

**EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 21, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairperson Oller called the Tuesday, February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:08 p.m. in the meeting room of the Township, 8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. An Executive Session began at 6:15 p.m. for informational purposes and to discuss potential litigation.

Vice Chairperson Oller stated that the meetings are audio taped. The tapes are strictly for the use of the Recording Secretary for clarification during preparation of the minutes. The Public Guidelines of Decorum require all individuals wishing to make public comments to do so at the microphone and state their name and address.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**SUPERVISORS:**

Chad Leese, Chairman 7:24 p.m. – 9:44 p.m.  
Rebecca Oller, Vice-Chairperson  
Tina Hastie  
Mike Yingling  
Kyler Shea

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Nicholas Yingst, Township Manager  
Lee Stinnett, Township Solicitor-Salzmahn Hughes  
Aaron Moyer, Township Engineer-HRG  
Stephanie Harmon, MS4 and Planning Coordinator  
Sharon Umberger, Recording Secretary  
Bryan Ziegler, Public Works Director

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

Mrs. Hastie made a motion to approve the Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes from February 7, 2023. Mr. Shea seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

12/31/22 Balance Sheet	\$8,172,245.37		
	Jan Revenue	Jan Expenses	Net Increase/(Decrease)
General Fund	\$ 900,746.97	\$ 278,041.81	\$ 622,705.16
Fire Fund	\$ 2,446.76	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 1,336.76
Street Light Fund	\$ 136.62	\$ 624.96	\$ (488.34)
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 1,192.27	\$ 191,150.00	\$ (189,957.73)
ARPA	\$ 0	\$ 308,890.76	\$ (308,890.76)
Stormwater Fund	\$ 615.00	\$ 0	\$ 615.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 905,137.62</b>	<b>\$ 779,817.53</b>	<b>\$ 125,320.09</b>
Liability		Increase/(Decrease)	\$ 968,717.86*
01/31/23 Balance Sheet			\$ 9,266,283.32*

\*Stormwater Due to/Due from Journal Entries increased both Assets & Liabilities by \$1,000,000.

	Invoices due and paid 01/18/23-02/16/23	02/16/23 Invoices for Consideration on 02/21/23
General Fund	\$ 168,492.49	\$ 53,703.74
Fire Fund	\$ 622.00	\$ 12,895.38
Street Light Fund	\$ 692.68	\$ 6.33
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 195,574.63	\$ 7,114.44
<b>Total</b>	\$ 365,381.80	\$ 73,719.89
Total Checks Written	01/18/23-02/21/23	\$ 439,101.69

Mr. Yingling made a **motion to approve the payment of the bills as presented through February 21, 2023.** Mr. Shea seconded. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Mr. Yingling made a **motion to approve the transfer of \$425,000 from the JBT Reserve checking account into the PLGIT General Fund account.** Mr. Shea seconded. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Available for review on the table at the entrance of the meeting room.

- PA Department of Transportation notice of Liquid Fuels payment of \$283,772.37 to be paid March 1, 2023. This amount was \$6,772.37 better than budgeted for 2023 and an increase of \$8,471 from the 2022 payment.
- PA Department of Transportation notice of Liquid Fuels turnback payment of \$12,480 to be paid March 1, 2023.
- Dauphin County Commissioners invitation to the 2023 State of the County Address.

## **REPORTS:**

**Public Works Report:** Bryan Ziegler provided a written report. With the light winter, Public Works prepared for the upcoming paving projects by widening road on Circle Drive and replacing a culvert pipe on Samantha Court. CAPCOG bid opening was held for the 2023 paving projects. The two road mowers were rebuilt, and the public works crew continues to repair and service other equipment. Mrs. Hastie brought up a situation on Ridge Road where a vehicle went into a ditch and wondered if it would be helpful to place reflectors or other markings on the road. Mr. Ziegler will look into this situation.

