

MEETING MINUTES
HEGINS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' BOARD MEETING
September 1, 2021 7:00 P.M.
HEGINS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
421 S. Gap Street
Valley View, PA 17983

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Douglas Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL (DECLARATION OF QUORUM)

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD

An Executive Session was held from 6:50 p.m. to 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 to discuss a legal matter.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Minutes from August 4, 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 August.

Income:	\$	100,338.23
Expenses:	\$	139,131.85
Expenses Exceeding Income:	\$	38,793.62
General Fund Balance:	\$	1,175,897.72 (\$176,001.28 ARPA funds in GF total.)
PLGIT Fund Balance:	\$	111,632.23

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Calls to Service:	154
Offense/Incident Reports:	6
Reportable Accidents:	1
Traffic Citations:	15
Non-Traffic Citations:	2
Traffic Warnings:	16
Misdemeanor Arrests:	1

Patrol Unit Mileage	2009 Durango	2020 Ford	2016 Ford	
Odometer End of Month:	137,078	13,920	49,432	
Monthly Total Miles:	180	602	705	TOTAL: 1,487

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

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: None.

EMS REPORT: None.

ROADS COMMITTEE:

Supervisor Bruce Klouser referenced Road Foreman Craig Coleman's submitted written activity report for August. Coleman and his crew were out on an emergency weather event call. Coleman's report showed he applied for three dirt and gravel road grants this month. A quote for \$2,318 was received for the New Holland tractor tires, which also needs a new wheel that has been weld-repaired temporarily. Three sets of rain gear are needed to replace worn-out road crew reflective outerwear, at a cost of \$90/set.

Motion to Approve NH Tires/Wheel Purchase: Klouser; Second: Graham. Motion unanimously approved.
Motion to Approve Rain Gear Purchase: Klouser; Second: Harner. Motion unanimously approved.
Motion to Approve Road Report as Submitted: Harner; Second: Graham. Motion unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Joel Schmoyer, Lehigh Engineering, submitted his August report. Forest Drive Bridge: A site meeting was held with all stakeholders; the necessary easement agreements/deeds are in process. Bear Valley Road Bridge: All remediation requirements have been completed and PennDOT notified as such. The Land Development and Stormwater Management Plan for 1230 West Main Street are under review.

Motion to Approve Engineer's Report as Written: Graham; Second: Harner. Motion unanimously approved.

PLANNING/ZONING/UCC/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:

Ed Wenger of Lehigh Engineering submitted his report for August, with five zoning permits issued, one Zoning Enforcement Notice, two Notices of Violation, and one dismissed civil complaint that will be rescheduled. A one-week extension was granted for junk cars at 1161 West Main Street. Reager and Adler, P.C. Attorney Linus Fenicle's represented the township at the August 31st Zoning Hearing Board Wind Energy public hearing at the Hegins Area Ambulance Association Building, which will be continued on September 28th. The Anthracite Ridge application for 24 proposed turbines is under review. The Planning Commission's Sherry subdivision plan review will be advertised and rescheduled in September. A letter of interest was received from Debra Schwartz for the planning commission alternate vacancy; one additional alternate is still needed.

Motion to Appoint Debra Schwartz to Planning Commission: Klouser; Second: Graham. Motion unanimously approved.

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

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: William Brior, SEO, submitted no township sewage activity for the month of August, but the following report for July was received after the last Board of Supervisors' meeting.

Percolation Testing	1
Site Evaluation	2
Design Reviews	4
Permits Issued-New	4
Interim Inspections	2
Malfunction Inspections	2

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Karpowich recommended hiring expert witnesses for the Zoning Hearing Board Wind Energy application hearing.

Motion to Approve Hiring Expert Witnesses: Wolfgang; Second: Graham. Motion unanimously approved.

The solicitor stated that no formal action must be taken by the Board of Supervisors regarding the hiring of a process server for a civil suit in District Magistrate Rossi's court against Elvin Robles Acosta as discussed last month.

Bridge Project Property Lines – Waiting on a survey plan to do the bridge wall agreement.

Email requests for documents from July 27th and July 31st were acknowledged on August 4th for the Commonwealth Telephone Company (now Frontier Communications) School Crossing Safety Lights Easement.

Request for Proposal (RFP) will be drafted and advertised by the solicitor for a bonded independent property maintenance contractor to perform code enforcement property cleanouts, securing of properties, and grass maintenance. Liens will be placed on affected properties.

Motion to Approve Advertising RFP: Harner; Second: Graham. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion to open a public alley where a fence had been placed was discussed.

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

Karpowich reported that the exemption waiver request for the "0" Maple Street, Valley View property Stormwater Management Plan and Land Development Plan (previously tabled until after the Zoning Hearing Board appeal) is not warranted, since there is no proposed land development. Zoning Officer Ed Wenger of Lehigh Engineering will respond to engineer Dave Williams on behalf of Klinger & Stehr.

The Hegins Township Zoning Ordinance amendment will be ready for next month's meeting. There is a mix of residential and commercial on Main Street, and the township will be issuing a permit for special exceptions under home occupations to permitted use, as long as the criteria to be determined are met.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The Williams Natural Gas Pipeline First Responder Dinner was held at the Hegins Firehouse on August 18th.

Motion to Approve the Comcast Resolution and letter to Schuylkill County Commissioners regarding Designated Market Area changes.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Julie Ballay, Tri-Valley Youth Charities, requested supervisors' approval to hold Trunk or Treat night on Sunday, October 31st. They also request that Hegin's Township hosts their Trick or Treat night separately (supervisor approval for Saturday, October 30th from 6-8 p.m.).

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

Patsy Krammes of Valley View Church of God, requests supervisors' approval of a 200' road closure of Locust Street (parking lot behind the church) between 2:30-5:30 p.m. for their Harvest Party on October 31st.

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

After confirming that all vendor specifications are equal (2' width and 4" thickness with rebar), low bidder is Hilltop Masonry's \$2,600 proposal for a concrete wall cap on Church Road. Other quotes were \$4,000 from Peachey Crete and \$10,700 from Lamar Kimmel.

Motion to Accept Hilltop Bid as Above: Graham; Second: Harner. Motion unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kyle Swetz, Schuylkill County Recycling Coordinator, will 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. Supervisors will divide fees collection as follows: Harner on Thursday, 9/16 from 8-2; Klouser on Friday 9/17 from 8-2; and Lucas on Saturday 9/18 from 8-12.

K&B electronics collection, pending DEP permit approval, will be available Friday and Saturday only during the same collection times.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Next Supervisors' Board Meeting – 7:00 PM on October 6, 2021.

Next Food Pantry – September 15, 2021, 8:00 – 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: Motion to Adjourn at 8:02 p.m.: Harner; Second: Graham. Motion unanimously approved.

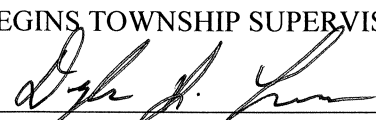
Township Office Hours – Weekdays 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Telephone: 570-682-9133; Email: heginstwp@comcast.net; Website: www.psatstwp.org/schuylkill/hegins/


ATTEST:



Secretary

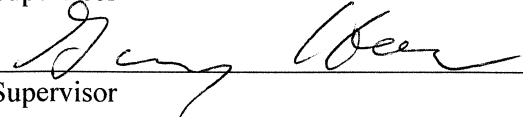
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Vice Chairman

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