

**POINT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 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., and Supervisor Joseph Stender, Sr. 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, and ZEO Jackie Hart. *(Absent: Thomas Strouse, Jr and Bill Toth)*

Visitors present: Helen Peters; Josh and Zach Newbury; Earl and Karen Persing; Candance Armstrong; Tracy and George Rohrer; Karen Hunter; Randy Persing; Jason Hummel; Pat Brown

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 Neitz to approve the minutes of the Regular Supervisors Meeting held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Seconded by Stender and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent *(Strouse)*.

REPORTS: (Old & New Business included):

Solicitor:

- Approve Ordinance 2023-01/Fire Police & Fire Board: 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 approve Ordinance 2023-01, Fire Police/Fire Board. Seconded by Neitz and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent - *(Strouse)*.

- Approve revised Rental Ordinance 2023-02: amendment to make some changes that were found to be problematic, some updates to the dates of when it would be put in effect.

MOTION made by Neitz to approve Rental Ordinance 2023-02, which rescinds prior Rental Ordinance. Seconded by Stender and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent - *(Strouse)*.

- Recodification: will get a quote once I get them more ordinances, hoping to have for next meeting.
- Acorn Drive Agreement: this is for the ongoing maintenance of the road with West Chilisquaque.
- Resolution 2023-04 Rental License & Fee Schedule: asked for this to be tabled until May.

Secretary: (Financial Report on File)

- 2023 YMCA Summer Camp: request was sent from the Y for their summer camp

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Sunbury YMCA to use the Point Township Park on Monday's and Wednesday's during the months of June, July and August, from 10-2 for Summer Camp 2023. Seconded by Stender and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent - (Strouse).

- PPL Pole Light: hasn't been installed yet.
- Point Twp Internet/Data Security Policies: Our IT has provided some Data Security Policies to be reviewed and adopted.
- Iworq program/approve \$2500 initial payment: a program used through NEIC that the Township would pay half of to utilize for rental properties and so many other options. The Twp could give permission for any of its employees to access.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to adopt the Iworq system with an upfront cost of \$2,500 and an annual cost of \$1,000 per year after that. Seconded by Peters and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent - (Strouse).

- Updated Township Emails: needed to update emails, as well as the Police needing separate emails for each officer. We are all running both emails until we get everything changed over.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to retroactively approve the payment for the updated emails for \$914.82. Seconded by Peters and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent - (Strouse).

Police Department: (Report on File)

- Bulletproof Vest Grant: we have 4 vests expiring this year, the grant opens in April, looking for 4 vests, this is a 50/50 match grant. One vest is around \$1,000, they will cover half.

E. Persing asked what happens to the old vests.

Lutcher we use them on the range so we don't mess up our good vests.

MOTION made by Stender to approve the Chief to apply for the grant for 4 bulletproof vests. Seconded by Neitz and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent - (Strouse).

Lutcher last year you approved us for a grant. We didn't get any grant money for the 1st round of the PCCD (PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency) grant, but we just heard that we will be getting some from the 2nd round of grant monies. We may not have received the full amount; we haven't heard yet what was cut.

- EMC Dividend: **McClain** this was put under PD by mistake. Eddie Koebke wished he could be here himself, but he had a prior commitment. McClain read the letter he provided with the check. We received our dividend check from EMC for \$10,938.58. Since 2004, we have only had 4 years we have not received a dividend check. To date we have received just under \$100,000 back.

Fire Department: (No Report)

Fire Police: (Report on file)

EMA: (No Report)

Engineer: (No Report)

- Approval for Kapp Heights Bid Ad: looks as though the bid will be going out before next mtg.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Engineer to put the Kapp Heights Bid Ad out for acceptance by construction. Seconded by Peters and passed with a vote of four (4), with one (1) absent - (Strouse)

Road Department: (Report on File)

- Wehry Vacation Request: provided a breakdown of work plan for the Road Crew

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to approve Wehry's vacation request. Seconded by Neitz and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent – (Strouse).