**MS4 and Planning Report:** Stephanie Harmon provided a written report. Mrs. Harmon also provided the Supervisors with the Stormwater Credit & Appeals Manual and stressed that there are two different applications for credits and appeals. Applicants should review pages 8-9 in the Credit & Appeals Manual for submission requirements and required supporting documentation. Mrs. Harmon has received 41 applications to date: 15 appeals, 19 ag credit and 7 peak rate credit applications. Two new preliminary/final subdivision & land development plans were submitted for J.L.B. Construction and Walters Services, Inc. Mrs. Oller asked who is responsible for filing a plan with the County, and Mr. Yingst shared that the applicant is responsible for paying the filing fees and filing the plan. Mrs. Oller requested this responsibility be discussed at a Township staff meeting.

**Chairman Leese arrived at 7:24 p.m.**

**Manager's Report:** Nick Yingst provided a written report. He attended an MS4 project information workshop for the Park and Rec Committee, the February Park & Rec Committee meeting, the February East Shore Business Association meeting, and the February Municipal Authority meeting. He has developed and submitted the second round Green Light-Go grant application to PennDOT. The Township Manager, Public Works Director and Township Engineer have learned that Bow Creek Road is the only municipal owned and operated roadway providing direct access to I-81 in the State of Pennsylvania. It was agreed that the Township Manager should follow-up with State Representative Mahaffie to discuss options for Bow

Creek Road to become a state road. A new IT provider for the Township will be on-boarding in early March. In January, the Township received a \$425,000 payment from the 2021/2022 Dauphin County Gaming Grant for 2022 road projects. Beginning in March, the Public Works report, the Solicitor's report, and the Township Manager's report will move to the first meeting of the month to try to balance the agenda for the two BOS meetings.

**Solicitor's Report:** Solicitor Lee Stinnett had no stand-alone report.

**Municipal Engineer's Report:** Aaron Moyer provided a written report. He attended one meeting in January and noted there was no Planning Commission meeting last month. He was involved with five plan reviews and inspections. **Municipal Projects Status: MS4-**Mr. Moyer met with the Park and Rec Board for the MS4 project information workshop. **Stormwater Fee Implementation-**In the process of reviewing appeals and credit applications received by the Township. **Green Light Go-**Looking at design options for the second round of funding. **East Hanover Elementary Flashing Lights-**Township finally received PennDOT approval after months of waiting. **Playground Rehabilitation and Reconstruction-**HRG is preparing playground bid documents for DCNR approval. The Township was awarded two grants last year to fund this \$500,000 playground project. The Township will be responsible for a 10% match of the grant. **Public Well Design/Permit-**A new well was drilled and pump tests are to be scheduled. **Township-Wide Truck Study-**BOS provided feedback to Mr. Moyer about roads to study. Mr. Moyer shared that engineering study is not required under Act 31 and that Township staff could perform study. A Township Ordinance would need to be passed to set road restrictions. With board consensus, the Township staff will provide the list of roads for the Supervisors to review and approve. **Rt 39/Jonestown Road Truck Signage-** West Hanover Township agreed to review signage updates to their RT 39/Jonestown Road intersection to provide advance warning to a truck restriction in this Township. Mr. Moyer to provide a proposal to determine the maximum capacity of the wires to hold a sign, post-mounted visibility, and a signal permit. **Grantville Infrastructure Project-**no update. **Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Land Development Ordinance Updates-**Mr. Yingst is asking for volunteers for this committee. First meeting to kick off in March.

**Emergency Management Report:** Ron Johnson provided a written report. Two staff members attended the monthly training at Dauphin County EOC for coordinators. Mr. Johnson attended a meeting with DCNR Bureau of Forestry program specialist and the covering District Warden. A meeting was held with Ron Boltz, a Township resident, who expressed interest in assisting our EMA staff by filling an open position.

**Grantville Volunteer Fire Company Report:** GVFC Vice President Dhyey Patel shared that the fire company received a \$15,000 state grant, contracted with a fundraising company, and contracted with a mowing service for 9199 Allentown Boulevard. Upcoming events: spaghetti dinner on March 10th and a GVFC banquet March 25th. GVFC/Township Park & Rec Board are working on Community Yard Sale at the GVFC Carnival Grounds with 100 vendor spots.

