

MEETING MINUTES
HEGINS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' BOARD MEETING
January 5, 2022 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 until 7:00 p.m. January 5, 2022 to discuss a personnel and legal matter.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Klouser called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL (DECLARATION OF QUORUM)

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD: An executive session was held from 6:45 p.m. until 7:12 p.m., December 1, 2021, to discuss a personnel matter.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2021.

Motion to Approve: Lucas Second: Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved.

Special Budget Meeting December 23, 2021.

Motion to Approve: Wolfgang Second: Lucas Motion unanimously approved.

Reorganization Meeting Monday, January 3, 2022.

Motion to Approve: Wolfgang Second: Harner Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT (ONLY ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA)

None

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gayle Rhody's Treasurer's Report for December, 2021.

Income:	\$	47,040.51	
Expenses:	\$	68,039.75	
Expenses Exceeding Income:	\$	20,999.24	
General Fund Balance:	\$	1,092,948.55	(\$176,001.28 ARPA funds in GF total.)
PLGIT Fund Balance:	\$	49,132.27	

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Lucas Second: Harner Motion unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to Approve: Wolfgang Second: Lucas Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

POLICE REPORT 2021: Chief Yarmush's police report for the month of December.

Supervisors and Chief Yarmush discussed purchasing the ENRADD system from Frailey Township.

Motion to Offer Frailey \$3,000 for Purchase: Lucas Second: Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved.

Calls to Service:	79
Offense/Incident Reports:	4
Reportable Accidents	2
Traffic Citations:	8
Traffic Warnings:	2

Patrol Unit Mileage	2009 Durango	2020 Ford	2016 Ford	
Odometer End of Month:	137,460	16,584	50,750	
Monthly Total Miles:	27	695	192	TOTAL: 914

Motion to Approve Police Report: Lucas Second: Harner Motion unanimously approved.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: - None

EMS REPORT: None

ROADS COMMITTEE: Road Foreman Craig Coleman's activity report for December, 2021. The purchase for the chop saw approved last month at \$1500 had additional costs for blades bringing the total now to \$2006.06.

Motion to Approve Additional Chop Saw Blades: Lucas Second: Harner Motion unanimously approved.

Roadmaster Bruce Klouser's monthly report covered a meeting with the engineer on East Mountain Road culvert repairs.

The 2022 COSTARS road salt agreement renewal was discussed.

Motion to Approve COSTARS Road Salt Contract: Lucas Second: Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to Approve Road Report: Lucas Second: Harner Motion unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Joel Schmoyer, Lehigh Engineering, December 2021 report mentioned the Forest Drive Bridge Project was on schedule.

Motion to Approve: Lucas Second: Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved.

PLANNING/ZONING/UCC/CODE REPORT: Ed Wenger, Lehigh Engineering's December report.

Planning Commission: No activity.

Zoning:

- The final draft of the Zoning Ordinance and Map was submitted to the Township Solicitor for his review and comment.
- Zoning permits issued: 3 (1 Agricultural Building addition, 1 new single dwelling, 1 roof-mounted solar system); 1 incomplete (septic system information not verified as functional for new build on fire damaged property).
- Zoning Hearing Board Report: Anthracite Ridge Wind Energy's final public hearing is 1/11/22 at 6:30 p.m.
- Zoning Enforcement: 1161 W. Main St. – A letter was sent to the property owner reminding him that he is under agreement with the Twp. to repay the costs of the civil enforcement actions against him.

Code Enforcement:

- No activity.

Motion to Approve: Wolfgang Second: Harner Motion unanimously approved.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: SEO William Brior's sewage activity report for December:

- 1 New Permit Application Received
- 1 Test Probe
- 1 Site Evaluation
- 2 Interim Inspections

Motion to Approve SEO Report: Lucas Second: Wolfgang. Motion unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Another grant application for Williams will be made by the solicitor, who will meet with Joel Schmoyer and apply by the next meeting.

The Robles Acosta civil complaint is transferring to Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas for trial in absentia.

Commonwealth of PA School Crossing Safety Lights Easement is proceeding; committed to a dollar amount. Engineers has submitted a schematic of what the sign will look like. Action: responsibility for ordering and installing signs; Lehigh Engineering will supply a quote for the next meeting.

Supervisors tabled the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a bonded independent property maintenance contractor due to lack of bids.

Motion to Table RFP: Lucas Second: Wolfgang. Motion unanimously approved.

Bridge Project Property Lines Wall agreement easement Quit Claim Deed will be recorded at the courthouse by Lehigh Engineering.

Karpowich is incorporating county planning commission revisions to the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion to Advertise Zoning Ordinance for next meeting: Lucas Second: Harner. Motion unanimously approved.

Resolution 1 (Approval of Intermunicipal Transfer of Liquor License, Top Star Express, 1107 W. Main Street) was tabled as premature. A public hearing will be advertised twice by the solicitor for the February 2nd meeting. A check for \$750 must be received from Top Star.

Motion to Advertise Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer Public Hearing: Wolfgang; Second: Harner. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to Approve Solicitor's Report: Lucas Second: Harner. Motion unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Solicitor Karpowich will advertise for a part-time secretary with pay commensurate with experience.

Motion to Advertise: Wolfgang; Second: Harner. Motion unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from Deb Barry of Hegins Ambulance Board of Directors requesting a share of ARPA funding.

A Thank You letter was sent to Nestle for \$1,000 donation to the Township to be used for recreational services.

K&B Recycling of Minersville's 2022 electronics recycling flyer noted there will now be a fee of \$300 per day, (Friday and/or Saturday) with times from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. available to schedule starting the first weekend of May. An email will be sent to Brenda Fitzpatrick advising her the Supervisors tabled recycling for Spring 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Citizen Roger Wetzel questioned the decibel level allowable from the Williams pumping station. Solicitor Karpowich responded that FERC regulates this via permits obtained on a regular basis.

Citizen Jenny Kalita requested Supervisors' help on a Notice of Violation of the International Property Maintenance Code received, asking for a fencing permit extension to replace the temporary fence for her service dog. Kalita cannot comply at this time with the \$750 variance appeal hearing fee required. She also asked for follow up on her July 7th complaint on a neighboring property that needs clean-up.

Lucas motion to extend the temporary fence permit to June 5, 2022, seconded by Wolfgang. Motion unanimously approved.

Next Supervisors' Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.


Next Food Pantry – January 19, 2022, 8:00 – 10:00 AM.

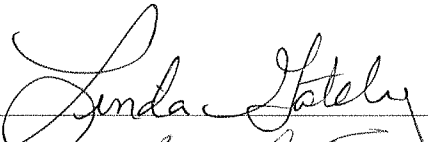
ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

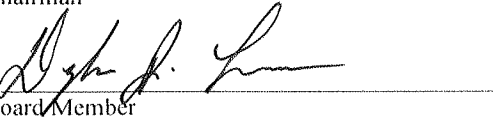
Motion to Adjourn at 7:53 PM Made by Wolfgang; Second: Lucas. Motion Unanimously Approved

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


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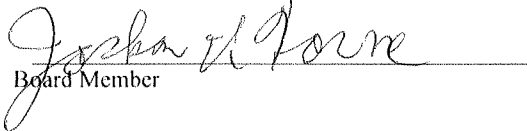

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