

MEETING MINUTES

HEGINS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' BOARD MEETING

September 2, 2020 7:00 P.M.

HEGINS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

421 S. Gap Street

Valley View, PA 17983

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Forest Drive Bridge Project walk-through with Lehigh Engineering's Joel Schmoyer Wednesday, September 2, 2020 from 6-7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Douglas Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL (DECLARATION OF QUORUM)

Supervisors Present: Douglas Lucas, Chairman; Bruce Klouser, Vice Chairman, Brad Carl, Ken Graham, William Wolfgang.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD

An Executive Session was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 6:40 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to discuss a legal matter.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2020.

Motion to Approve: Klouser Second: Wolfgang

Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT (ONLY ON THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA)

None.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income: \$ 87,293.59

Expenses \$ 46,007.08

Income Exceeding Expenses \$ 41,286.51

General Fund Balance \$736,761.41

PLGIT Fund Balance \$165,919.77

Motion to Approve: Graham Second: Wolfgang

Motion unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to Approve: Klouser Second: Graham

Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

POLICE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2020

Calls to Service:	111
Offense/ Incident Reports:	8
Non-Traffic Citations:	3
Misdemeanor Arrests:	1
Felony Arrests:	1
Reportable Accidents:	0
Non-Reportable Accidents:	0
Traffic Citations:	4
Traffic Warnings:	7

Patrol Unit Mileage	2009 Durango	2020 Ford	2016 Ford	
Odometer End of Month:	133,592	7,242	42,821	
Monthly Total Miles:	40	716	761	TOTAL: 1,517

Motion to Approve: Carl Second: Graham

Motion unanimously approved.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

None.

EMS REPORT

None.

ROADS COMMITTEE

Road Foreman Craig Coleman submitted a written activity report for the month of August.

Motion to Approve Road Report: Wolfgang Second: Carl

Motion unanimously approved.

Coleman submitted four Dirt and Gravel Roads grant applications, for Brook, Forest Drive, Stone Drain Project on Forest, and Gap School Road; the highest was for \$32k. The state has a board meeting September 15th to review all applications and make decisions. He also requested a ride-along road inspection with the chairman to plan for next year’s road projects; Lucas will email Coleman with a convenient date and time. Follow-up will be done on the July rollover accident trucker’s insurance reimbursement not yet been received by the township. Coleman provided our solicitor with snow emergency ordinances with an attached letter of recommendations for updates. The police chief stated the ordinance cannot be enforced as written. Solicitor Karpowich suggested we add that ordinance to his advertising list for the township to save on costs.

New 5-disc rotary mower replacement of NH: Messick’s quote was \$8,999; the \$9,282 quote from Schreffler’s (Source-Well) includes a \$500 set-up charge. LandPro’s John Deere quote was \$8,537; delivery in 6-8 weeks, with a one-year warranty.

Motion to Approve LandPro Using Liquid Fuels Money to Purchase Mower: Carl Second: Klouser

Motion unanimously approved.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Zoning Officer Allan Swab submitted a written report for the month of August.

Zoning Permits:	3
Building Permits:	3
Total for Month:	\$445.00

On the complaint by a neighboring property owner by Mr. Bordner, Solicitor Karpowich requested the permit be removed, as the termination was correct, and is not a township matter. The township’s zoning officer issued the permit based on the ordinance. Permission to proceed with the construction of the attached building is at their own risk during the 30-day appeal period process. Swab urged residents’ real estate agents to contact him before purchasing properties rather than just look up redlines in Schuylkill Parcel Locator. The pins may not be the same, and he has had many recent instances of commercial zones in residential lots. The Deep Creek Road complaint is alluding; a NOV letter to be sent out. The Chestnut Street property civil hearing for wildlife may be canceled, with the defendant agreeing to relocate the animals and pay the court costs incurred.

Motion to Approve: Klouser Second: Graham

Motion unanimously approved.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

New Light-Heigel Code Enforcement Officer Marty Sowers submitted a written report for the month of August for former code enforcement officer Ed Wenger, and will follow up with site visits and NOV's as indicated in the report.

Motion to Approve: Carl Second: Graham

Motion unanimously approved.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

William Brior, Sewage Enforcement Officer, submitted a written report for the month of August.

Repair Permit Applications Received 2

Site Evaluation 2

Design Reviews 4

Permits Issue – New 1

Permits Issue – Repair 2

Interim Inspections 2

Motion to Approve: Klouser Second: Graham

Motion unanimously approved.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

None.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Roads Foreman Coleman stated that PennDOT's John Davis suggested the township use our own negotiated spec contract rather than the proposed Williams Road Use Agreement. Williams pipeline representatives are coming in Friday, 9/04. Township to look at road usage and mileage to ensure sufficient funds to cover expected road damage from truck travel. Joel Schmoyer, Lehigh Engineering suggested looking into regulating future road use, with a maintenance guarantee for 15% of costs. Solicitor Karpowich asked for permission to advertise the Emergency Services Reimbursement Agreement & Recurring False Alarm Ordinance with the addition of a fee schedule.

Motion to Approve Advertising: Carl Second: Wolfgang

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to Approve Report: Klouser Second: Graham

Motion unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Lehigh Engineer Joel Schmoyer submitted his monthly written report for August.

