

MEETING MINUTES
HEGINS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' BOARD MEETING
May 3, 2023 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 PM to discuss code litigation matters and a police contract proposal.

CALL TO ORDER; Chairman Bruce Klouser called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL (DECLARATION OF QUORUM): Present were Chairman Bruce Klouser, Vice-Chairman Leroy Shuey, and Supervisors Jack Harner, Gary Harner and Bill Wolfgang.

APPROVAL OF Last Month's Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes – April 2023

Motion to Approve: Leroy Shuey Second: Jack Harner Motion unanimously approved

PUBLIC COMMENT (ONLY ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report for April 2023

Income	\$	118,989.08
Expenses	\$	59,874.77
Income Exceeding Expenses	\$	59,114.31
General Fund Balance	\$	998,480.60
ARPA Fund Balance:	\$	385,115.50
PLGIT Fund Balance:	\$	162,940.91

Motion to Approve: Bill Wolfgang Second: Jack Harner Motion unanimously approved

UNPAID BILLS REPORT – Attached to Supervisors report

Motion to Approve: Jack Harner Second: Gary Harner Motion unanimously approved

POLICE REPORT 2023: Chief Yarmush's police report for the month of April 2023

Calls to Service:	102
Incident Reports:	13
Non-Traffic Citations	2
Misdemeanor Arrests	1
Reportable Accidents	1
Non-Reportable Accidents	0
Traffic Citations	12
Traffic Warnings	8

Patrol Unit Mileage	2009 Durango	2020 Ford	2016 Ford	TOTAL
Odometer End of Month:	139,200	29,494	55,612	
Monthly Total Miles:	147	613	642	1,402

Motion to Approve: Gary Harner Second: Bill Wolfgang Motion unanimously approved

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: None

EMS REPORT – Hegins Area Ambulance Assoc.- None

ROADMASTER REPORT: Bruce Klouser's monthly report for April 2023 – Road crew opened culvert drains, removed dead and fallen trees from roadways, began grass cutting for the summer season, patched potholes, and are readying the Tri-Valley Community Pool for opening.

Crack sealing township roads will begin next month. Approx. six pallets of crack sealer and renting the tar buggy at a cost of \$11,450 will be needed. Also paint for the community pool is estimated at \$1500.

Motion to buy crack sealer, rent tar buggy & paint: Leroy Shuey Second: Jack Harner Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to Approve Road Master report: Leroy Shuey Second: Jack Harner Motion unanimously approved

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Dennis Peters – Peters Consultants, Inc. for April 2023 – Received updates on the following:

Forest Drive Bridge - TS&L and added bridge plans to be sent in for second round review. Contract is ready just waiting for PennDot. Next call to Cristie Barry will be on May 15, 2023. There also will be a follow-up with Mr. Patel, PennDot civil engineer, to see where project is at with PennDot.

School Signs: Will be applying for a grant for lighted school signs. Grant is open from June 1 to June 30.

Administration Building: \$300,000 Grant was announced on March 16, 2023. Working on plans for building.

PennDot on SR25/ Rt.125: No response from PennDot regarding their intentions for parcel of land. It has been over six months. A meeting will be scheduled regarding PennDot's lack of response.

Motion to Approve: Jack Harner Second: Leroy Shuey Motion unanimously approved

PLANNING/ZONING/UCC/CODE REPORT:

Planning Commission: No Report

Zoning: 9 Zoning Permits Issued:

- 23-009-P Jay Deibert -343 Park Rd., Hegins for the construction of new home.
- 23-010-P Crown Castle-N. Side of E. Main St., Hegins for the addition of equipment to existing telecommunication facility.
- 23-011-P Crown Castle-435 E Mountain Rd, Hegins for the addition of equipment to existing telecommunication facility.
- 23-012-P Hugh Dugan Real Estate-116 Fountain Rd, Hegins-Demolition of two accessory structures.
- 23-013-P Thomas Lynch-148 Wood Lane, Hegins-Construct a pole building.
- 23-015-P-Keith Koppenhaver-224 W Mountain Rd, Hegins-Construct decks.
- 23-016-P-Mike Bixler/Sunpulse Solar-729 E Main St, Hegins-Roof--mounted solar panels
- 23-017-P-Lswrence and Candy Glover-819 W Maple St, Valley View-Construct a shed
- 23-018-P-Carole Artz-Maple St. Valley View-Construct a shed.

2 Incomplete/Denied Zoning Applications – Need to file for zoning variances

- Michael and Claire Barnes-14 E Mountain Rd, Hegins, Short term transient rental, only allowed by conditional use in the S-2 Zone-being reviewed.
- Rueben Matos-480 S Goodspring Rd, Hegins-Home occupation-Sell baked goods out of home only allowed by special exception in the S-2 Zone.

