

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING- May 15, 2024

Minutes of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at 7:00 on May 15, 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:

Dawn Rineer Mark Meyer
Samuel Stoltzfus Diane Meyer
Christ Stoltzfus Jason Kreider
Brad Shenk Scott Edwards
David Espenshade Jennifer Robinson
Dean Evans-LNO Jackie Johns
Don Homsher

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.
- May 12, 2024 through May 18, 2024 is National Police week. Mark your calendars to thank our PTPD Officers for their dedicated service to keeping Pequea Township and its residents safe.
- May 19 through May 25, 2024 is National EMS Week.
- The National Night Out is August 6, 2024 from 6-8 pm at West Willow Fire Company.
- Township officials- Chairman Lehman, Vice-Chairman Haas and Chief Michener's met with ICE today, May 15, 2024

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the April 17, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting

Supervisor Lucas moved to approve the minutes of the April 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

Supervisor Lucas moved to approve checks #15115-15159 from the General Fund/ checks #2130-2139 from the Recreation Fund/ checks #92-93 from the Escrow Fund/check #1019 from the American Rescue Plan Fund/ checks #1204-1205 from the Donation Fund/ checks #422-423 from the Highway Aid Fund.

Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

***Chief Michener Update:**

- 5,022 calls for assistance in 2023, up 21% from 2022
- Pequea Township is below average for crime; above average on clearance rate
- police have satisfactory equipment currently
- acknowledged donors and Millersville VFW for donations for body cameras
- vandal who damaged Silver Mine Park baseball field was apprehended and will make restitution to the township
- At the recent meeting with ICE officials, the Police offered their hospitality, police station, and cooperation to future ICE needs in our area. It was a productive exchange of ideas and offers of help.

*Chairman Lehman gave a synopsis of the 10 agenda items.

Items on the agenda:

- Scott Edwards read his 8 points of concern regarding his concerns over the potential use of water by the WAWA proposed at the juncture of Routes 222 north and south. Chairman Lehman answered each point, offering clarification. Lehman said more information and clarity will be given by the solicitor and zoning officer at a public hearing if the Board votes to authorize a public hearing.

Items not on the agenda:

- Jackie Johns asked if Pequea Township was interested in a Spring Cleanup Project like the one being held in Little Britain Township. Chairman Lehman said our needs are met by the recycling center on Harrisburg Pike.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider Text Amendment to Township Zoning Ordinance

Chairman Lehman moved to forward the Text Amendment to the Pequea Township and Lancaster County Planning Commissions for review and to set the Hearing Date for Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm and to advertise such. Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Authorize Pequea Township Fire Police to Assist Willow Street Fire Company on June 15, 2024

Supervisor Novak moved to approve Pequea Township Fire Police to support Willow Street Fire Company's 100th year celebration on June 15, 2024. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

2. Consider West Penn Grant Self Storage Letter of Credit Reduction-Request #3

Supervisor Lucas moved that we release all remaining financial security for West Penn Grant Self-Storage per their Letter of Credit Reduction-Request #3. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor, none opposed.

3. Authorize Office Closure on August 5th and 6th, 2024

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Supervisor Kreider moved to allow the closure of the Township office on August 5&6, 2024. Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

4. Authorize Stormwater Project for Pleasant View Drive

Vice-Chairman Haas moved that we instruct Solanco Engineering Associates and our roadmaster, Brian Herr, to proceed with the 325 Pleasant View Drive storm water project. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. The unbudgeted cost to the Township is an estimated range of \$60,000 - \$72,000.

5. Discuss Wage Adjustment for Auditors by Resolution

Supervisor Kreider moved to approve **Resolution #697-2024, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Pequea Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, providing for Auditor compensation at \$18.00 per hour.** Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

6. Authorize Purchase of Police Portable Traffic Signals (Police Donation Fund)

Chairman Lehman moved to approve the purchase of two traffic signal signs from Conestoga Township in the amount of \$6,000.00 to be paid from the Police Donation Fund. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

7. Appoint Member to the Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority (SLSA)-Effective June 1, 2024

Supervisor Kreider moved to appoint Eric Lucas to serve on the SLSA Board starting June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2029. Chairman Lehman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

8. Discuss Recreation Fund Certificate of Deposit Purchase(s), Authorizing Renewal by Resolution

Chairman Lehman moved to approve **Resolution #698-2024, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Pequea, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, authorizing the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit for one year in the approximate amount of \$123,459.45.** Supervisor Novak seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

9. Storm Water Management Plan Christ Stoltzfus-721 Byerland Church Road

this item was tabled until the June BOS meeting

10. Sewer Capacity Request-572 Millwood Road

Supervisor Lucas moved that we approve the sewer capacity request for Audice Rodkey of 572 Millwood Road, 1 EDU. Vice-Chairman Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

REPORTS/UPDATES:

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

Pequea Township Road Department- Road Department April update

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee- meeting held April 10, 2024-no May meeting

Suburban Lancaster Sewer Authority- meeting to be held May 23, 2024

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer- Reports on file; meeting on June 2, 2024

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Pequea Township Zoning Hearing Board- no May Meeting

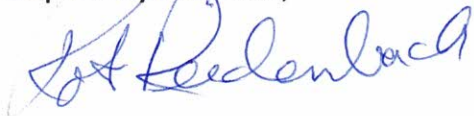
Pequea Township Planning Commission- meeting May 29, 2024

Pequea Township Safety Committee- Meeting held May 1, 2024

Pequea Township Emergency Management-Rep. Mike Novak reported that on 5/10/24, he along with Mike Hall, Chief Michener, and Harry Lehman met and agreed to meet at our Township Building on 6/13/2024 to provide training to staff, officials and those of some neighboring townships on how to support and implement the emergency management procedures.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Reidenbach, Township assistant/recording secretary