

MEETING MINUTES
HEGINS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' BOARD MEETING
July 7, 2021 7:00 P.M.
HEGINS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
421 S. Gap Street
Valley View, PA 17983

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An Executive Session was held from 6:40–7:10 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2021 to discuss personnel and legal matters.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Douglas Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL (DECLARATION OF QUORUM)

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

Before the meeting began, Supervisor Brad Carl submitted his written resignation, effective immediately. The local newspaper reporter will be asked to help encourage letters of interest/resumes to be received at the township office by July 30th for appointment at the next meeting to fill the vacancy for the remainder of Carl's unexpired term.

Motion to Accept Carl's Resignation: Wolfgang; Second: Klouser. Motion unanimously approved.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD:

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2021.

Motion to Approve: Graham; 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 June.

Income:	\$	148,483.41
Expenses:	\$	101,029.45
Income Exceeding Expenses:	\$	47,453.96
General Fund Balance:	\$	1,068,107.35
PLGIT Fund Balance:	\$	236,718.69

Motion to Approve Report: Graham; Second: Wolfgang. Motion unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to Approve: Klouser; Second: Graham. Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

POLICE REPORT 2021: Chief Yarmush submitted his police report for the month of June.

Calls to Service:	194
Offense/Incident Reports:	16
Non-Traffic Citations:	2
Misdemeanor Arrests:	2
Felony Arrests:	2
Reportable Accidents:	2
Non-Reportable Accidents:	1
Traffic Citations:	27
Traffic Warnings:	28

Patrol Unit Mileage	2009 Durango	2020 Ford	2016 Ford	
Odometer End of Month:	136,859	12,441	48,181	
Monthly Total Miles:	196	641	682	TOTAL: 1519

Motion to Approve Police Report: Graham; Second: Klouser. Motion unanimously approved.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: None.

EMS REPORT: None.

ROADS COMMITTEE: Road Foreman Craig Coleman submitted his written activity report for the month of June. 2021 Bituminous Seal Coat Project contractor Russell Standard completed the project on June 24, 2021. Supervisors' approval is needed for the \$186.00 quote received from JKE Sealcoating for the painting of lines at the basketball court.

Motion to Approve JKE Quote: Klouser; Second: Graham. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to Approve Road Report as submitted: Klouser; Second: Graham. Motion unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Joel Schmoyer, Lehigh Engineering, submitted his June report. Cristie Barry set up the next Forest Drive Bridge Project Status Call for Friday, July 30th at 11:00 a.m. The third round of comments for the TS&L plan will be addressed and resubmitted by July 16th. The GP-11 was accepted. A site meeting will be conducted after the surveyor stakes out the extent of the project.

Motion to Approve Engineer's Report as written: Graham; Second: Klouser. Motion unanimously approved.

PLANNING/ZONING/UCC/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Ed Wenger of Lehigh Engineering submitted his report for June, with two zoning permits issued and one denied, plus one Zoning Hearing Board special exception appeal. A Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued for land development prior to having an approved SALDO plan; the owner's engineer will draft. Two other NOV's were issued as well as two Final NOV's. A civil complaint was filed for failing to comply with a Zoning Enforcement Notice (ZEN) dated 3/25/21. A civil complaint was filed for the owner of 1161 West Main Street for failure to comply with the ZEN dated 3/25/21, plus a citation filed against the same property owner for failure to comply with the NOV also issued 3/25/21. Another citation was issued for 1032 West Main Street for failure to comply with a NOV issued.

The local planning commission is in need of at least one new member (for term ending 12/31/2023) and two alternate members. Hegin's Township Planning Committee President Guy Julian submitted his resignation on June 12, 2021. If a quorum cannot be maintained, local planning decisions will have to be delayed until the township supervisors meet to review and approve. The local newspaper reporter will be asked to help with publicity in requesting letters of interest to the appointed position.

Motion to Advertise for Planning Commission: Graham; Second: Klouser. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to Approve Planning, Zoning & Code Reports: Graham; Second: Klouser. Motion unanimously approved.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: William Brior, SEO, submitted no monthly sewage activity report for June.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Karpowich filed a civil complaint against Elvin Robles Acosta with District Magistrate Rossi for the January 11, 2021 Grove Drive rollover accident. The hearing date is Monday, August 2, 2021 at 9 a.m. with road foreman Coleman to testify.

School Crossing Safety Lights Easement Draft for Commonwealth Telephone Company. Karpowich and supervisors met on June 25th with property owners and surveyors to settle the boundary dispute to resolve by consent.

