

MEETING MINUTES
HEGINS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' BOARD MEETING
February 02, 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 6:30 p.m. until 7:12 p.m. February 2., 2022 to discuss a personnel matter.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Klouser called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL (DECLARATION OF QUORUM)

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD: An executive session was held from 6:45 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., January 5, 2022, to discuss a personnel and legal matters.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2022.

Motion to Approve: Harner Second: Wolfgang 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 January, 2022.

Income:	\$	38,953.87	
Expenses:	\$	75,708.94	
Expenses Exceeding Income:	\$	36,755.07	
General Fund Balance:	\$	1,056,193.48	(\$176,001.28 ARPA funds in GF total.)
PLGIT Fund Balance:	\$	19,047.83	

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion to Pay Bills: Lucas Second: Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

POLICE REPORT 2021: Chief Yarmush's police report for the month of January 2022 was read by Officer Allar.

Discuss ENRADD bid offer submitted to Frailey Township. Response not received from Frailey Township.

Calls to Service:	54
Offense/Incident Reports:	5
Misdemeanor Arrests	2
Felony Arrests	2
Reportable Accidents	1
Traffic Citations	1
Traffic Warnings	1

Patrol Unit Mileage	2009 Durango	2020 Ford	2016 Ford	
Odometer End of Month:	137,548	17,216	50,957	
Monthly Total Miles:	88	632	207	TOTAL:927

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

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: - None

EMS REPORT: None

ROADS COMMITTEE: Roadmaster Bruce Klouser's monthly report for January, 2022.

Jan. 3 and Jan 25 - Zoom meeting with Cristie Barry, supervisors, engineering and solicitor.

Jan. 14 – Call from Jeff Geist regarding Route 125/25 intersection – look into signs for local deliveries. Set back is only 45 feet.

Jan. 19 – Call about poor visibility to pull out at Wood Lane with snow piled up from plowing. Corrected by Road Crew.

Jan, 28 - Large truck ran over stop sign and street signs – insurance claim will be filed with trucker's insurance company.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Joel Schmoyer, Lehigh Engineering, January 2022 report: including Forest Drive Bridge Project status – On Schedule. School zone lights and signs packet given to supervisors describing LED signs needed. Second packet describes static reflective signs needed. Costs will exceed \$21,900 threshold with all materials and installation, so project must be advertised for bids.

Motion to Approve Engineer's Report: Lucas Second: Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved.

PLANNING/ZONING/UCC/CODE REPORT: Ed Wenger, Lehigh Engineering January report.

Planning Commission: No report

Zoning:

- Final Draft - Zoning Ordinance and Map.
- Zoning permits issued in January: 3 – Install fence in rear yard, Addition to existing shed, Residential Addition
- Zoning Hearing Board Report: Anthracite Ridge Wind Energy's final decision 1/11/22. The Hegins Township Zoning Hearing Board voted to deny the application from Anthracite Ridge, LLC. If appeal to decision is filed, Township will support Local Planning Commission defending decision.
- Motion to Approve: Lucas Second: Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved
- Zoning Enforcement: The 1161 W. Main St. property owner started repayment of costs of \$1097 the civil enforcement actions against him. Property owner needs to be timely with payments.

Code Enforcement:

- An NOV was issued to the 929 West Maple Street property owner with external property maintenance violations of broken windows and garbage to be cleaned up. A reasonable amount of time will be allowed for compliance.

Motion to Approve Zoning & Coding Report: Lucas Second: Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved.

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: SEO William Brior's sewage activity report for January 2022 – Report Not Received:

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Robles Acosta civil complaint is transferring to Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas for trial in absentia for negligence, damage and costs-\$2437.50 damages plus court costs, collection fees and attorney fees.

Motion to Approve court transfer: Lucas Second: Harner Motion unanimously approved.

Pennsylvania Community Telephone Company School Crossing Safety Lights Easement - Signed agreement received.

Checks needed payable to Schuylkill County Recorder of Deeds and Schuylkill County Treasurer for Ed Wenger to file Easement paperwork.

Zoning Ordinance updates sent to local and Schuylkill County commissions for review. County Commission recommendations have been incorporated into updates. No response from local planning commission.