- Apache Tree Quote/Hookies Gove vs Logger: **Yoxheimer** to do restoration on Hookies, we need to remove some trees. *Yoxheimer explained tree removal the Sewer Authority needs to do as well.*
- Dozer Rental: talked about renting a dozer during the construction project to keep up with all the fill we will be receiving from the project.
- Newberry Driveway: **J. Newbury** built the home on Stone School last year, while it was being built the excavator put a parking spot above my driveway for my box truck, 10x20, 18 feet. Last month I received a letter from the Township saying I could not have more than 1 entrance to my property. I received the Occupancy permit.

Yoxheimer there has been some discussion within the Township community about this, the language in the ordinance says about only having 1 access.

Hart read the ordinance reading this issue. When I do an inspection, and issue a CO, it is only for the home and utilities, not the driveway.

Yoxheimer if the Board would like to look to provide relief just for this individual or to those that need to park a camper or boat. I would like to have the Supervisors review this.

Peters is it designed that there are no water issues. (**Hart** I can't answer that)

Wehry I went out during a heavy rain storm and didn't notice anything.

Yoxheimer I would like to see this permanently fixed with the language in the Ordinance, continue until you hear from us otherwise. Yes, we notice that you are in violation, but until we look into this more, you don't need to do anything at this time.

Wehry we welded the piece of equipment that was damaged last month in house. We did pull our flail mower in the shop; we had some things leaking. We think it is just a shaft seal. Should be minimal cost. Going to get Hinkle's to give an estimate on welding some of the bushings themselves. Looking at prices to rent, a week's rental would be close to \$2,000 plus a \$700 round trip fee.

Yoxheimer you can always get a couple of guys with weed eaters to take care of that.

Sewage Enforcement Officer: (No Report)

Zoning Enforcement Officer: (Report on File)

Hart issued 7 zoning permits

Yoxheimer there was a zoning hearing meeting here this past week regarding a height variance for Encina. The Zoning Hearing Board did deny the height variance they were seeking. We have not heard anything from Encina about their next steps.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: (Report on File)

Planning Commission: (No Report)

Recreation: (No Report)

Derr we are having a workday at the park next Saturday, the 25th. Little League wants to use the field, so they are installing yellow plastic piping along the top of the fence, at their expense.

- Bathrooms/Water: will have the bathrooms open by April 1st.

R. Persing sometimes at 10 o'clock at night when I take my dog out, I have seen cars down there, maybe police can drive through there at night.

Wehry we can get signs that say open from dawn to dusk.

Derr looking to tear that gate down and redo it, so people aren't driving through the neighbors' yards.

R. Persing there are people there all through the year on the nice days. Take the gate down.

Derr we can take the gate down and leave it open. If it works, good, if not, we can go back and add something.

MOTION made by Yoxheimer to allow the Road Department and John Derr to remove the gate at the park. Seconded by Peters and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent – (*Strouse*).

Derr we are getting a new flag for next week. Will remove when the sports seasons are over.

Sewer Authority: (*No Report*)

Other Business:

General Public Comments/Resident Concerns:

Hunter mentioned last meeting we are going to hold a public meeting regarding Encina. It will be at the Unitarian Church on Route 11 by Surplus, Wednesday April 12th at 7PM.

Yoxheimer mentioned the magazine, Inside Climate News for people to look into.

Resident regarding Encina, you said if they are able to overcome the appeal, are there things locally here in the Township that would come into play?

Yoxheimer if you look online at our ordinances, only the things in those ordinances are what the Township has the ability to regulate. If the Township goes beyond that, we could be sued by the different businesses.

(*Discussion ensued*)

Pay Bills:

MOTION made by Peters to pay bills. Seconded by Stender and passed with a vote of four (4), one (1) absent – (*Strouse*).

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM

All motions passed by a hand vote.

Executive Session

Will have short executive session

List of Communications: (*On File*)

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hoffman, Office Assistant

Financial Reports:

Accounts Payable – Totaling – \$26,879.54

Amanda McClain, Office Mgr/Secretary/Treasurer