**Codes and Zoning Report:** Light-Heigel provided written reports for UCC, Zoning and Property Maintenance.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer's Report:** Brian McFeaters provided a written report but was not present.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Manada Basin special study-**No discussion or action.

#### **Fire Prevention Ordinance-**

Supervisors discussed the status of the fire prevention ordinance and whether they were ready to proceed with the advertisement. It was decided to revisit this topic next month in order to review wording in 2021 Emergency Services Cost Recovery Ordinance.

**Zoning/Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances update project-**Township Engineer addressed under his report.

**Jonestown Road vehicle length restriction signage in other municipalities-** Township Engineer addressed under his report.

**Road restriction study-**

Township Engineer addressed under his report.

**Repair/replacement of electronic sign at Township building**

The LED sign went blank in late December 2022. The Township obtained repair estimates and bids for a replacement sign. The estimated repairs to the control box was \$2,166.50 with parts to fix the sign becoming scarce. Three bids were sought for the replacement of the LED sign. Stoner Graphix was the lowest bid and offered an additional discount until February 28, 2023. The Stoner Graphix cost of a new LED sign with installation is \$15,051.80.

Mrs. Oller made a **motion to approve the purchase of a new LED sign in the amount of \$15,051.80 from Stoner Graphix.** Mr. Yingling seconded. **Motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Shea voting No.**

**Design consulting services for Dauphin County gaming grant project**

Mr. Yingst contacted Arthur Funk & Sons to see if they were interested in providing concept plans and drawings. They would be glad to help with the design but would ultimately require architectural drawings. The board consensus was to prioritize the design of a prep kitchen by an architectural firm. Mr. Yingling would like an overall plan but does agree with prioritizing kitchen update. Mrs. Oller contacted a local architect and offered to contact other recommended architects.

**Tru of Grantville simple subdivision plan**

Plan proposes to subdivide the 10-acre lot at 252 Bow Creek Road, Grantville into a southern parcel of 3.515 acres and a northern parcel of 6.485 acres. The parcel is in the Highway Commercial (HC) zoning district and the purpose of the plan is to create separate commercial parcels for the two hotels that are currently on a single parcel. The plan was accepted for review on November 1, 2022 and one waiver is currently requested from Section 501.B.13 of the stormwater management ordinance to allow for a stormwater management facility within 10 feet of the proposed property line. A review extension was granted and the plan review period currently expires on April 18, 2023.

Lauren Kelley, the engineer for the simple subdivision plan for Tru of Grantville, represented the applicant. The BOS brought up several potential issues: defining maintenance responsibilities, requirement of a proper O & M agreement, identification of two abandoned wells on the plan, proper address on the plan, and whether both driveways exist with land development plan. No action was taken, and the engineer representing the applicant was directed to continue working with the Township Engineer to address issues and to return again next month.

**Rech (153 Pine Road) land development plan**

Plan proposes to develop an existing lot of approximately 6.5 acres at 153 Pine Road, Palmyra by placing 2,600+ solar panels on it. The parcel is in the Rural Agricultural (RA) zoning district. The plan was accepted for review on November 22, 2022 and no waivers are currently being requested by the applicant. The Planning Commission recommended conditional approval of the plan on December 27, 2022. A review extension was granted and the plan review period currently expires on April 21, 2023. The developer was not present at the meeting this evening and no actions were taken by the BOS.

**AMENDED AGENDA ITEM:**

Mrs. Hastie made a **motion to amend agenda to add-Approval to hire Summer Recreation Assistant Director as an item under New Business.** Mrs. Oller seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Proposed resolution adopting the County emergency operations plan**

Mr. Yingling made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-8, which approves, adopts, and places into immediate effect the emergency operations plan of Dauphin County. Mr. Shea seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Appointment of emergency management communications specialist**

Mr. Yingling made a motion to appoint Ronald Boltz as an emergency management communications specialist. Mr. Shea seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Approval for replacement of flashing lights by the elementary school**

Now that PennDOT has issued the permit for replacing and upgrading the flashing signals on Sand Beach Road by East Hanover Elementary School, Mr. Ziegler sought quotes from three contractors for the work and materials for this project.

