

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING, February 21, 2024

Minutes of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at 7:00 on February 21, 2024 at the Pequea Township Municipal Building

Present at the meeting were:

Harry Lehman, Chairman
Tom Haas, Vice-Chairman
Jeff Kreider, Supervisor
Eric Lucas, Supervisor
Mike Novak-Supervisor

Others present:

Jackie Johns Raymond Hess
Dawn Rineer Jason Topper
Maria Hammer Bailey Cox
Mike Hall
Rob Reidenbach-Twp, Asst./Rec. Sec.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Public meetings may be both audio and video recorded.
- The Lancaster County Commissioners will have their April meeting at the Pequea Township Municipal Building Meeting Room-Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the January 17, 2024 Board of Supervisors Ordinance Hearing Meeting

Vice-Chairman Haas moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024 Board of Supervisors Ordinance Hearing Meeting. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

2. Consider approving the minutes of the January 17, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Supervisor Lucas moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Supervisor Kreider seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

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

Vice-Chairman Haas moved to approve checks #14953-15024 from the General Fund/ checks # 2103-2108 from the Recreation Fund/ checks #89-91 from the Escrow Fund/checks #1019 from the American Rescue Plan Fund. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

*Chairman Lehman gave a synopsis of the 11 agenda items.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: none

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Jackie Johns asked if the Board considered adopting the International Property Code. Chairman Lehman said we are looking into it. She then alerted the Board to the prevalence of radon in our area and said a home can purchase a testing kit for \$14.95. More on this radon topic will be posted on the Township's website.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider approval of Monthly Meetings Audio Recordings Policy via Resolution #688-2024

Supervisor Lucas moved that we approve **Resolution #688-2024, a Resolution of the Township of Pequea, Lancaster County, establishing a policy for the disposal of electronic recordings of public meetings of the Board of Supervisors.** Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

2. Review Emergency Management Program

Mike Hall, the Townships Emergency Management Coordinator, introduced himself, gave his experiential background, and outlined his plan to update the Township's Emergency Management Program. He said, he will be meeting with supervisors, township employees and volunteers to complete this update.

Chairman Lehman moved to appoint Michael Novak as the liaison to the Emergency Management Program. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

3. Consider approval of Strasburg Township request for West Willow Fire Co. Special Fire Police to assist in traffic and crowd control for Refton Mud Sale, June 22, 2024 from 6 am - 2:00 pm.

Supervisor Novak moved to approve the Strasburg Township request for West Willow Fire Co. to assist with traffic and crowd control for the Refton Mud Sale, June 22, 2024 from 6-2:00 pm. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

4. Consider Request #2 for Reduction #2 of Fulton Bank irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. STB914 for work completed at 77 Herrville Road-Brent and Deb Risser

Supervisor Lucas moved that we approve the request to reduce the financial security for Brent Risser, 77 Herrville Road, Financial Security Release #2, by \$48,033.20 and establish the new amount equal to \$124,496.94. Supervisor Kreider seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

5. Consider renewal of Certificate of Deposit from the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads, Bridges & Culverts via Resolution #689-2024

Chairman Lehman moved to pass **Resolution #689-2024, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Pequea, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Purchase a 12 Month Certificate of Deposit in the amount of approximately \$147,662.52 for roads, bridges and culverts.** Supervisor

Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

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6. Consider renewal of Certificate of Deposit from the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads, Bridges & Culverts via Resolution # 690-2024

Chairman Lehman moved to pass **Resolution #690-2024, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Pequea, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit for the approximate amount of \$131,637.50 for a term of 12 months.** Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

7. Consider renewal of Certificate of Deposit from the Capital Reserve Fund for Future Expenses via Resolution #691-2024

Chairman Lehman moved to pass **Resolution #691-2024, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Pequea, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit in the approximate amount of \$232,078.00 for a term of 12 months.** Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

8. Consider renewal of Certificate of Deposit from the Capital Reserve Fund for Future Expenses via Resolution #692-2024

Chairman Lehman moved to pass **Resolution # 692-2024, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Pequea Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the purchase a Certificate of Deposit in the approximate amount of \$228,652.90.** Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

9. Discuss Township Generator

Chairman Lehman moved that we appoint Supervisor Haas to proceed with the necessary information and cost to resolve our emergency back-up system for the Township. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

10. Consider approval of New Danville Fire Co. 2024 events

Supervisor Novak moved for approval of the New Danville Fire Company 2024 events. Supervisor Kreider seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

11. Consider approval for annual request from Wellspan Health on the 2024 summer, free "Get Outside" (GO) Lancaster program at Silver Mine Park. 2024's program theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library" to encourage children (from birth to 18) and their families to get out and hike, finding the "icon", from a sheet of clues. The icon, when found, correlates to the theme; Ways to Travel to Adventure, Things in Nature for an Adventure, and Locations for Adventures. Minors who find the icon and complete the program sheet are then eligible for prizes. The program runs from June 1 through August 10, 2024.

Vice-Chairman Haas moved to approve the use request for the Park from Wellspan Health from June 1 through August 10, 2024. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

REPORTS/UPDATES:**BOS-2/21-P4**

Chairman Lehman gave an update on the grant application for restoration of storm damage erosion along the creek at Silver Mine Park. He announced that our MS4 waiver was good until 1/2028. The proposed bike path from Herrville Road through Willow Street, impacting Providence/Pequea/West Lampeter Townships, was discussed and Providence Township declined to participate. Pequea Township is awaiting discussion with the Lancaster County Planning Commission. Lastly, Lehman announced that our township secretary, Kim Ulaky, will be retiring at the end of April.

Pequea Township Police Report- Chief's January report on table.

Pequea Township Road Department- Road Department report on table

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee- Representative's Update-meeting held February 21, 2024. Supervisor Kreider gave meeting highlights: the Lancaster County Prison is the biggest project ever in the county; the 100,000 mail-in ballots was the largest amount ever received; and the Lancaster area still has over 55,000 homes with lead pipes leading into homes. Much emphasis was given to the outstanding bacon provided at the LIMC meeting!

Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority- Representative's Update-meeting held January 25, 2024

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer- Reports on file

Pequea Township Zoning Hearing Board- no meeting in February

Pequea Township Planning Commission- no meeting in January

Pequea Township Safety Committee- Meeting held February 7, 2024

Supervisor Haas introduced Raymond Hess who was in attendance and works keeping our Silver Mine Park in fine shape.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Robert Reidenbach, Township assistant/recording secretary