

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING, March 20, 2024

Minutes of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at 7:00 on March 20, 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:

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| Dawn Rineer | Mike Hall |
| Della Kreider | Gary Erb |
| LNP- Brenden Curry & Isaac Novalez | |
| Jason Kreider | Della Kreider |
| Rob Reidenbach-Twp, Asst./Rec. Sec. | |
| Greg Stone | Sandy Stone |
| Troy Thorne | Brad Shenk |
| David Sagnivich | Bonnie Sagnivich |
| Josh Muffley | Meryl Graver |
| Jennifer Robinson | John Peterman |
| Isaac Novak | Ken Stauffer |
| Darren Huegel | Deb Huegel |

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.
- Best wishes to Kim Ulaky, our Township secretary, who is retiring this month. Kim has served us well and will be missed. We wish her and her husband a good time on their travels.
- Pequea Township cleared its audit and many thanks to township treasurer/administrator Dawn Rineer.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the February 21, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Vice-Chairman Haas moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 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

BOS-3/20/24-P2

Vice-Chairman Haas moved to approve checks #15025-15069 from the General Fund/ checks #2109-2116 from the Recreation Fund/ checks #89-91 from the Escrow Fund/checks #1019 from the American Rescue Plan Fund. Supervisor Kreider seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

*Chairman Lehman gave a synopsis of the 18 agenda items.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

- Darren Huegel-74 Silver Mine Road-voiced support for agenda item#18 to enable the township to avoid legal problems with illegals.
- David Sagnivich-75 Silver Mine Road-stated illegals violate the US Constitution and we should not have them in Pequea Township.

ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

- Della Kreider-New Danville-thanked the Board for not donating to the Lancaster County Library due to the ultra-liberal events being hosted there.
- Darren Huegel voiced his agreement with the Board's decision not to donate to the library using taxpayer funds.
- Gary Erb-3 Apache Circle-asked if the Board can consider an exception to the recent enactment of a burning ban in R1 and R2 zoning designations. Chairman Lehman explained how the Township was required by DEP to enact this ordinance.
- Greg Stone-11 Mohawk Drive-asked if the Township will consider a leaf recycling site now or in the future. Chairman Lehman said it is not imminent but may be a future consideration.
- David Sagnivich said that trash burning, not leaves, by neighbors has been a problem over the years.
- Greg Stone suggested that those wishing to burn their leaves make an arrangement with a local farmer as burning is legal in the agricultural zone.

OLD BUSINESS- none

NEW BUSINESS:

1.Hiring of Part-Time Park/Road Crew Employee

Vice-Chairman Haas moved to hire James Garrett as a part-time park and road crew employee starting 3/11/2024 at a starting wage of \$17.50 per hour and increase up to \$18 per hour after a successful 90 day evaluation. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

2. Hiring of Part-Time Office Employee

Chairman Lehman moved to hire Jennifer Robinson as a part-time office employee at a rate of \$21 per hour and after a successful 90 day evaluation at a rate of \$22 per hour effective 3/27/2024. Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

Chairman Lehman further moved to, as of 3/27/2024, we appoint Jennifer Robinson as Township secretary. Supervisor Novak also seconded this motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

3. Accept Resignation from Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Member

Supervisor Kreider moved to accept the resignation of Chris Brosey as an Alternate Zoning Hearing Board member. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion and added that he and the Township appreciate Chris's service. All voted in favor; none opposed.

4. Appoint Alternate Zoning Hearing Board Member

Supervisor Kreider moved to appoint David Espenshade as an Alternate Zoning Hearing Board member. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

5. MOU Rental Communities

Chairman Lehman moved to implement a memorandum of understanding between Pequea Township and its rental communities to enable police authority to enforce traffic and parking violations. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

6. Consider Approval of Revised 2024 Uniformed Employees Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Employee Pension Plan via Resolution

Chairman Lehman moved to pass **Resolution #623-2024, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Pequea Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, establishing a policy for the procurement of professional services for the uniformed employee pension plan.** Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

7. DCED Greenways Park Grant/Resolution

Chairman Lehman moved to pass **Resolution #694-2024, for a request from Greenways Trails and Recreation Program grant of approximately \$32,563.65.** Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

8. Sight and Sound Request to Film Movie at Park

Chairman Lehman moved to approve Sight & Sound's request for the use of the Silver Mine Park for production of movie scenes providing they adhere to conditions set forth in our Public Gathering Ordinance with the exception of the 48 hour time frame. Said time frame shall be extended to 5 days. Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Lehman then moved to appoint Jeff Kreider as the liaison to the Sight & Sound project. Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed. Chairman Leehman stated that Sight & Sound covered all expenses related to their request.

