

Minutes of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors Special Meeting held at 7:00PM on February 26, 2019 at the New Danville Fire Company, 43 Marticville Rd., Lancaster, PA 17603

Present at the meeting were:

Anthony Cazillo, III, Vice-Chair
E. John Hlavacek, Supervisor
K. Scott Edwards, Supervisor
Eric H. Lucas, Supervisor

Others present:

Kimberly S. Ulaky, Secretary
John R. Michener, Chief of Police
Sign-in Sheet Attached

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Cazillo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The February 26, 2020 Pequea Township Planning Commission Meeting is being held in the "Fire Engine Bay" this evening, at 7 PM.

Vice-Chair Cazillo stated that the purpose of this meeting is fill the vacancy on this Board and to officially reorganize the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chair Cazillo stated that the "Public Comment" paragraph above is read aloud at every meeting; but he would like everyone to really listen to what is being said regarding "Public Comments".

- Public comments are encouraged and welcomed from Pequea Township residents and taxpayers, only. Please come to the lectern and limit your comments to three (3) minutes. If the conversation dictates more than three (3) minutes, time may be extended. When your 3 minutes are up, the Chair will tap the gavel to signal that time is up. By having organized public comments, we will be allowing more of our citizens to express their views. Comments for items on the agenda and items not on the agenda will be taken prior to the start of the Business Meeting.

Vice-Chair Cazillo then did a quick run down of the agenda items prior to Public Comment. The meeting tonight is to appoint a Supervisor to fill the vacancy on the Board. If we don't succeed with appointing one this evening, then we'll try next week to do so or we'll try the week after that until a replacement is appointed.

Next we'll reorganize the board to fill the positions that Don Purdum held – he was the Chair of the Board, the Administrative Liaison, the Legal Liaison and Representative for the Declaration of Snow and Ice Emergencies. He then opened it up for Public Comment for items on the agenda followed by items not on the agenda:

Items on the agenda:

Tim Gilbert, Baumgardner Rd: I see the names on the agenda and I want to voice my opinion. I'd like to think I speak for a lot of people. We don't want Cindy Herr back in.

Richard Gerz, 33 Cobblestone Dr: I'd first like to thank the Police Chief and Pequea Township Police Force. on the way they handled the 6 car accident on Long Lane the other day. I was involved in it and my wife was injured. They made sure the road was closed and directed traffic away so the ambulance could take my wife to the hospital. So, thank you! Let's make the PTPD full time again. Secondly, I believe it's time to bring in a younger generation to help lead this Board.....vote for Keith Haun.

Mary Burger, Pequea Twp: I hope you listen to the residents tonight and seriously consider the 2 younger, new, refreshing faces for a better Board who listen to the residents. I hope that the other 2 candidates besides Cynthia and Harry Lehman are given a chance and let's go to somebody new.

Meredith & Wren Cooke, 15 Lark Ln: In talking with each of the supervisors, I asked what is your vision for Pequea Twp, moving forward? I think everyone would like to see the tone of these meetings and have better communication between the public and the supervisors. I encourage everyone to talk with the supervisors after meetings, or via email. I'd like to help change the tone of these meeting, the communication between residents and supervisors, and the vision of the township. I also hope things aren't already signed, sealed and delivered from a back room. Good luck to all!

Dennis Miller, 336 Pleasant View Ave: I've been attending meetings for many years. Looking back on the past 4 years, there has been chaos, drama, and financial spending is out of control. The concerned residents want normalcy not many tax dollars spent on legal fees, etc. I think we all want spending to be controlled but don't want to lose luxuries that we currently have. We need to move on, so my vote is for Harry Lehman.

Pauline Minder, Nolt Ave: I'm 80 years old, first time at a "mic", 52 year resident of the township. I am delighted to see Harry Lehman make himself available to serve on the Board of Supervisors for my township.

Tom Haas, New Danville Pk: Gentlemen: Of the 4 names listed in the newspaper, one name stands above all, Harry Lehman. I can't think of a better person to right the ship and be a positive mentor for good governance. I respectfully urge you to vote for Harry Lehman.

