#### MEETING MINUTES

### HEGINS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' BOARD MEETING

September 6, 2023 7:00 P.M.

#### HEGINS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

421 S. Gap Street Valley View, PA 17983

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - None** 

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,

Supervisors Jack Harner, Gary Harner, and Bill Wolfgang.

SPECIAL MEETING: A special meeting was held Friday, September 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM. Bids were opened for the following Projects: 1) New Municipal Building Exterior-Motion by Bruce Klouser and seconded by Jack Harner to table bids for Solicitor and Engineer to discuss and review at regular monthly meeting. Motion approved 5-0.

- 2) Bear Valley Bridge Replacement Project-A motion was made by Jack Harner and seconded by Bill Wolfgang to table bids for Solicitor and Engineer review. Motion Approved 5-0.
- 3) New Municipal Building Septic System A motion was made by Gary Harner and seconded by Bill Wolfgang to award the bid To T.L. Bressler and Son, Inc. in the amount of \$21,050.00. The other two bids submitted were: Maurer Excavating, LLC in the Amount of \$22,780.00 and Triple AAA Services, LLC in the amount of \$30,000.00. Motion Approved 5-0.

Motion to approve Special Meeting Minutes: Jack Harner Second: Gary Harner

Motion unanimously approved

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD - None

APPROVAL OF Last Month's Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes -August 2023

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (ONLY ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's Report for August 2023

General Fund Balance \$ 1,273,748.55 ARPA Fund Balance: \$ 383,115.50 50,135.71 PLGIT Fund Balance:

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

**UNPAID BILLS REPORT** – Attached to Supervisors report

Motion to approve payment: Bill Wolfgang Second: Gary Harner Motion unanimously approved

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

Calls to Service: 164 Incident Reports: 10 Non-Traffic Citations 1 Felony Arrests 1 Reportable Accidents 1 Non-Reportable Accidents 1 Traffic Citations 26 Traffic Warnings 16

 Patrol Unit Mileage
 2009 Durango
 2020 Ford
 2016 Ford

 Odometer End of Month:
 139,375
 33,018
 58,925

Monthly Total Miles 152 827 1009 **TOTAL** 1,988

Motion to approve Police Report: Jack Harner Second: Leroy Shuey Motion unanimously approved

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: None

EMS REPORT – Hegins Area Ambulance Assoc.: None

ROADMASTER REPORT: Bruce Klouser's monthly report for August 2023

Paving, building pad preparation at Township building, swept roads from heavy rains, crack sealed tennis court, took New Holland tractor to Schreffler's for repairs, and removed tree from road on Pine Drive.

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

# **ENGINEER'S REPORT: Peters Consultants, Inc. for August 2023**

Forest Drive Bridge: The Type, Size, and Location (TS &L) submitted to PennDot on August 21, 2023. Software from PennDot must be purchased.

School Signs: PennDot approved the plans and permits on August 8, 2023. Signs were obtained from Traffic Signs and Safety, Inc. for both the elementary school and the high school and delivered to Hegins Township to be installed.

Bear Valley Bridge: Time extension has been provided to PEMA and was approved to extend the deadline until December 31, 2023. The project was posted on PennBid and open for bidding on August 17, 2023 with bids to be opened on September 1, 2023.

Township Administrative Building: Project was posted on PennBid.Bids were opened September 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM. This includes only the pole building exterior portion of the project and does not include the interior work. PCI will attend the opening of the bids and provide a recommendation.

General Hegins Township: Dennis Peters and PCI will be attending the September 6, 2023 Township Supervisors Meeting. No update from PennDot has been provided regarding 680 E. Main St., Hegins and the proposed widening of the intersection located on the corner of S.R. 25 and S.R. 125.

# PLANNING/ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Planning Commission: Nothing new.

### **Zoning: 3** Zoning Permits Issued:

23-036-P Koppenhaver, Broc/MI Windows and Doors - 50 Industrial Lane, Hegins - Construct Concrete Pads for Storage.

23-037-P Vasquez, Renee (Simply Solar) – 1308 W. Main Street, Valley View – Rooftop Solar

23-038-P Schwartz, David (Lumina Solar) - 1307 W. Maple Street, Valley View - Rooftop Solar

#### Incomplete/Denied Zoning – 2

Deibert, Mary Jo – 1313 W. Maple Street, Valley View – Home Occupation, Sale of Baked Goods – Denied per Ordinance Requirements.

Donna Swanson – 255 E. Main Street, Hegins – Construction of Two-Car Garage – Denied per Setback and Maximum Height Requirements.

### **Zoning Hearing Board - 2**

Rise Up Coffeehouse – A hearing was held on August 15, 2023 at 7 PM. The requested variances were denied

Donna Swanson – Application for a zoning variance was received 8/29/23. A Zoning Hearing Board date will be scheduled.

# Building/UCC Permits Issued -4 new Building Permit Issued

C964-23-033 Koppenhaver, Broc/MI Window and Doors – 50 Industrial Lane, Hegins – Building Permit to Construct Concrete Pads for Storage.

C964-23-034 Tri-Valley School District – 110 W. Main Street – Building, Electrical, and Mechanical Permits for renovations.

C964-23-035 Vasquez, Renee (Simply Solar) – 1308 W. Main Street – Electrical Permit for Rooftop Solar.

C964-23-036 Schwartz, David (Lumina Solar) - 1307 W. Maple Street - Electrical Permit for Rooftop Solar.