Mr. Yingling made a motion to award the bid to the low bidder, Herr Signal & Lighting Co. Inc., for a cost not to exceed \$18,000. Mr. Shea seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **2023 paving projects bid results**

Mr. Ziegler provided Supervisors with the unofficial CAPCOG bid results for the 2023 paving projects. The total bid of \$1,180,574.69 is comprised of the following:

- Road paving projects (not including Bow Creek Road): \$708,298.97
- Bow Creek Road paving project: \$432,285.72
- Trail paving project in Community Park: \$39,990.00

No action taken at this meeting. It was suggested that the increased cost of the trail paving project in the Community Park should be reviewed with the Park & Rec Board and solicit their input.

### **Approval of the hiring of Summer Camp Director**

Mrs. Oller made a motion to hire Haily Radner for her second year as the 2023 Summer Camp Director at a rate of \$15 per hour. Mr. Yingling seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Approval of the hiring of Summer Camp Assistant Director**

Mrs. Oller made a motion to hire Jennifer Little as the Summer Camp Assistant Director at a rate of \$13.50 per hour. Mrs. Hastie seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Application for exemption from the current pumping cycle for 1000 Laudermilch Road**

Mrs. Hastie made a motion granting the exemption from the current pumping cycle for 1000 Laudermilch Road, Palmyra, per the application provided. Mrs. Oller seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS:**

**Mr. Yingling**-Continues to receive calls from Township residents regarding new stormwater fee assessments effective January 1, 2023. Mr. Yingst, having received previous authorization to set up the billing from the Municipal Authority and Township Supervisors, voiced that no changes would be made to first quarter bills going out April 1, 2023.

## **BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**Dr. Sarah Barnabas-283 Pine Road**-Thanked the Supervisors for serving their community. Urged Supervisors not to allow the solar farm in a Rural Agricultural (RA) zoning district, as the physical characteristics of a solar farm do not meet the

definitions of this district. Requested that the solar farm LDP be denied for this location, as it sets a precedence for more commercial development. She noted the longevity of the solar farm may be 26 years and the environmental consequences are unknown.

**Richard Shirk-125 Shirks Lane**-1) Expressed that a solar farm is not a farm. 2) Asked questions about the new well drilled this month at the Township. Mr. Ziegler shared that the new well is 220 ft. deep and pumps 100 gallons of water per minute.

**Randel and Abbey Balkarran-715 Laudermilch Road**-Recently moved to East Hanover Township and are against the proposed solar farm. Asked questions of the BOS regarding the review period, which included Township Planning Commission, Dauphin County Planning Commission and now the BOS. Mrs. Oller shared that each Supervisor has been researching solar farms, and both the Township Solicitor and the Township Engineer have provided information.

**Dr. Ernesto Barnabas-283 Pine Road**-Thanked Supervisors for serving their community. Dr. Barnabas feels that he is an advocate of green energy when it is safe and responsible. He asked the BOS to consider the question of who would benefit from the approval of SRE solar farm. East Hanover Township and its residents would be taking all the risks without any benefits. He is against the approval of a solar farm on Pine Road.

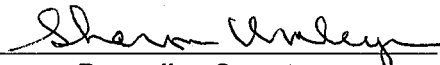
**Lloyd Binkley-7884 Appleby Road**-Feels that the new stormwater fees are outrageous compared to West Hanover Township stormwater fees. Mrs. Oller pointed out that West Hanover Township real estate taxes are 4 times higher than East Hanover Township real estate taxes.

**Darlene Reichelderfer-665 Laudermilch Road**-Opposed solar farm.

**Gary Painter-723 Laudermilch Road**-Against solar farm and concerned it would reduce property values.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Hastie made a **motion to adjourn**, seconded by Mrs. Oller. The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

  
Sharon Umberger, Recording Secretary