Stuart Martin, 179 W. Kendig Rd: I've lived in this township for 53 years, have a small farm ~ 18 acres and I'm not very happy with the township right now. There's a lot of developing going on. We tried to fight having Willow Run development come in cause it is bad news, lots of crime, drugs. We never had this before in this area., the noise that comes from that development, you can't sleep; people walking around on my property, down the middle of the road at all hours of the night. I'm going with the other supporters of Harry Lehman and think he would be a wise choice.

Christine Henise, 27 Cobblestone Dr: I want to say thank you to the police force. My husband's car had a window smashed in his car; we called the police and they responded. Evidently these things are happening between 2am & 5am. I have lived on Cobblestone Dr. since 1989 and never had to lock my doors; I now lock my doors. I attended one of the meetings regarding downsizing the police and it was like a slam dunk – like you knew what you were going to do before listening to all the residents attending the meeting who were not in favor of downsizing the police. I'm for safety first and I believe there should be some new young blood on the board.

Mark Meyer, 30 W. Boehms Rd: My support goes to Harry Lehman. When he came in the township was deep in the red and when he left the township was deep in the black. I'm a member of the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB). The ZHB is obligated to follow the rules and bylaws that are set up by the Pequea Twp. Planning Commission, Supervisors, etc. There was no way to stop Willow Run Development coming into Pequea Twp. The police force – I would like to have 24 hour coverage too, but the township is deep in money problems. We have got to find a way to support everything without raising taxes. There has got to be a fine line between good government and throwing money away. Harry has my support.

Jeff Kreider, Newswanger Rd: I'm also expressing my support for Harry Lehman. He's been on the board before, so there is no learning curve to getting back to having reasonable meetings without fighting.

Della Kreider, Newswanger Rd: I'm a New Danville resident for 42 years and have been attending these meetings. For the past year, it has been enlightening to say the least. Thank you to the Board who must care about the township, because you're still hanging on. I'm here to support Harry Lehman to fill the vacant seat on this board. It's time for this township to move forward and take care of business with firm, fair, and transparent intentions.

Rob Reidenbach, Pleasant View Dr: Getting an experienced Supervisor to fill a vacancy is a rare luxury. Experience comes in two forms – good experience and bad experience – now we're down to one applicant, Harry Lehman.

Mary Burger, Pequea Twp: I just have one more thing to comment on and that is to reiterate that I do not think we need to have a repeat person on the board. They've done it, they've been there, so they know it...then mentor. My concern is Harry's disdain for the police department. If you think we went through a lot this past year with the police, trust me they'll be more.

Keith Haun 16 Cobblestone Dr: I keep hearing about experience and I don't discredit that at all. Harry has a lot of experience, Cynthia has a lot of experience, but we all know she's not going to be picked; that's done. I'm not trying to be disrespectful at all; we're down to 3 choices, Lucy, Harry and myself. I don't know a lot about Lucy or Harry; but I don't think picking someone who has already served is the best idea. Experience is great and being that the board is somewhat inexperienced, they could get input from those with experience and take that into account when they make decisions. But what they can't do is come up with new and creative ideas that maybe myself or Lucy might come up with. There is training for new supervisors through PSATS and the budget does support that training. This is my third go-round trying to make a difference in the community and so I think that should also be taken into account.

Harry Lehman, Silver Mine Rd: I'd like to clarify a few things: Why didn't I run; why didn't I put my name in before? Because I sold Scott Edwards to every supervisor, because I financed Anthony Cazillo's campaign with my own money, and because I was Eric Lucas's campaign manager.

Is there anyone in this room that has raised more money for the Southern Regional Police, Chief Michener? Did I always support you? Didn't I ride with all of your officers at one time or another? I'm here for the guys help if they need it.

The one thing I am very encouraged about tonight, is that all of you want to calm things down in these meetings, and that's a start! Thank you all for that.