# **Code Enforcement Report - Dennis Peters - 16 properties**

- \*Miller, Jason 920 W. Main St., Valley View Waiting for Sewage Enforcement Officer to resolve issues.
- \*Reznik, Konstanin 1456-1458 W. Main St., Valley View New property owner is working with Sewage Enforcement to install a septic system.
  - \*Spotts, Marlin 519 E. Main St., Hegins Resident is working on remediation of violations and the progress is ongoing.
- \*Advanced Consulting (Jim Lake) 1012 E. Main St., Hegins Looked at property on July 26, 2023. Windows are in and the porch is repaired and cleaned up. Unprotected exterior is not completed but remediation is ongoing..
- \*Artz, Eugene 678 E. Main St., Hegins Resident is working on remediation of violations,
- \*Chiles, Gregory 633 E. Chestnut St., Hegins Notice of Violation letter was sent on August 1,2023.
- \*Schwalm, Samuel 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. Nothing has been done on the property as of July 26, 2023. Asked Solicitor how we are to proceed.
  - \*Geist, Wendy 630 E. Main St., The deed was transferred to Mr. Brandon Lipp. Notice of Violation letter sent on 8/1/23.
- \*Carpenter, Richard and Kimberlee 1738 W. Main St., Valley View A Notice of Violation was sent with a resolution date of July 16, 2023. Letter was returned to our office as unable to be delivered. Asked Solicitor how we are to proceed.
- \*Maryott, Lucas and Jones, Alexandria 203 Gap St., Valley View A Notice of Violation was sent with a resolution date of July 16, 2023. Letter was returned to our office as unable to be delivered. Asked Solicitor how we are to proceed.
  - \*Diehl, Mae and Adams, Sherry 309 S. Goodspring Rd. Notice of violation was sent August 1, 2023.
  - \*Deibler, Hans 419 W. Main St. Notice of Violation sent on August 28, 2023.
- \*Weyman, Robert and Cristina- 437 Broad St. Notice of Violation letter was sent on August 1, 2023. The property maintenance issues for this property have been resolved.
  - \*Krammes, Jay and Briana 1128 W. Main St. Notice of Violation letter was sent August 1, 2023.
- \*Koppenhaver, Daniel 1135 W. Maple Property maintenance letter sent with a resolution date of August 18, 2023. Some issues have been resolved as of July 26, 2023, but there are still high weeds and piles of debris present on the property. Notice of Violation letter sent on August 28, 2023.
- \*Lowell, Diana 1442 W. Main St. Property maintenance letter sent with a resolution date of August 18, 2023. Notice of Violation letter sent on August 28, 2023.

Motion to approve: Leroy Shuey

Motion to approve: Bill Wolfgang

Second: Jack Harner

Motion unanimously approved

**SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Sewage Enforcement Officer William Brior's sewage activity report for August 2023.

Repair Permit Applications 1
Percolation Testing 1
Site Evaluation 1
Design Reviews 1
Permits Issued – New 1
Permits Issued – Repair 1

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Donald Karpowich – Month of August, 2023.

Motion unanimously approved

Announced Bid Award for Township Municipal Building Septic System. Bid was awarded to T.L. Bressler for \$21,050. Other bids were Maurer Excavating, LLC for \$22,780 and Triple A for \$30,000.

Second: Gary Harner

Estimates for Bear Valley Bridge Project were put out on bid on two prior occasions but not awarded. Newest bids received were Poletti Excavating \$47,800, T.L. Bressler & Sons \$68,579 and Triple A Services, LLC \$30,000. Recommendation was to

accept lowest bid of \$30,000 by Triple A Services, LLC. Bridge project must be completed by year end 2023.

Motion to approve: Leroy Shuey

Second: Jack Harner

Motion unanimously approved

Bids for Hegins Township Municipal Building exterior construction were discussed. Two bids received were Pioneer Pole Buildings \$219,860 and Dutchman Contracting, LLC \$212,704. On Dutchmen's bid there were three inconsistent items deleted: Item #2: traffic control \$128.00, Item #3 in the amount of \$7,040 - removal of top soil and preparation of pad which our township road crew already completed, and Item #7 for a French Drain which was not necessary at a cost of \$3,378. This brought the total bid down to \$202,157 for the shell of the building. Next bids to be put out will be for the interior of the building, sidewalks and propane tanks, two back doors and an AC unit.

Motion to approve Township Bldg. Exterior Award: Bruce Klouser

Second: Leroy Shuey

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to approve Solicitor's Report: Gary Harner

Second: Bill Wolfgang

Motion unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: A letter from Pastor Benjamin Scholl was read thanking Supervisors for closing street so that street fair could take place. It was a huge success. They are looking forward to doing it again next year.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Allison Mowry informed Township that the Tri-Valley High School is planning their annual Homecoming parade for Thursday, October 5 at 6:00 PM. The departure will be from the high school.

Motion to approve: Jack Harner

Second: Gary Harner

Motion unanimously approved

# **CORRESPONDENCE: NONE**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Roger Wetzel inquired as to whether there had to be separate bids for plumbing and electricity. He was informed yes, as it is State Law.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:20 PM: Jack Harner

Second Leroy Shuey

Motion unanimously approved

Next Supervisors' Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Food Pantry Distribution – November 15, 2023

8:00 - 10:00 AM.

Township Office Hours – By Appointment – Telephone 570-682-9133 Email: <a href="heginstwp.met">heginstwp.met</a>; Website: <a href="www.psatstwp.org/schuylkill/hegins/">www.psatstwp.org/schuylkill/hegins/</a>

ATTEST:

HEGINS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS:

By: