of the room for the residents to view.

Noelle Long/17857.org: an overview on 17857.org, we are trying to get our name out, we have been around awhile. We truly believe that Northumberland is all of 17857, even though we have separate governing bodies, we are all the same zip code. I feel like I am constantly asking the same businesses for money. So, we are going to send a letter out to the businesses in Northumberland that show all the events that we are looking to provide, and they can check off what they want to sponsor with suggested dollar amounts.

Yoxheimer if you have time to look at the Comprehensive Plan of areas that were looked at to connect the Township to the Borough.

G. Strouse I was a little put out when attending a meeting for the 250th bash, I offered to help an individual with the post card book, and I heard through someone else that she had it covered, and there were only 3 pictures in the post card book of Point Township, 2 of which were of Lithia Springs. So, I didn't help with that. I got a phone call from someone else about representing a school teacher. I picked Elizabeth Mertz Leshner, because she taught at 3 of the 1 room schoolhouses. I thought I could tie Point Township, farming and the 1 room schools together. She lived to be 100 years old. I was told not to do Elizabeth Leshner.

Peters I am sensing a certain lack of cooperation between the Borough and the Township.

Long or it was 1 person.

Peters we are not surprised that happened.

G. Strouse I wish you luck in pulling people together. I have a lot of things that could have been contributed to the postcard book.

Police Department: *(Report on File)*

- *PD Grant:* won't know if we got the grant until December, but Lynda Culver and John Gordner's put in letters on behalf of the PD.
- *Range Shed & Trailer:* got an opportunity to buy a shed to place down below at our range to house all our equipment. It is a 10X10, will be down below, out of sight. We can then get rid of the trailer we are currently using, and it will be a wash, I won't need any money.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Chief to sell the trailer and get a shed. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

Fire Department: *(No Report)*

Fire Police: *(Report on file)*

Black 26 hours of volunteer time.

Yoxheimer I am assuming portion of that was the Halloween parades.

Black some of it was

EMA: *(Report on File)*

Black contacted Verizon, I got a hold of the Chief Executive Officer of Communications. He said they will replace the lines, the ones that are stretch out, but the property owners of where the trees are coming down on the lines it is there responsibility to move those trees.

Yoxheimer did they identify the property owners?

Black one of the biggest trees on the lines is across from PPL on 405, they said whoever is the landowner where the trees are would be responsible.

Yoxheimer is that part of PennDOT's right-of-way?

Black their right-of-way is 3 feet from the road. So, I believe the Rail Company would be the landowners.

- *Point Township EOC*
- *Update to Township EOP:* **Black** I am meeting up with Union Township's EMA, doing the exercise and completing our EOP for the thruway.

Engineer: *(No Report)*

Road Department: *(Report on File)*

- *Flagpole was put up today; Guiderail was fixed on Cannery; Some items have been posted on Municibid.* Placed the metal tin from the old building per foot, but Municibid only allows lot sales. I did reach out to some people for suggested pricing and was told \$1 a foot for old metal since it has holes in it. Board agreed to that and for Wehry to get an estimated footage total of metal and go from there.
- *Oak Park Playground/Building:* **McClain** electric has been terminated; **Hoffman** waiting to hear back from the YMCA as they hold the bill for the water, thought it would be easier for them to just terminate the water since the bill is in their name.

Yoxheimer this park was designed just for the residents of Oak Park. There are 3 entrances into the park, they are all 10-foot rights-of-ways. No parking. Sadly, we are stuck with it, the physical liability and for mowing it now that the Y is not utilizing it anymore.

MOTION made by Peters to allow the Road Department to tear down the building at Oak Park.

Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Yoxheimer work on tearing the building down then we will look at moving the equipment that is there.

- *Pole Barn Lighting*: the pole barn is very dark. Asking to put some lights in, I got a quote back from K&N electric, 10-LED high bay light fixtures, for \$4,649.28. I priced out everything from Lowes and doing it in house for less then \$1,300.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Roadmaster to purchase electrical/lighting materials for the Pole Barn, not to exceed \$1,500 and coordinate work with Jackie. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

- *Leaf Vac Hose Purchase*: we have patched this hose numerous times, we are at the point where it needs replaced. SCI has it in stock for \$1,144.35. RW Hose is 36 weeks out for \$1,200.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Roadmaster to purchase the necessary hose for the leaf picker through SCI. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

Toth 1 permit, 1 perc test, 1 final inspection.

