

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING | OCTOBER 3, 2018

Minutes of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors Special Meeting held at 11:00 AM on October 3, 2018 at the New Danville Fire Company, 43 Marticville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Present at the meeting were:

Robert Race, Jr., Chair
Cynthia T. Evans-Herr, Vice-Chair
E. John Hlavacek, Supervisor

Others present:

Lori Ann Leitch, Secretary-Treasurer
John R. Michener, Chief of Police
Sign-in Sheet Attached

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Race called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM and led the recitation of the 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.
- An opportunity for public comment will be given before the Board takes official action on agenda items. Public comment for items not on the agenda will be taken at the end of the meeting. When the Chair opens the floor, please come to the lectern, state your name and address, and limit your comments to three minutes. Additional time may be granted at the Board's discretion.
- Budget Workshops will be held October 11 at 10AM, October 25 at 6:30PM, and November 8 at 10AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consider hiring full-time police officer(s)** – Chief Michener requested additional staffing for the police department. Calls increased 22% over the past year. He is concerned about the safety of the officers and the public. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr moved to promote Craig Muir to a full-time position at the starting rate set in the collective bargaining agreement effective immediately. Supervisor Hlavacek seconded the motion.

Ken Adams of 39 Cobblestone Drive asked for the number of officers on staff at the beginning of the year. Chief Michener replied there were five officers working full-time hours out of the station, one assigned to the Drug Task Force, and one out on Heart and Lung.

Mr. Adams questioned why Pequea Township has an officer assigned to the Drug Task Force. Chief Michener responded it would cost more to bring the tenured officer back to the station. The County is reimbursing the Township for his salary. The officer still provides services at the station as the evidence technician and TAC officer. Moreover, having a connection on the Drug Task Force is valuable as most crimes are drug-related.

Mr. Adams inquired if the State Police would cover the Township overnight. Chief Michener informed him Troopers would provide response but not patrol. Not

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having local coverage at night negatively impacts the department's mission and causes harm to the community.

Don Purdum of 129 Marticville Road described a program in which he participated in another community. The volunteers, known as Citizens on Patrol, assisted police with administrative tasks, traffic control, and other duties.

All voted in favor of promoting Officer Muir to full-time; none opposed.

Vice-Chair Evans-Herr moved to offer part-time officer Jordan Byrnes a full-time position. Chair Race seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

2. **Discuss Radcliff Road vacation** – The Board of Supervisors discussed the proposed cul-de-sac to be installed on Radcliff Road. The landowner recently expressed hesitation about signing the agreement. Chair Race suggested abandoning the cul-de-sac plan and vacating Radcliff Road at the gate. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr does not support maintaining a road that is not eligible for a Liquid Fuels Tax allocation. Supervisor Hlavacek had previously asked PennDOT to assist with the bridge when they improve Route 272. Supervisor Hlavacek moved to take no action on vacating Radcliff Road at this time and to contact the manager of Providence Township regarding the bridge. Chair Race seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.
3. **Consider approving Boy Scout project in Silver Mine Park** – Supervisor Hlavacek moved to approve Xavier Luciano's request to plant pollinator gardens in Silver Mine Park as his Eagle Scout project. Chair Race seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.
4. **Consider appointing a Fire Company Liaison** – Supervisor Hlavacek moved to appoint Chair Race as the Fire Company Liaison. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Race adjourned the meeting at 11:28 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Ann Leitch, Secretary

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Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Sign-In

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