

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING - November 17, 2021

Minutes of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at 7:00 on November 17, 2021 at the Pequea Township Municipal Building.

## **Present at the meeting were:**

Harry Lehman, Chairman  
Scott Edwards, Vice-Chairman  
E. John Hlavacek, Supervisor  
Tom Haas, Supervisor  
Eric Lucas, Supervisor

## **Others Present:**

Jeff and Della Kreider  
Jackie Johns Elaine Walmer  
Michael Novak Donald Homsher  
Chief Michener  
Ian and Kia Weber  
Rob Reidenbach-Twp, Asst./Rec. Sec.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Public meetings may be both audio and video recorded.
- On Thursday, 12/4/21, Supervisor Lehman and Township Treasurer Dawn Rineer met with West Lampeter Township Treasurer Vicki Harnish to gather information and gain knowledge regarding the American Rescue Plan Fund. The meeting was very productive and greatly appreciated.
- Supervisor Edwards congratulated the supervisors-elect: Haas, Novak and Lehman, for their "crushing" election victory. Edwards said the voters have spoken and the Township remains in good fiscal hands.
- Chairman Lehman announced that Supervisor Lucas could not attend tonight's meeting.

## **MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Vice-Chairman Edwards moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Chairman Lehman moved to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2021 BOS budget workshop #1 Meeting. Vice-Chairman Edwards seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** A copy of the bill list is on the table.

Chairman Lehman moved to approve checks #13627-13679 from the General Fund and checks #1885-1890 from the Recreation Fund. Supervisor Hlavacek seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Chairman Lehman gave a synopsis of all 7 items on the agenda.

**ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**

- Jackie Johns asked for clarification on the amount and how employees would be compensated with funds from the American Rescue Fund.

**ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

- Ian and Kia Weber of 145 Herrville Road spoke of their frustration with stormwater from a neighbor's property damaging their property. They sought help and advice from the BOS. As the conversation ensued, Chairman Lehman cautioned the Board and the Webers that resolution of this matter is not the Board's function. It is a legal matter between J.R.Reynolds and the Webers. Lehman further said, "For the record, I have cautioned all four supervisors to be careful here." Mr. Weber also mentioned his concern for the trucks speeding on Herrville Road and overweight trucks using a local bridge with a posted 5-ton weight limit. Chief Michener said he would remedy the signage lack of visibility, if the sign is present, and monitor the traffic speeding situation.
- Jackie Johns inquired on the current status of the Silver Mine Road bridge, thanked the BOS for getting the parking lot's lines painted, and asked if the BOS was aware of the newspaper article regarding the Conestoga Township attorney stating that Conestoga Township owes Pequea Township no money from the dissolution of the Southern Regional Police Force.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Consider Resolution to specify transfer of monies to Capital Reserve Fund (Resolution # 579-2021)**

Supervisor Haas moved to adopt **Resolution # 579-2021 (A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Pequea, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the transfer of unencumbered monies from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund; whereas the Board wishes to define the purpose on Resolution #555-2020 in the amount of \$300,000 to the amounts defined for the following purposes: \$150,000 set aside for the salt shed and \$150,000 set aside for equipment purposes.)** Vice-Chairman Edwards seconded the motion. Supervisors Lehman, Haas and Edwards voted in favor; Supervisor Hlavacek opposed.

**2. Consider Resolution to allow transfer of unencumbered monies to Operating Reserve Fund (Resolution #580-2021)**

Chairman Lehman moved to table **Resolution # 580-2021 (A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Pequea, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the transfer of unencumbered monies from the General Fund to the Operating Reserve Fund).** Supervisor Hlavacek seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Consider Ordinance to Amend Compensation of Newly Elected or Appointed Supervisors (Ordinance # 217-2021)**

Vice-Chairman Edwards moved to set a hearing date on December 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM for **Ordinance # 217-2021 (An ordinance of the Township of Pequea, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to amend the compensation of newly elected or appointed supervisors to the Board)**. Supervisor Hlavacek seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Supervisor Hlavacek added that the amount of yearly supervisor compensation would go from \$1875 to \$2500 per PSATS recommendation if this ordinance is passed.

## **2. Consider Snow Plow Agreement for T. Haas**

Chairman Lehman moved to approve the snow plow agreement for Tom Haas. Vice-Chairman Edwards seconded the motion. Supervisors Hlavacek, Edwards and Lehman voted in favor; none opposed. Supervisor Tom Haas abstained.

## **3. American Rescue Plan Update**

Chairman Lehman had explained this update in his synopsis of tonight's agenda.

## **4. Consider American Rescue Plan Employee Compensation by Resolution (Resolution # 580-2021)**

Supervisor Haas moved to approve **Resolution # 580-2021 (A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Pequea Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to compensate all Township Employees, Full-Time and Part-time, including Police, for their Efforts to Maintain Operations During the Covid Pandemic; whereas, the Board of Supervisors has determined the hourly amount to be \$1.00 per worked hour to be paid in the November 26, 2021 payroll.)** Chairman Lehman added, "We value our employees", and seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

## **5. Discuss Road Crew Wages**

Vice-Chairman Edwards moved to adjust roadcrew employee Craig Mellinger's wages from \$23.27 to \$24.77 per hour effective 18 November, 2021. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

## **\*Post Agenda Comments/Announcements**

- Supervisor Haas announced that he and Mike Novak will be taking the first of 3 PSATS classes in December. He asked that Mike be privy to Township information, legal matters excepted, during this transition to help him get "up to speed". All supervisors agreed to Mike's access for the Township's and Mike's benefit.
- Chief Michener highlighted some items on the police report such as a training hosted by Officer Stone and New Danville Fire Company at no cost to the Township, police incidents to date have surpassed the 2020 total, mental health issues our police encounter on the job, and notable arrests and cases solved.

**REPORTS/UPDATES:**

**Pequea Township Police Report-** Chief's October report on table

**Pequea Township Road Department-** October report on table

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

**Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority- Representative's Update-**none

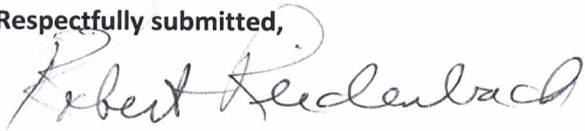
**Zoning/Code Enforcement-** reports on file

**Pequea Township Zoning Hearing Board-** meeting held 11/9/21- Sprecher 351-LLC

**Pequea Township Planning Commission-** No October meeting

**Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Reidenbach".

**Robert Reidenbach, Township assistant/recording secretary**