

MEETING MINUTES
HEGINS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' BOARD MEETING
April 06, 2022 7:00 P.M.
HEGINS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
421 S. Gap Street
Valley View, PA 17983

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An executive session was held from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM on April 6, 2022, to discuss personnel matters.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce Klouser called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL (DECLARATION OF QUORUM)

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

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD: No executive session was held prior to the BOS meeting on March 2, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2022.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (ONLY ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA)

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gayle Rhody's Treasurer's Report for March, 2022.

Income:	\$	158,616.00
Expenses:	\$	116,056.46
Income Exceeding Expenses:	\$	42,559.54
General Fund Balance	\$	914,523.20
ARPA Fund Balance:	\$	201,001.28
PLGIT Fund Balance:	\$	170,436.99

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Douglas Lucas Second: William Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved.

PAYMENT OF UNPAID BILLS

Motion to Pay Unpaid Bills: Douglas Lucas Second: William Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

POLICE REPORT 2022: Chief Yarmush's police report for the month of March was read by Donald Karpovich-Chief Beau Yarmush was called out on business.

Calls to Service:	65		
Offense/Incident Reports:	4		
Misdemeanor Arrests	1		
Felony Arrests	0		
Reportable Accidents	1		
Traffic Citations	3		
Traffic Warnings	4		
Patrol Unit Mileage	2009	2020 Ford	2016 Ford
Odometer End of Month:	137,864	18,540	51,583
Monthly Total Miles:	316	631	365
			TOTAL 1,312

Motion to Approve Police Report: William Wolfgang Second: Jack Harner Motion unanimously approved.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: None

EMS REPORT

Steve Klinger read the mission statement of the Hegins Area Ambulance Association to the Board of Supervisors. He reported that there were 1500 total calls from 11 different contracted townships in 2021.

264 calls in Hegins Township in 2021. In 2022, 86 calls so far. Steve suggested that the Ambulance Board and the Board of Supervisors meet to discuss any concerns.

Motion to Approve EMS Report: Douglas Lucas Second: William Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved.

ROADS COMMITTEE: Roadmaster Bruce Klouser read monthly report for March, 2022.

Motion to Approve Road Report: Douglas Lucas Second: William Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Dennis Peters, Peters Consultants, Inc., March 2022 report

Dennis Peters discussed the School Zone Lights and Signs Bid Project along Route 25. Perpetual care of flashing sign and information will be assigned to school district to maintain. A letter will be composed to request the five townships attending TVHS share in the cost. A motion was made to advertise for bids.

Motion to Approve Bids: Douglas Lucas Second: Jack Harner Motion unanimously approved.

Peters Consultants have been sorting out all the information transferred from Lehigh Engineering. The crew from Peters surveyed the Forest Bridge Project. Wetlands were examined to determine if they could affect the Forest Bridge Project.

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

PLANNING REPORT: Dennis Peters, Peters Consultants, March 2022 report.

LSA grant was processed All applications were submitted on time. No time for response to application was given.

Bear Valley Bridge needs repair work. Conferred with FEMA about Tropical storm Ida reimbursement funds.

A review of the Miller subdivision was made. Miller subdivision was conditionally approved upon compliance with local planning commission and Schuylkill County Planning Commission Review.

Motion to Approve Subdivision: Douglas Lucas Second: Jack Harner Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to Approve Engineer Report: William Wolfgang Second: Douglas Lucas Motion unanimously approved.

ZONING/UCC/CODE REPORTS: Ed Wenger, Lehigh Engineering, March 2022 report.

Zoning:

- Zoning permits issued: 5
- Zoning Hearing Board March - No Activity.
- Zoning Enforcement: No activity.

Code Enforcement:

- Enforcement activity for seven properties.
- Harman Property owner asking for continuance with magistrate office until August 31. Original date was in May 4.

Motion to Approve Zoning & Coding Report: Douglas Lucas Second: Jack Harner Motion unanimously approved.

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

- Sewage violation notice - 164 North Good Spring Road, Hegins.
- Sewage permit issued - 469 West Mountain Road, Hegins.

Motion to Approve Sewage Report: Douglas Lucas Second: William Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Donald Karpowich helped the engineer with the transition from Lehigh Engineering for Peters Consultants.

/A motion was also made to consolidate 1230 and 1234 Properties.
We received one application for the property maintenance officer. Will review and establish costs for the next meeting.
Building Code Ordinance to be updated, will include fee schedule.

Motion to approve solicitor's report: Douglas Lucas Second: Jack Harner Motion

OLD BUSINESS

Advertising for part-time police officer.

NEW BUSINESS

Received check for \$2500 grant from Williams Companies, Inc. to be used for Police Officer Safety.

Sealed bids will be accepted for 2022 Bituminous seal coat.

ARPA Fund account opened at Truist Bank.

Liquid fuels money received in PLGIT account, \$172,407.82.

Linda Morgan discussed raising pool rates for 2022. Pool prices have not increased since 2010. Rate schedule will be posted.

Motion to approve: Douglas Lucas Second: Jack Harner Motion unanimously approved.

The Township will take away the old tables from pool area to the Valley View Park. New tables are being provided by Friends of the Pool Committee.

New Cash Register and Deep Fryer needed. Linda may be able to trade Popcorn Maker for new Deep Fryer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Travis Snyder spoke in support of Clair Harman regarding violation notices received He strongly feels the coding officer is being unfair to local residents and asked for review of actions of the coding office Ed. Wenger. He asked that he be terminated.

Jennie Kalita inquired as to who has control over the permits issued by the Township.

Mark E. Bowman stated the Township is holding money that is in an escrow account. He stated the money was owed to him.

A motion was made to release Mr. Bowman's money.

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

Next Supervisors' Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Food Pantry – May 18, 2022, 8:00 – 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion to Adjourn at 8:10 PM Made by Douglas Lucas Second: Jack Harner Motion Unanimously Approved

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ATTEST:

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By: William Wolfson
Supervisor

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Supervisor

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Supervisor