

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING-May 18, 2022

Minutes of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at 7:00 on May 18, 2022 at the Pequea Township Municipal Building.

Present at the meeting were:

Harry Lehman, Chairman
Tom Haas, Vice-Chairman
E. John Hlavacek, Supervisor
Eric Lucas, Supervisor
Mike Novak, Supervisor

Others present:

John Michener Jackie Johns
Elaine Walmer
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.
- Chief Michener updated the Board on recent commendable actions by Officers Waltman and Burger. He also gave an update on the new county radios we are seeking for Township use.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the April 20, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Supervisor Lucas moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

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

Supervisor Lucas moved to approve checks #13950-13993 from the General Fund, checks #1928-1942 from the Recreation Fund, and checks #1006-1007 from the American Rescue Fund. Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

AGENDA ADDENDUM:

Chairman Lehman moved that BOS add a 10th item to the agenda regarding the resignation of Fred Witmer from the Township's Planning Commission. Fred served 13 years and has since moved from the township. Supervisor Hlavacek and Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Lehman gave a synopsis of the 10 items on the agenda.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

- Jackie Johns asked about the resignation of Officer Jessie Blank and why the Township could not raise taxes to afford a full-time police department. She also inquired as to the reason for road crew member Jeff Fry's resignation.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

- Jackie Johns inquired of the need for a township ordinance regulating small wireless facilities which are appearing in other areas with increasing frequency. She also asked if proceeds from the First Responder's Car Show in Conestoga could be made known.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider approval of W. Penn Grant Self-Storage Units Traffic Assessment by Hanover Engineering-tabled in April BOS Mtg.

Chairman Lehman moved to approve a waiver of Section 408-3 Traffic Impact Study requirement as recommended by Hanover Engineering. Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. Supervisors Lehman, Novak, Haas and Lucas voted in favor; Supervisor Hlavacek opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider approval of Resolution for DEP Sewage Planning Module for West Penn Grant Self-Storage Units

Supervisor Hlavacek moved to approve **Resolution #604-2022, approval of the DEP Sewage Planning Module for West Penn Grant Road Self-Storage Units**. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

2.Southern Regional Police Commission Expenses

a. Attorney fees

Vice-Chairman Haas moved to approve payment of \$80.00 to Nikolaus & Hohenadel for SRPC attorney fees. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

b. Pension payments for 2016

Vice-Chairman Haas moved to pay PMRS \$2,375.95 to the pension plan for the 2016 shortage. Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

c. Tail insurance

Vice-Chairman Haas moved to pay \$5,137.00 to PIRMA Insurance for tail coverage. Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

3. Consider raising Liability Insurance deductibles

Supervisor Novak moved that we approve an increase in our PIRMA insurance deductible in the amounts of: (A) Property: \$2,500-prior \$1000, (B) Equipment: \$1000-prior \$500, and (C) Auto: \$2500-prior \$1000 for a new rate of \$48,982.00 and a policy savings of \$2,151.00. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

4. Consider Resolution approving Operational Support Activities for Participating Members of the Fire Companies for Workmen's Compensation Act as modified by Act 108 of 2020.

Supervisor Lucas moved to approve **Resolution #605-2022 authorizing approval for operational support activities for participating members of Fire Companies for Workman's Compensation Act as modified by Act 108 of 2020**. Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

5. Authorize expenditures for Radcliff Road Bridge Removal

Chairman Lehman moved to authorize \$12,500 for removal of the Radcliff Road bridge. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

6. Authorize letter to Providence Township regarding Radcliff Road Bridge Removal

Chairman Lehman moved for approval of his signing of the 5/20/2022 draft letter to Providence Township requesting their cooperation in removal of the Radcliff Road bridge. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

7. Consider Holding Tank Agreement for Cynthia C. Knopf at 1164 W. Penn Grant Rd.

Vice-Chairman Haas moved that we approve the 5/9/22 Holding Tank Agreement as drafted for Cynthia C. Knopf, at 1164 W. Penn Grant Road. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

8. Accept resignation letter from Jeffrey Fry-Road Dept.

Supervisor Lucas moved to approve the resignation of Jeffrey Fry from the road department effective 5/16/22. Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

9. Accept resignation letter from Jessie Blank-Pequea Township Police Dept.

Supervisor Lucas moved to approve the resignation of Jessie Blank from the Pequea Township Police Department effective 5/11/22. Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

10. ADDENDUM: Accept resignation of Fred Witmer from the Pequea Township Planning Commission

Chairman Lehman moved to accept Fred Witmer's 5/13/22 resignation from the Planning Commission with deep regret. Fred had served for 13 years. Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

Supervisor Novak reported on the high quality of the services rendered by the Lancaster County Conservation District and the services and resources available to the public and government entities.

Chairman Lehman reported that new DEP requirements are coming and that the office staff and Chairman Lehman are meeting with a DEP representative in June.

Chairman Lehman discussed future MS4 requirements.

REPORTS/UPDATES:

Pequea Township Police Report- Chief's April report on table

Pequea Township Road Department- Road Dept. April update

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee- none

Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority- none

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer- Reports on file

Pequea Township Zoning Hearing Board- Meeting to be held 6/7/22- requested by 1166 W. Penn Grant Rd.- enlarge existing roadside stand and parking area

Pequea Township Planning Commission- No meeting in April

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert Reidenbach", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Reidenbach, Township assistant/recording secretary