

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING December 21, 2020

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

Others present:

Present at the meeting were:

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

Robert Reidenbach, Twp. Assistant/
Recording Sec.
Elaine Juliet Jones
Tom Haas
Brad Shenk
Jackie Johns
Reps. from Vanguard Dev. Co.
Michael Thomas

CALL TO ORDER: Chmn. Lehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Lehman announced:

- Thanks to ALL for their support of the new police station project. It takes a village!
- TRAIN, the DSRPD canine has crossed "The Rainbow Bridge". He willingly served from 2009-2016.
- The Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session November 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm to discuss a legal matter.
- Applications are now being accepted for: Vacancy Chair, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board and SLSA (Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority). Please submit a letter of intent to the Township Secretary if interested in serving your community.
- Our appreciation to New Danville Fire Company for hosting Township meetings these past few years.
- All future meetings will be held at our refurbished Township building beginning January 4, 2021. Our annual reorganization meeting is January 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm.
- Pequea Township received thanks from Toys for Tots for our 2 large boxes of donated toys, collected at the Township building.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Chairman Lehman moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Edwards 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 # 13022-13068 (13027,13047 void) from the General Fund and checks # 1790-1796 from the Recreation Fund and check # 40 from the Escrow Fund. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

ORDINANCE HEARING- Brake Retarder Ordinance

Notice has been properly advertised and a copy of the proposed Brake Retarder Ordinance has been made available at the Municipal Office and at the LPN Media Group.

Citizen Participation

Michael Thomas asked why the ordinance was being enacted and how it will be enforced. Chairman Lehman and Chief Michener answered.

Supervisor Edwards moved to pass Ordinance 216-2020, an ordinance of the Township of Pequea, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, prohibiting the use of brake retarders within portions of the township and providing for the setting of penalties for violation thereof. Supervisor Hlavacek seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Hearing Closed

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Items on the agenda:

- Jackie Johns asked about the Township's purpose in moving funds between our capital reserve and operating reserve, the reason for investing in repairs for the 1996 Peterbilt truck, what duties the Police Department volunteers will perform, and if the Board needs to explain the reason for Executive Sessions.

Items not on the agenda

- Brad Shenk told the Board that he felt relations between the Board, the New Danville Fire Company and the Police have been enhanced with all of us interacting at the NDFC building. All now have more knowledge of the others' workings.
- Tom Haas presented his list of accomplishments by this Board in 2020.
 1. The Budget was done in one civil meeting lasting one and a half hours unlike last year's 7 hours of nasty behavior and gaslighting.
 2. This Board cleaned up the conundrum with the Township Police Department. The 2018 Board left us a mess under the tutelage of Cynthia Evans Herr who cut a deal with Conestoga Township that was a disaster for our township. We now have a new station for the police department and have our meeting room back!
 3. Our Park is cleaned up and received second place for Lancaster County Parks.
 4. \$347 K in reserves-congratulations! Hopefully we can update the salt shed, replace aged equipment, and continue with robust road repaving projects once again.
 5. In 2017 we had a rather lengthy discussion about a \$2000 tractor repair. It was said, "We can't keep plowing through money". In 2018 we spent \$130,000 on legal bills. In 2020 we spent \$17,000. Thank you fellows for your stewardship of our money!

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider request for Plan Extension-Willow Acres

Supervisor Lucas moved that the PTBOS approve Millwood Landco's request for extension of Willow Acres project approvals for one additional year as recommended by Solanco Engineering. Vice-Chairman Cazillo seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

2. Willow Acres presentation by Vanguard Development Company

Following the presentation, the representatives fielded questions on green space, emergency access, types and size of rental units, vertical height, unit internal changes, accommodations for needs of residents 55 and over, water pressure, sprinkler systems, inclusion of a dog park, basements, etc.

One Vanguard official said this was one of the most pleasant township meetings he has ever attended!

3. Request for 1 EDU Sewage Capacity for Lot #122 at 322 Nolt Ave.-Thomas Feeman

Supervisor Lucas moved that the PTBPOS approve Thomas Feeman's request for 1 EDU of sewage capacity for lot #122 at 322 Nolt Avenue, Willow Street, PA 17584 as per the sketch plan provided to Pequea Township in September 2020. Vice-Chairman Cazillo seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

4. Authorize Solicitor to Proceed with Legal Action

Chairman Lehman moved to authorize the solicitor to proceed with legal action in regards to Mr. McMichael's payment due to Pequea Township. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

5. Silver Mine Waterway at Silver Mine Road Bridge Project-Permit Package

Supervisor Edwards moved to take no action at this time. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

6. Verification by motion for Pequea Township Planning Commission Terms

Chairman Lehman moved to verify the 1/15/2020 appointment of Frank Altdoerffer to the Planning Commission corrected date is to January 2021. Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Chairman Lehman then moved to verify the 1/15/2020 appointment of Craig Patterson to the Planning Commission corrected date is to January 2022. Vice-Chairman Cazillo seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

7. Date correction Resolution appointing Zoning Hearing Board member Jeff Krieder-554-2020

Chairman Lehman moved to pass Resolution #554-2020, a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Pequea Township, Lancaster County, PA to correct the appointment date and ending term for a member to the Zoning Hearing Board. Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

8. Consider transfer of funds to Capital Reserve by Resolution-555-2020

Supervisor Hlavacek moved to take \$300,000 from the General Fund and transfer it to the Capital Reserve Fund for future capital expenses by Resolution # 555-2020. Vice-Chairman Cazillo seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

9. Consider authorization to allow volunteers at the new Police Station for completion of Administrative Tasks-volunteers to be assigned by Chief of Police

Supervisor Lucas moved that the PTBOS approve Chief Michener's request to allow volunteers to perform

administrative tasks at the Pequea Township Police Station as assigned by the Chief of Police. Supervisor Edwards seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

10. Consider adjustment of part-time Police Officers' hourly rate

Vice-Chairman Cazillo moved that we set the hourly rate for part-time police officers to \$23.00 per hour for 2021. Supervisor Hlavacek seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

11. Consider authorization of expenditures for new Police station at New Danville Fire Co. facility

Chairman Lehman moved to authorize expenditures from the Police Donation Fund. Vice-Chairman Cazillo seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed

12. Authorize and advertise the meeting place location change for 2021

Chairman Lehman moved to authorize and advertise the meeting place location for all Pequea Township meetings to take place at the Pequea Township Municipal Building beginning January 4, 2021. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

13. Authorize 1996 Peterbilt Truck Repair Expenditures

Supervisor Edwards moved to authorize the repairs to the 1996 Peterbilt at approximately \$20,000. Supervisor Hlavacek seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

14. Authorize 2006 Peterbilt Truck Repair Expenditures

Supervisor Edwards moved to authorize the repairs to the 2006 Peterbilt at approximately \$6,500. Supervisor Hlavacek seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:57 pm after Chairman Lehman wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Pequea Township Police Report- Chief's report on table-none

Pequea Township Road Department- November report on table

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee- Representative's Update-none

Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority- Representative's Update-none


Zoning/Code Enforcement- Report on File

Pequea Township Zoning Hearing Board-no December meeting

Pequea Township Planning Commission-no December meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Rob Reidenbach, Township assistant/recording secretary