

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES | MARCH 22, 2017

Minutes of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at 7:00 PM on March 22, 2017 at the Pequea Township Municipal Building, 1028 Millwood Road, Willow Street, PA 17584.

## Present at the meeting were:

William F. Schall, Chair  
Cynthia Evans-Herr, Vice-Chair  
Robert Race, Jr., Supervisor

## Others present:

Lori Ann Leitch, Secretary-Treasurer  
K. Scott Edwards, Roadmaster  
Sign-in sheet attached

## Pledge of Allegiance

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The first and foremost priority of this meeting is to publicly conduct Pequea Township business. In that effort, the Supervisors sincerely ask everyone in attendance to stay focused on what is of best interest for our township and during that process be respectful towards other people's comments, concerns and/or feelings. Expression of personal feelings of disrespect or disruption of this meeting is not an option.
- Chair Schall thanked the Road Crew for their efforts during the snowstorm. He received several calls complimenting them.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Schall moved to approve the following items by consent agenda:

- Minutes of the February 15, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting
- Checks 10751-10815 from the General Fund
- Checks 1342-1354 from the Recreation Fund
- Checks 0004-0008 from the Escrow Fund

Vice-Chair Evans-Herr seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. **Pequea Township seat on the Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority** – Chair Schall moved to set the hearing for the Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority Joinder Ordinance for April 19, 2017 at 6:45 PM. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.
2. **Comcast Franchise Fee Agreement Renewal** – Chair Schall moved to reschedule the hearing for the Comcast Franchise Ordinance for April 19, 2017 at 6:50 PM. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.
3. **Consider changing planned Road Projects for 2017** – Chair Schall moved to authorize the Roadmaster to prepare bids for the following projects: three inches of blacktop applied to Pleasant View Drive, West Kendig Road, West Willow Road, and Penn Grant Road; cold in-place recycling on Benedict Road; and repairs to Linestown Road. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr seconded the motion.

Dennis Miller of 336 Pleasant View Drive relayed the results of a neighborhood survey conducted by Richard Cummings of Pleasant View Drive. Many residents are more interested in having the no parking signs removed than having the road paved. Mr. Miller also expressed a concern about stormwater on his road.

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Chair Schall amended his motion to remove Pleasant View Drive from the list of blacktop projects and authorize the Engineer to conduct a stormwater study on the road. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr seconded the amended motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consider enforcement action against 11 Newswanger Rd** – Chair Schall moved to authorize the Zoning Officer to proceed with all enforcement action he deems necessary against 11 Newswanger Road. Supervisor Race seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.
2. **Consider enforcement action against 3488 Willow Street Pk** – Chair Schall moved to authorize the Zoning Officer to proceed with all enforcement action he deems necessary against 3488 Willow Street Pike. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.
3. **Discuss enforcement of On-Lot Septic Ordinance** – Vice-Chair Evans-Herr moved to authorize the Sewage Enforcement Officer to send 30-day notices to property owners who are not in compliance with the On-Lot Septic Ordinance and to subsequently proceed with all enforcement action he deems necessary. Supervisor Race seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.
4. **Consider Board of Auditors appointment** – Chair Schall moved to appoint Jason Kreider to the Pequea Township Board of Auditors. Supervisor Race seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.
5. **Revised Brake Retarder Ordinance** – Chair Schall moved to set the hearing for the Brake Retarder Ordinance for April 19, 2017 at 6:55 PM. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.
6. **Consider Resolution directing Board of Elections to ask Electors if Two Additional Supervisors should be Elected to serve Pequea Township** – Chair Schall moved to adopt Resolution 451-2017 directing the Board of Elections to ask Electors if Two Additional Supervisors should be elected to serve Pequea Township. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr seconded the motion.

Ken Adams of 39 Cobblestone Drive believes a 5-member Board will eliminate any concerns about Sunshine Law violations.

Jackie Johns of 23 Pine Lane would like to see Democratic representation on a 5-member Board.

Tim Weaver of 722 Baumgardner Road feels a 5-member Board will help reduce the workload on each Supervisor.

All voted in favor of the Resolution; none opposed.

7. **Consider Termination of Articles of Agreement between Pequea Township and Conestoga Township governing the Southern Regional Police** – Chair Schall moved to approve the Termination Agreement that specifies the termination of the Articles of Agreement between Pequea and Conestoga townships. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr seconded the motion.

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Earl Houghton of 339 Pleasant View Drive asked where the police department will be located. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr responded the headquarters will remain in Conestoga at the present time.

Dennis Miller of 336 Pleasant View Drive questioned Pequea Township allowing Conestoga Township to renege on the Articles of Agreement, which were to be in effect until 2020. Chair Schall and Vice-Chair Evans-Herr stated this course of action is in the best interest of Pequea Township due to irreconcilable differences and a lack of sustainability.

Ken Adams of 39 Cobblestone Drive asserted if Pequea Township insists on terminating the Articles of Agreement with Conestoga Township, they should not agree to contracted services.

Betty Flick of 341-A Carol Lynn Drive said Conestoga residents want police services.

All voted in favor of executing the Termination Agreement; none opposed.

8. **Consider Conestoga Township's request to collaborate on a Solicitation Ordinance** – Vice-Chair Evans-Herr instructed the Secretary to send a letter to Conestoga Township stating the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors took no action regarding their request to collaborate on a Solicitation Ordinance.

## REPORTS/UPDATES

Pequea Township Road Crew – Roadmaster Edwards delivered his February report.

Southern Regional Police Commission – Next meeting March 28, 2017

Southern Lancaster County Inter-Municipal Council – During the March 21, 2017 meeting, the Council approved the purchase of insurance. Their next meeting will be held June 20, 2017.

Pequea Township Zoning Hearing Board – On April 4, 2017, the Zoning Hearing Board will consider variance requests by Byerland Mennonite Church for the construction of a fellowship hall. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr moved to authorize the Zoning Officer to present the Board's concern about parking and public safety. Supervisor Race seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Pequea Township Planning Commission – No meeting held in February

Pequea Township Park and Recreation Board – Park and Recreation Board Chair Tim Weaver provided an update on the stone house project, the mowing schedule, and meetings with a soil conservation representative and MS4 engineer.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments will be taken at this time. Please come to the lectern and limit your comments to three minutes so that others can speak if they wish. Please give your name and address for the minutes. Additional time may be granted at the Board's discretion.

Jerry Skolnick of 2079 New Danville Pike expressed concern about New Person Ministries renting apartments at 2084 New Danville Pike to parolees. Vice-Chair Evans-

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Herr explained the township can not discriminate. She directed him to contact the Chief of Police.

Thomas Haas of 2194 New Danville Pike asked if pipeline protestors in Conestoga Township will cause excessive overtime for the Southern Regional Police Department. Supervisor Race responded Conestoga Township will only receive the amount of service they purchase. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr assured Mr. Haas that Pequea Township will not be burdened by the protests.

### ADJOURNMENT

Chair Schall adjourned the meeting at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Ann Leitch  
Lori Ann Leitch, Secretary-Treasurer



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Board of Supervisors Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Wm L. Bard 316 Pleasant View Ave Willow Street  
Harry F. Iola 318 Pleasant View Ave Willow St  
Kenneth J. Adams 39 Cobblestone Dr.  
Betty Flick 341-A Carol Lynn Dr. W.S.  
DENNIS MILLER 336 PLEASANT VIEW AVE W.S.  
Deb Ruambach 330 Pleasant View Dr. W.S.  
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Ken Stoffe - UDPC  
Tim Weyers  
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