School Safety Lights: Working on a plan with deep descriptions. Nothing yet from PennDOT. Need to talk about cross-walks. Two easements will be required before final approval. Plan sent to solicitor.

Pool Handicap Ramp Quotes: Smucker's Masonry (\$6,950., with no rail installation), Hilltop Masonry (\$9,800.), Peachy Crete (\$13,500), and Custom Valley Builders (\$15,900.; cannot start project until 2021). Ramp will be done this year; cast in place is more cost-efficient; one continuous pour with stress breaks in the concrete construction for shrinking and contracture. Schmoyer added that if it is constructed as designed, it should hold and minimize cracking.

Motion to Approve Hilltop Masonry Quote: Klouser Second: Graham

Motion unanimously approved.

Forest Drive Bridge Project: Conference call today noted we are on schedule in the grant time frame. GP-11 submitted within 30-45 Go-Day limit. More comment on proposed hydraulic H&H report.

Road Foreman Coleman asked on the expiration date of the multimodal grants. Schmoyer acknowledged conflicting information on trying to get approvals, and plans on getting it submitted by the end of September. Schmoyer will send an email with his opinion on Farm Lane to Coleman.

Motion to create a resolution for the multimodal project before the grant window closes: Klouser Second: Graham

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to Approve Report: Klouser Second: Graham

Motion unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Pam Ulicny's "Race for Chase" is Sunday, September 13, 2020, from 7-11 a.m. with no road closures needed in Hegin's Township. Joe Scribbick of the County Office of Solid Waste sent the finalized operation and fee schedule for the 2020 Fall Clean-up 9/17 & 9/18 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturday 9/19 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., with no electronics recycled by the County this year. September 17-19, 2020 Electronics Recycling: Chairman Lucas noted that significant charges from Responsible Recycling (Kutztown) were discovered after last month's meeting. Kevin Wasser and Brenda Fitzpatrick of K&B Recycling (Minersville) restated that there is no cost to the township; they have a COVID-19 plan in place for the event and will be responsible for trucking, labor and the recycler's fee and certification included in citizen prices.

Motion to Rescind Prior Vote for RRS and Approve K&B Recycling for Electronics: Klouser Second: Carl

Motion unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS.

New township building security cameras have been installed by Schuylkill Electronics at the township Dumpsters. Residents are urged against leaving junk – the video feed will be monitored and fines will be issued to offenders.

CORRESPONDENCE

2020 Census Deadline Moved Up: The U.S. Census Bureau moved up the deadline to complete field data collection to September 30. This new deadline applies to both self-reporting and field collection efforts. Make sure citizens complete their census and cooperate with census takers who come to their door. Federal, state and municipal officials make decisions on how dollars are allocated to schools, road and bridge grants, fire and emergency services, health care (Medicare/Medicaid, Supplemental Nutritional Assistance, children's insurance and school lunches).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Former supervisor and resident Reinoehl asked about fireworks in Valley View Park. Road Foreman Coleman asked about an unruly food pantry client; previously, county coordinator Jason Schally advised writing a warning letter stating we can deny service in the future if the behavior continues. Solicitor Karpowich stated that if the client is just expressing his First Amendment rights, no crime applies; but if food pantry volunteers feel threatened, they should contact the police.

Next Supervisors' Board Meeting – October 7, 2020, 7:00 PM.

Next Food Pantry – September 16, 2020, 8:00 – 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

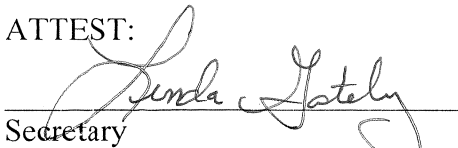
Motion to Adjourn at 7:58 p.m.: Klouser Second: Carl

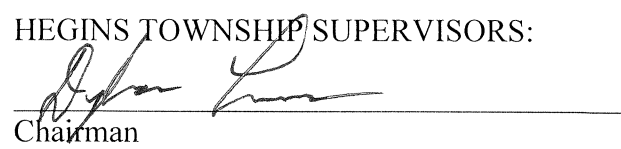
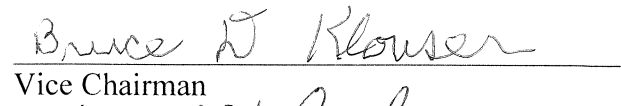
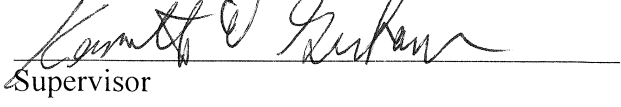
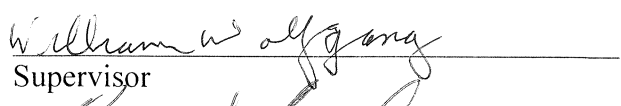
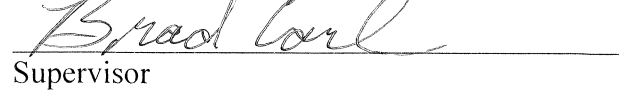
Motion unanimously approved.

Township Office Hours – Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, Thursday – 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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