

MEETING MINUTES
HEGINS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' BOARD MEETING
December 2, 2020 7:00 P.M.
HEGINS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
421 S. Gap Street
Valley View, PA 17983

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An Executive Session was held at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, 2020, to discuss a personnel matter. The session adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Douglas Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:06 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: None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2020.

Motion to Approve: Wolfgang Second: Klouser

Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT (ONLY ON THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA): None.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary Hornberger issued his treasurer's report for the month of November.

Income: \$ 79,862.65

Expenses \$ 49,078.82

Expenses Exceeding Income \$ 30,783.83

General Fund Balance \$777,178.20

PLGIT Fund Balance \$143,629.43

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 NOVEMBER 2020: Chief Yarmush submitted his police report for the month of November.

Calls to Service: 78

Offense/Incident Reports: 9

Non-Traffic Citations: 3

Reportable Accidents: 3

Traffic Citations: 7

Traffic Warnings: 9

Patrol Unit Mileage	2009 Durango	2020 Ford	2016 Ford	
Odometer End of Month:	134,287	8,871	44,449	
Monthly Total Miles:	247	477	413	TOTAL: 1,137

Motion to Approve Report: Graham Second: Wolfgang

Motion unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Williams Transco/Compressor Station construction began November 16th. Driveway installed on Bridge Road; their permit is posted. The road inspector's site visit was Tuesday, December 1st. A "No Traffic Beyond This Point" sign was placed to keep truck traffic down; most heavy traffic will go on and off Deep Creek Road instead of Bridge Road. Building permit plans are being reviewed to identify necessary inspections. Williams' Berenbrok is sending the original \$25 bond to the township by FedEx. Williams is opting to use PennDOT's excess maintenance (road use) form. The board reviewed the solicitor's draft.

Motion to Approve Williams Excess Maintenance Agreement: Klouser Second: Graham

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to Approve duly advertised Zoning Ordinance reviewed by Schuylkill County Planning Commission and Hegins Township Planning Commission: Graham Second: Wolfgang

Motion unanimously approved.

Snow Emergency Ordinance changes were made per police and road foreman suggestions. The ordinance will be consistent with the road signs currently in use. The snow emergency routes provided by the road foreman were read and approved. Standard language prohibiting snow accumulation on sidewalks or being shoveled onto roads applies, along with clean-up within 18 hours of a snow event.

Motion to advertise Snow Emergency ordinance: Graham Second: Klouser

Motion unanimously approved.

Large Vehicle Parking Ordinance was scrapped, as the new zoning ordinance makes a stand-alone ordinance unnecessary.

Schuylkill Office of Solid Waste & Recycling has mandated a county-wide curbside recycling ordinance, with their county drop-off program closing before year's end, and removal of their bins from our municipal lot. The township will allow residents to choose any hauler; the responsibility to comply would be with the transporter. The county sponsored clean-up events will continue.

Floodplain Ordinance Letter of Final Determination deadline for NFIP inclusion is now May 18, 2021. Leslie Rhoads of PA Municipal League reminded us to update the date in Section 4.01. The solicitor will have this ordinance ready for January 6th, 2021 board vote to advertise for adoption at the February board of supervisors' meeting.

Solicitor Karpowich drafted a demand letter 11/30 for the July rollover accident trucker's insurance, asking reimbursement of \$1,080 the township previously billed but have not received, using police photos, itemized labor, and material expenses incurred.

Motion to Approve Sending Solicitor's Demand Letter to Trucker's Insurance Company: Graham Second: Wolfgang

Motion unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: No Lehigh Engineering report submitted for November.

Forest Drive bridge replacement. Hydrologic and Hydrology Study to be completed by the end of November, which should have been submitted with the GP-11 permit application. PennDOT conference calls will be every other month; next one is February 2nd, 2021 at 2 p.m. Cristie Barry, Associate Project Manager, Environmental Services, McCormick Taylor, asked engineer Joel Schmoyer of Lehigh for preliminary drawings to start ROW clearance.

School Safety Lights. Two easement agreements were prepared. Solicitor Karpowich requested permission to send them out to the affected property owners with pictures. Karpowich also offered to explain on site Friday when he is here in the township.

Motion to approve sending easements: Klouser Second: Carl

Motion unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Letters of interest/resumes for 2021 appointed positions must be submitted to the township by 5:00 p.m. December 30, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Hegins Township Supervisors publicly thanked Barry Township for their check to help toward workmen's compensation expenses.

Ron Radel, fire chief of Sacramento Fire Company, requested approval of their Santa Parade at 5:30 p.m. December 19, 2020, taking the usual route (SR 25) with set-up at the county line, a brief stop at Hegins-Hubley Elementary Building and on to Fountain. They request Hegins Township Police take over the lead at the elementary building.

Motion to approve: Carl Second: Klouser

Motion unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tri-Valley Free Public Library sent a Thank You card for the township's continued support with our annual donation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Next Supervisors' Board Meeting – Special Budget Meeting 6:00 p.m. December 30, 2020. Reorganization Meeting is 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 4, 2021, with the regular board meeting on Wednesday, January 6th.

Next Food Pantry – January 20, 2021, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion to Adjourn at 7:50 p.m.: Klouser Second: Graham


Motion unanimously approved.

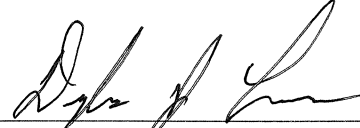
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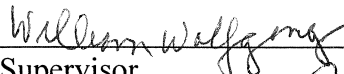
ATTEST:


HEGINS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS:


Secretary

By: 
Chairman

By: 
Vice Chairman

By: 
Supervisor

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