9. Fraud Protection PNC Bank

Supervisor Kreider moved that we refrain from taking on the fraud protection plan. Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

10. Drug Task Force Request for Donation

Chairman Lehman moved we refrain from making a donation to the Lancaster County Drug Task Force for this year. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Vice-Chairman Haas stated that PA policies seem at odds with the efforts of our Task Force. Chairman Lehman and Supervisors

Lucas and Novak were in agreement, stating that if any monies are to be allocated, it should be to our Township's police force.

11. Cuff's Run (York County Project) Township Position on Matter

Supervisor Kreider moved that we take no position. Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. Supervisor Lucas questioned if we should table this issue, Chairman Lehman informed him a decision was needed now. All voted in favor; none opposed.

12. Swear-in Fire Police (Merle Graver)

Supervisor Novak swore in Merle Graver as a Fire Policeman. Supervisor Novak then moved to swear in Merle Graver as a fire policeman. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

13. Authorize Sale 2016 Ford Expedition Police Cruiser

Supervisor Novak moved that we approve the sale of the 2016 Expedition. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

14. Approve Road Bids

Vice-Chairman Haas moved to accept the bid from Long's Asphalt, Inc. for the purchase of all labor and equipment costs for \$285,740.00 for paving. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

15. Consider Request for Release of Financial Security for Daniel W. Evans, 24 Leaman Rd.

Supervisor Lucas moved that we approve Daniel Evan's request for 24 Lehman Road, As Built Survey Review #1, Financial Security Reduction #2, and release all remaining financial security. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All vote in favor; none opposed.

Supervisor Lucas then moved that we approve the second request from Daniel Evans, 24 Lehman Road, as As Built Survey Review #2, Financial Security Reduction #2, and release all remaining financial security. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

16. Discuss Roof for Fuel Tank Island

Vice-Chairman Haas moved to approve Allen Denlinger Building to construct a roof over the fuel tanks in the approximate amount of \$3,900.00. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. Supervisor Novak questioned if this was a far price and Supervisor Kreider said it was a fair price. All voted in favor; none opposed.

17. Well Isolation Waiver (Vicky Henry)

Supervisor Lucas moved that we approve Grace Houser's request for a well isolation distance waiver for her property at 3 Indian Hill Road, Conestoga. Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

18. Discuss Resolution in Support of Police, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Federal Bureau of Investigation

Chairman Lehman moved that the Board of Supervisors have discussion as to the potential of creating a resolution to support law enforcement agencies such as our police department, US Immigration (ICE), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, etc. Supervisor Kreider seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

*Discussion ensued with each supervisor adding content they want to see included in the Resolution:

Jeff Kreider- Lancaster's recent support of illegals is an affront to taxpayers and he does not want that for Pequea Township residents, wants wording that supports all law enforcement agencies, illegal means illegal

Mike Novak- ambiguous/confusing language used by Lancaster city in its policy and it will be a cost to their taxpayers, illegals worsen the affordable housing shortage for our legal residents, wants the term "illegal" used as "undocumented" is inaccurate, perhaps our resolution may spur other municipalities to follow our example

Tom Haas- Lancaster's policy and its rating system is the work of activists and it is an insult to the taxpayers who will pay for this policy, US is paying dearly for the non-enforcement of immigration laws

Eric Lucas- Pequea Township citizens must obey laws and illegals may select which laws they will follow, supports legal immigration

Harry Lehman- calling undocumented must be called what it is-illegal, Lancaster city tax is eight times higher than Pequea Township's tax millage rate and these policies contribute to the cost, Lancaster's leniency and problems will spill over to surrounding townships, Feds are giving us the big LIE on immigration, law enforcement is welcome to use our police building.

*Lehman summed up these comments wanting the Board to establish a Resolution of support, a draft, to be brought forth at the April BOS meeting for a vote.

After the sharing of ideas in support of a Resolution, each supervisor added main policy points they want included in the Resolution.

Harry Lehman- support the Pequea Township police Force

Tom Haas- do our required duty to protect the citizens of Pequea Township

Eric Lucas- support the US Constitution and US laws, we support legal immigration

Mike Novak- support of ICE/District Attorney/FBI/County Commissioners/our 3 State Senators. We are not a sanctuary township.

Jeff Kreider- support for Lancaster County Sheriff's office

In conclusion, Chairman Lehman moved that we adopt the preceding policy points for consideration at the April 17, 2024 BOS meeting. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

REPORTS/UPDATES:

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

Pequea Township Road Department- Road Department March update

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee- Representative's Update-meeting held February 21, 2024

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

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer- Reports on file

Pequea Township Zoning Hearing Board- meeting April 2, 2024

Pequea Township Planning Commission- meeting held February 28, 2024; no March meeting

Pequea Township Safety Committee- Meeting held March 6, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Reidenbach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert Reidenbach, Township assistant/recording secretary