Karpowich also assisted with the COVID-19 ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) DCED grant funding application for the \$352,002 relief grant money Hegin's Township should be getting (1/2 this summer and half next year).

Karpowich updated an April 7, 1980 Peddler's and Solicitation ordinance to repeal the earlier version, to be used with the existing application. Also, a No Parking on Streets During Work Activity ordinance was prepared for supervisors' approval in order to define the authority of the township police to act on violations and set fines and/or tow vehicles in an emergency situation. A resolution and application for handicapped parking signs was also presented to the board based on policy, with adoption contingent upon review and input by police chief Yarmush.

Motion to advertise Solicitation Ordinance for public hearing: Graham; Second: Wolfgang. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to advertise No Parking Ordinance for public hearing: Klouser; Second: Graham. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to adopt Handicap Sign Resolution (upon police review): Graham; Second: Klouser. Motion unanimously approved.

Engineer Dave Williams submitted an exemption request for both a Stormwater Management and Land Development Plan for the "0" Maple Street, Valley View property purchased by Klinger and Stehr. Williams stated no development plan is needed, since the property was macadam from the last owner and was used as a lot. Solicitor recommends township table decision to waive until after the Zoning Hearing Board permit appeal for a variance is decided. Solicitor Karpowich stated the request was premature, since township supervisors should wait to vote on the exemption until after the results are in from the zoning hearing board review on July 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to Table Exemption Request: Graham; Second: Klouser. Motion unanimously approved.

A petition was received from LTH Law for Ronald and Marcy Coleman, who object to the County Tax Claim Bureau sale at 728-730 East Main Street, Hegin's from last month. Solicitor Karpowich will respond to LTH Law, recommending township supervisors not participate in any objection.

Motion to not participate in objection: Graham; Second: Wolfgang. Motion unanimously approved.

Supervisors voted to approve a stipulation to be signed by solicitor Karpowich for the agreement MI Windows & Doors reached with the county for two properties' taxes (#1: \$753,984 for 2020 and \$659,232 for 2021; and #2: 2020-\$594,702, 2021-\$519,067).

Motion to Approve MI Stipulation: Graham; Second: Wolfgang. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to Approve Solicitor's Report: Graham; Second: Klouser. Motion unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Klouser suggested bringing in PennDOT's John Davis to see if liquid fuels money can be used to broaden alleys.

NEW BUSINESS:

TVSD sent a request for police coverage at SY 2021-22 home football games for supervisor approval of dates and \$55/hr. rate.

Motion to Approve TVSD Police Coverage: Klouser Second: Graham. Motion unanimously approved.

Kyle Swetz, Schuylkill County Recycling Coordinator, sent a letter requesting permission to use our municipal lot for the 2021 Annual Fall Clean-up event Thursday and Friday September 16th -17th from 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 18th from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Motion to Approve Fall Clean-up: Graham Second: Wolfgang. Motion unanimously approved.

Approval of Copycat Annual Service Agreement Renewal at \$567.00 for the service period from 8/29/21 to 8/29/22.

Motion to Approve Copycat Renewal: Graham; Second: Wolfgang. Motion unanimously approved.

Tri-Valley Community Pool Manager Linda Morgan requested to have a Free Pool Day Wednesday, July 28th, with a D.J. to play from 4-7 p.m.

Motion to Approve TVCP Free Pool Day: Klouser; Second: Wolfgang. Motion unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

On July 8th, the Tri-Valley Senior Citizens group met for the first time since the pandemic began in March of 2020. During their audit, they were made aware of the Hegins Township Board of Supervisors' \$1500 donation in 2020. They sent a Thank You letter stating this will be used for rent of the church where they meet, contribute toward program costs and to purchase food for served meals at senior citizen gatherings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Citizen Gerald Zimmerman of 82 Church Road reported the township wall by his property needs repair so he can fix up his yard, and a township gutter clogged with debris is causing flooding. Supervisors agreed to come out and look at these issues.

Next Supervisors' Board Meeting – 7:00 PM on August 4, 2021.


Next Food Pantry – July 21, 2021, 8:00 – 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: Motion to Adjourn at 7:40 p.m.: Klouser; Second: Graham. Motion unanimously approved.

Township Office Hours – Weekdays 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

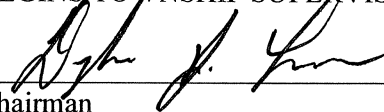
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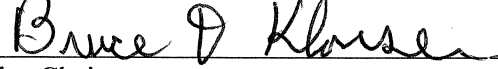


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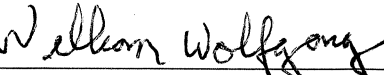
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