Building Permits Issued -3 new Building Permit Issued

- C964-23-014-Nicole Marberger-653 E. Main St., Hegins-Non-structural roof replacement
- C964-23-015-Thomas Lynch-148 Wood Lane, Hegins-Construct a pole building.
- C964-23-018-Mike Bixler/Sunpulse Solar-720 E. Main St., Hegins-Roof mounted solar.

Code Enforcement: Properties addressed

- 920 W. Main St. Valley View – Working with Sewage Enforcement Officer to resolve issues.
- 1456-1458 W. Main St. Valley View – Working with Sewage Enforcement Officer to resolve issues. Vehicles are scheduled to be sold by the sheriff, date for sale has not been set.
- 519 E. Main St. Hegins – Resident is working on remediation of violations. Violations have been corrected, additional work continuing in spring.

- 678 E. Main St. Hegins - Resident is working on remediation of violations.
- 605 E. Main St. Hegins – Citation drafted by Solicitor’s office; Filed at the District Magistrate on 7/26/22. Need address for official notice.
- 633 E. Chestnut St. Hegins - Resident working on remediation of violations.
- 630 E. Main St. – This house has been posted with Notice of Violation. The property was purchased through a tax sale last year, but deed has not been officially transferred yet. The property owner is waiting on the deed.
- 1012 E. Main St. Hegins – Resident is working on remediation of violations.
- 1738 E. Main St. Valley View – Violation letter was sent 2/28/23 regarding property maintenance issues.
- 744 E. Main St. – Violation letter was sent on April 10, 2023 regarding property maintenance issues.
- 203 Gap St. Valley View – A Notice of Violation was sent on April 5, 2023, with a resolution date of May 1, 2023.
- 309 S. GoodSpring Rd – Letter was sent on April 11, 2023 regarding property maintenance issues. The son of Sherry Adams contacted our office on April 28, 2023 and will be working to resolve issues.
- 1348 E. Main St. – Letter was sent on April 12, 2023 regarding property maintenance issues.
- 419 W. Maple St. – Letter was sent on April 12, 2023 regarding property maintenance issues

Motion to Approve: Bill Wolfgang

Second: Jack Harner

Motion unanimously approved

SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Sewage Enforcement Officer William Brior’s sewage activity report for April 2023.

New Permit Applications	1
Site Evaluation	3
Test Probes	13
Percolation Testing	3
Design Reviews	2

Motion to Approve: Leroy Shuey

Second: Jack Harner

Motion unanimously approved

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Donald Karpovich-Month of April 2023

Solicitor met with engineer on disposition of cases. He is working on two properties 1204 W. Main St. & 1456-1458 W. Main St. Civil complaints filed with the magistrate. There are judgements of \$12,000 each. The cases are being transferred to the Court Of Common Pleas, Schuylkill County. The Police Chief will issue a notice identifying the conditions that are not met in the Ordinance and also will tag the abandoned vehicles. The owner will be given 10 days to remove the vehicles. If the owner does not comply, the vehicles will be removed.

Motion to approve: Gary Harner

Second: Bill Wolfgang

Motion unanimously approved

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS: The two bids for the 2023 bituminous seal coat road project were opened.

Russell Standard-	Asphalt Maintenance Solutions:
\$24,152.76 - Old Mill Rd.	\$26,369.68 - Old Mill Rd.
\$22,761.72 - Church Rd.	\$24,850.96 - Church Rd.
\$19,776.78 – Wood Lane	\$21,592.04 - Wood Lane
\$12,759.48 - Bridge Rd.	\$13,940.64 - Bridge Rd.
Total - \$79,450.74	Total: \$86,743.32

Motion to approve Russell Standard Bid: Jack Harner

Second Leroy Shuey

Motion unanimously approved

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tammy Saltzman complimented the Tri-Valley Community pool for continuous updates & maintenance, saying the Township Has a very nice community recreation area.

Republican reporter Alex Morgan requested to see bituminous seal coat bids after the meeting.

Michael Barnes questioned who does the scheduling for the road crew, police and code/property maintenance duties. He also inquired what the other supervisors were responsible for.

There also was a comment about smells in the valley, especially in warm weather, and where the smells are coming from. State Representative Joanne Stehr was speaking with the company responsible for the smells and was addressing the problem and working toward alleviating the problem with the manager of the business.

Senator Argall officially announced \$300,000 grant award to Hegin Township and reviewed proposed new Administrative Bldg.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:50 PM: Gary Harner Second: Leroy Shuey Motion unanimously approved

Next Supervisors' Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Food Pantry Distribution – May 17, 2023 8:00 – 10:00 AM.

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Supervisor

By: *William W Wolfgang*
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