Sections of the zoning ordinance that have been proposed for updating:

Section 201.B - General Definitions

Update definition of Large Vehicles and Recreational Vehicles

Section 302.C - Residential Zoning Districts

Added Mixed Neighborhood Business District

Section 307.A - Zoning Districts

Added Mixed Neighborhood Business District to 307.A - Zoning Districts regulations for lot areas, set backs, etc.

Section 402 - Land Use Chart

Added Mixed Neighborhood Business District to use chart-downtown area Hegin, downtown area Valley View.

Amend Home Occupation to uses permitted by right- special exception can be granted by zoning officer rather than requiring a zoning hearing, if all zoning requirements are met.

Section 501.B.5 - Retaining Walls

Added language for exempting anything under 4 feet in height from needing an engineer's seal. Over 4 feet - need U.C.C. permit and engineer's drawings. This is consistent with the U.C.C. guidelines and permit requirements.

Section 501.B.6 - Clear Sight Triangle at Corner Lots

Added language to include plantings, vegetation, or retaining walls.

Section 501.B.7 - Agricultural Fences

Fences associated with a permitted agricultural operation. Add language exempting fences for retaining livestock.

Section 511.A.10 Parking of Large Vehicles and Recreational Vehicles

Prohibit the parking of undesirable types of large vehicles in Residential zones R1 and R2 - no front yard parking allowed and must be 100 ft. from residence. For Recreational Vehicles -added regulations for maximum of 48 hours parking of RV's on residential lots along street in front of property for loading/unloading. Owner can store RV's on side or back lot of property, if meets zoning requirements.

Motion to Approve Zoning Ordinance updates: Lucas Second: Harner Motion unanimously approved.

Another grant application from Williams Pipeline was filed today, February 2.

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

Atty. David Berger for Top Star (applicant) shared information that applicant does not plan to expand footprint of business. Cameras will be installed for security, guidelines established by PLCB will be followed, and business will comply with township zoning codes and requirements, and file for both a zoning and a building permit for interior reconfiguration.

Motion to approve Top Star Permits: Lucas Second: Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved

Resolution 2022-02-02 - Approval of Intermunicipal Transfer of Liquor License R-10242 from I. Nunez Shenandoah, PA to Top Star Express, 1107 W. Main Street Valley View. A check for \$750 was received from Top Star for Transfer Fee.

Motion to Approve Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer made by Lucas Second: Harner Motion unanimously approved

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

OLD BUSINESS: Applications were received for the duly advertised township secretary vacancy. Three applications received. Debbie Stutzman hired at Township wage resolution rate.

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

NEW BUSINESS: Adoption of Pennsylvania Municipalities Pension Trust Act 44 Disclosure Form

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Pennsylvania Treasury issued its Overview of the Final Rule for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Be aware of deadline for use of funds- One-half in 2021, on-half will be received in 2022.

A letter was received from Hegins Valley Fire Rescue president Brock Deibert requesting a share of ARPA funding

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Purchase and install school crossing safety light. School District will be required to operate and maintain signs. Roger Wetzel and Randy Bloch questioned if other townships with students who attend Tri-Valley High School will share in cost of signs and installation when bid is awarded.

\$5,577 raised for Sgt. Matt Dillman at Fundraiser Dinner held January 29th. Lehigh Engineering and Karpovich Law paid for fundraising meal. Plans are being made for presentation of donation checks to Sgt. Dillman. Thanks to Roger Wetzel, St. Andrew's Church, and everyone involved for help with planning, coordination and serving.

Roger Wetzel – Will Guidelines be established for how ARPA grant money is to be disbursed? Solicitor and Board of Superviors recommended a workshop concerning ARPA grant money.

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

Next Food Pantry – March 16, 2022, 8:00 – 10:00 AM.

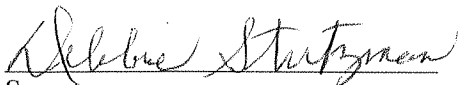
ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

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


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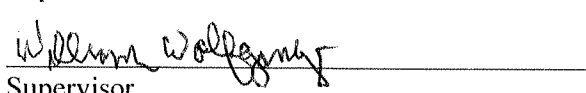

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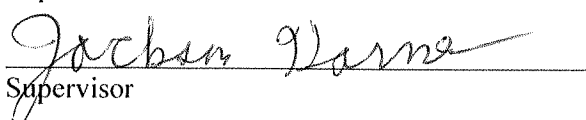
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