Zoning Enforcement Officer: *(Report on File)*

- *Approval of Quality of Life/Ticketing Ordinance 2022-06*: allows us to issue small citations versus going through the Property Maintenance Ordinance. This is for time sensitive issues, such as, tall grass, rubbish, things that are time sensitive.

R. Persing is that only through complaints?

Hart yes. We are complaint based.

MOTION made by Neitz to adopt the Quality-of-Life Ticketing Ordinance 2022-06. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

- *Approval to adopt ordinance 2022-07 IPMC (International Property Maintenance Code)*: a few items were changed from the last adopted version.

MOTION made by Stender to adopt the IPMC ordinance, with the changes. Seconded by Neitz and passed unanimously.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: *(No Report)*

Planning Commission: *(No Report)*

Recreation: *(No Report)*

Wehry park has been winterized. Gate will be closed when the weather is consistently colder. An issue we have been having is that an individual on Lahrs Road is dumping their leaves along the Road at the Township Park. He is claiming it is a public road and we should be picking leaves there. He is raking every leaf in his yard and hauling it to the park and dumping them there.

Yoxheimer I believe he also complained that the Road Crew wasn't going back far enough to get the leaves when he did have them in his yard.

Lutcher I can take care of that for you.

Peters just terminate leaf picking in the Township. He had called me, I told him he was calling the wrong person, that if it was up to me, I would terminate leaf picking in the Township. I think it is one of the most unbalanced things that the Township does. This is a courtesy that is offered.

Wehry water was just left on by the pavilion.

Yoxheimer asked how McClain made out with contacting PA American Water.

McClain called them and they said they had a device that could hook up and give us a day and time the water was running with approximate water shed. When Amy called back to follow up, they said they weren't familiar with that process and that we could order a data report that would show us day and time of excess running water, then we received a follow up call that they can't do that report with the meter at the park and we would just see the increase on our next bill.

Yoxheimer get locks for the water at the park. Do some research for additional lighting at the park.

Stender have PPL put a pole up with a light.

Peters we will look at a camera system next.

Sewer Authority: *(No Report)*

MOTION made by Peters to amend the agenda to add the approval of the reappointment of Randall Yoxheimer to the Sewer Authority Board. Seconded by Stender and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Peters to approve Randall Yoxheimer reappointment to the Sewer Authority Board for another 5 years. Seconded by Stender and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) abstention – Yoxheimer.

Other Business:

Peters asked Webb what she could tell us about the appeal that was made by the environmental group.

Webb the Clean Air Council. Not much. We found out about it through the press.

Peters how would we find out. **Yoxheimer** they would probably have to notify DEP. **Peters** we want to be kept informed with this.

McClain asked for approval of the lettering for the front of the building. Flat quarter inch letters.

Received quote from Route 61 signs and the other from John Golomb. Route 61 was more expensive.

MOTION made by Neitz to amend agenda to add approval of purchasing the lettering for the building. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Neitz to approve the purchase of the lettering for the front of the building, in the amount of \$2,125. Seconded by Peters and passed unanimously.

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

Pay Bills:

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

R. Swinehart I live in Hilbish Heights development, have some questions about unopened alleys in our neighborhood. Have the alleys been abandoned by the Township?

Shoch the Secretaries pulled the Ordinances together that were passed for abandoning unopened streets/alleys. There is one that is for a portion of Baird Avenue and one for Hummel Heights. Even if it was vacated or abandoned, because it was never opened, what typically happens, anyone that lives in that subdivision has a right to utilize those streets and alleys as egress or ingress to their property or anywhere else in the development. This becomes a civil issue. The Township wouldn't be involved with it.

(Discussion ensued)

J. Swinehart the issue with the truck being parked on the street, fire equipment would not be able to get through.

Yoxheimer, Craig would you be able to go enforce that without the ordinance in place if it is a health, safety and welfare issue.

Luther yes, I will look into that.

Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Meeting adjourned at 8:43PM

All motions passed by a hand vote.

Executive Session:

List of Communications: *(On File)*

Financial Reports:

Amy Hoffman, Office Clerk

Accounts Payable – Totaling: \$23,260.55

Amanda McClain, Secretary/Treasurer

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