

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING October 21, 2020

Minutes of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at 7:00 on October 21, 2020 at the New Danville Fire Co.

Present at the meeting were:

Harry Lehman, Chairman
Anthony Cazillo, Vice-Chairman
Scott Edwards, Supervisor
Eric Lucas, Supervisor
E. John Hlavacek

Others present:
Robert Reidenbach, Twp. Assistant/
Recording Sec.

Sign-in sheet attached:

CALL TO ORDER: Chmn. Lehman called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. He asked the audience to observe a moment of silence after the Pledge to honor Robert Race, former Township Police Chief and twice Supervisor, who passed away September 21, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Lehman announced:

- Toys for Tots annual toy drive drop off box will be at the township building until 12/1/20. New and unwrapped toys only, please!
- Lancaster EMS Ambulance Service 2021 Membership drive info to be mailed to all residents the week before Thanksgiving
- Trick or Treat night in Pequea Township will be Friday, 10/30/20.
- The Board of Supervisors held a budget workshop on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 9:00 AM. The budget was completed and is available for review at the township office. The budget hearing is scheduled for 6:30 PM on December 16, 2020.
- Meetings may be held at the Pequea Township Building in January, 2021. Updates will be announced and posted on the township's website when the date is definitely known.

Vice-Chairman Cazillo announced;

- Precinct voters who voted at the church on West Willow Road will now vote at the West Willow Fire Company.
- Precinct voters who voted at the church on Marticville Road will now vote at the New Danville Fire Company.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Chairman Lehman moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting. Vice-Chairman Cazillo seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Chairman Lehman moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2020 budget workshop. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A copy of the bill list is on the table. Chmn. Lehman moved to approve checks #12921-12963 with a voided check of #12964 from the General Fund and checks #1778-1782 from the Recreation Fund. Vice-Chairman Cazillo seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

Jackie Johns questioned the conditions for sewage isolation distance waiver requests. Chairman Lehman explained the requests and the regulations.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

John Birkenbine of Summerfield asked if full-time police coverage would be possible due to recent car break ins/thefts at night. Chairman Lehman informed him that financial constraints and obligations prohibit the township from funding a full-time police force.

Dave Griesimer asked if the new homes constructed in the township could allow the township to afford a full-time police force. Chairman Lehman explained that Pequea Township was a part-time police force until 2002 when we formed a full-time Southern Regional Police Force in partnership with Conestoga Township. Lehman relayed some history, stating that Conestoga was allowed to "bail" and broke the Articles of Agreement, and is now relying solely on State Police coverage. He informed the audience that we are currently initiating legal litigation against Conestoga Township. Lehman agreed that the police patrolling schedule should not have been publicized and the patrolling schedule should be rotated.

Jackie Johns stated her belief that the township budget reserve does allow for another full-time police officer. Chairman Lehman and Supervisor Hlavacek explained why the referenced funds are not available. Supervisor Edwards added that the Southern Regional Police Department should never have been destroyed. Supervisors Hlavacek and Vice-Chairman Cazillo further explained taxation restrictions and the need for our budget reserves.

Nancy Griesimer asked if the new developments would allow the township to make road improvements. Chairman Lehman gave an update on future road work scheduled in the township, using both township general fund tax money and PA liquid fuels funds.

Tom Haas said he is glad we are going after Conestoga for the money they owe us due to a former Pequea Township supervisor "cutting a lousy deal" and said he felt she appeared to be working for Conestoga instead of Pequea. "It is time we get our money back." Chairman Lehman referred to those actions as a nightmare and explained why we have no choice but to sue Conestoga Township for their refusal to talk to us.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of representative for the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee, Central Lancaster County Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals Appointment Committee and representative for the LIMC Central Lancaster County UCCBoard of Appeals

Resolution No. 2020-551

A resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the township of Pequea, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to appoint a person to serve as the township's representative on the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee Central Lancaster County Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals Appointment Committee, and a person to serve as the township's representative to the LIMC Central Board of Appeals

Vice-Chairman Cazillo moved to formally appoint himself as representative to the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee for Pequea Township as well as the Central Lancaster County Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals Appointment Committee. He also moved to nominate Neil Friedley to be our representative on the LIMC Central Lancaster County Board of Appeals as per Resolution No. 2020-551. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sewage Isolation Distance Waiver-494 Long Lane

Supervisor Lucas moved that we accept the sewage isolation distance waiver for 494 Long Lane as per the recommendation of Mark Diemler. Vice-Chairman Cazillo seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

2. Authorize Board of Supervisors to schedule/conduct the yearly meeting with the Road Crew AFSCME Union Members

Supervisor Edwards moved to authorize Chairman Lehman and Vice-Chairman Cazillo to schedule/conduct the yearly meeting with the Road Crew AFSCME Union members. Vice-Chairman Cazillo seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

3. Set Wages for Park Employee Carrol (Carl) Herr

Supervisor Edwards moved to adjust Carrol Herr's wages to \$17 an hour effective 26 October, 2020. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

4. Set Wages for Park Employee Ronald Herr

Supervisor Edwards moved to adjust Ronald Herr's wages to \$16 an hour effective 26 October, 2020. Supervisor Hlavacek seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

5. Swearing in of New Pequea Township Fire Police Officer- James Hertzog

6. Swearing in of new Pequea Township Fire Police Officer- Timothy J. Kuntz

Vice-Chairman Cazillo administered the oath to both men at the same time. Chairman Lehman thanked both men for their service. The audience then gave the men applause.

7. Authorize Purchase of New Police Cruiser

Chairman Lehman moved that we approve the purchase of a new police cruiser/Interceptor in the approximate amount of \$34,675.00. Vice-Chairman Cazillo seconded the motion. Supervisor Lucas thanked Chief Michener for obtaining a grant for this purpose. All voted in favor; none opposed.

8. Estimate to Outfit New Police Cruiser

Chairman Lehman moved to outfit the new police cruiser at the approximate price of \$8,131.75. Vice-Chairman Cazillo seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Pequea Township Police Report- Chief's report on table

Pequea Township Road Department- September report on table

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee- Representative's Update

Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority- none

Zoning/Code Enforcement- Report on File

**Pequea Township Zoning Hearing Board-10/6/20-JMDSmall Engine Repair-262 Millwood Road-granted
no meeting 11/3/20**

**Pequea Township Planning Commission-10/28/20-Lot Add-on Plan for R. Gochenaur-250 Rawlinsville Road
Lot Add-on Plan for C. Patterson-210 Marticville Poad**

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Reidenbach, Township assistant/recording secretary