Items not on the agenda: None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider appointing a Supervisor to fill the vacancy on the Board

Letters of Intent received from Cynthia Evans-Herr, Lucille Gillichbauer, Harry Lehman and Keith Haun
Supervisor Edwards made a motion to appoint Harry Lehman to fill the vacancy on the Board of Supervisors. It was seconded by Vice-Chair Cazillo; and he thanked all the people that sent in letters of intent. The motion passed with Vice-Chair Cazillo and Supervisors Edwards and Lucas voting in favor; Supervisor Hlavacek was opposed. Judge Benner then swore Harry Lehman in as a Pequea Twp Supervisor, and Harry then joined the rest of the board at their table.

2. Appoint Chair of the Board of Supervisors

Vice-Chair Cazillo made a motion to appoint Harry Lehman, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. It was seconded by Supervisor Edwards. The motion passed with Vice-Chair Cazillo and Supervisors Edwards and Lucas voting in favor; Supervisor Hlavacek was opposed.

3. Appoint Vice-Chair of the Board of Supervisors

Thank you all for coming out here this evening and I appreciated your comments, good and bad. I have no hard feelings and will not hold anything against them.

Chair Lehman moved to nominate Anthony Cazillo as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. It was seconded by Supervisor Edwards. The motion passed with all voting in favor; none opposed.

4. Appoint Administrative Liaison

Vice-Chair Cazillo moved to appoint Harry Lehman as the Administrative Liaison. It was seconded by Supervisor Edwards. The motion passed with Vice-Chair Cazillo, Supervisors Edwards and Lucas voting in favor; Supervisor Hlavacek was opposed.

5. Appoint Legal Liaison

Supervisor Edwards moved to appoint Harry Lehman as the Legal Liaison. It was seconded by Supervisor Lucas. The motion passed with Vice-Chair Cazillo, Supervisors Edwards and Lucas voting in favor; Supervisor Hlavacek was opposed.

6. Authorize Representative for the Declaration of Snow and Ice

Vice-Chair Cazillo moved to authorize Harry Lehman to be the authorized representative for the declaration of snow and ice. It was seconded by Supervisor Lucas. The motion passed with all voting in favor; none opposed.

Chair Lehman asked: Before we adjourn, do any you have anything to add or is there anything yet that we need to do?

Supervisor Lucas stated that he has been acting as the liaison for the Police Department. In the last 2 months, Chief Michener can attest to the fact that we really haven't connected. His work schedule and my work schedule conflict. As much as I'd like to continue doing this, I'm not doing a good job of it. So, I'd like to have someone that can and will do a good job of being their liaison.

I move to add this item as an addendum to the agenda. Vice-Chair Cazillo seconded it. The motion to add to the agenda passed with all voting in favor; none opposed.

7. Appoint Police Department Liaison

Supervisor Edwards moved to nominate Chairman Harry Lehman to be the Police Department Liaison. It was seconded by Vice-Chair Cazillo. The motion passed with Vice-Chair Cazillo, Supervisor Edwards and Supervisor Lucas voting in favor; Supervisor Hlavacek was opposed.


Chair Lehman asked if there was any other business prior to adjournment. Supervisor Hlavacek commented that discussion could be had about the Park since the Park Board was dissolved last year. Perhaps some committees could be put together. Chair Lehman stated that would be good to add to the March agenda and that would give everyone some time to do their homework and think about what they'd like to see. Two members of a 5 member board can discuss things, so we can talk prior to the March meeting, but it should go on the agenda. Actually 2 members of a 5 member board can deliberate. We will put Park Committees on the March agenda as "new business"

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Respectfully Submitted,


Kimberly S. Ulaky, Secretary

2020 Bequa Township Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting 2/26/20

Sign in
Sheet

Jeff & Della Kreider

~~John Tapp~~

Barrie and Jean Edwards

Bonnie Lucas

Steve Church

Richard P. Ryz Jr.

~~Robert Ryz~~

Keth Ham

Harry Lehman

Mary Jane Stuart

Stuart Martin

DENNIS MILLER

Christine Scherise

~~Shirley Klawns~~

Rog Lillian

Jackie Johns

Cheryl Steberger

Romy Strassman

Mary Burger

Meredith Cooke

Wren Cooke

~~Cynthia R. Ryz~~

~~Tracy Ryz~~

~~Robert Ryz~~