

**EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chad Leese called the Tuesday, March 7, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:05 p.m. in the meeting room of the Township, 8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. An Executive Session was held at 6:30 p.m. for informational and potential litigation purposes.

Chairman Leese 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 do so at the microphone and state their name and address.

IN ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS:

Chad Leese, Chairman
Rebecca Oller, Vice-Chairperson
Tina Hastie

ALSO PRESENT:

Nicholas Yingst, Township Manager
Lee Stinnett, Township Solicitor-Salzmann Hughes
Bryan Ziegler, Public Works Director
Sharon Umberger, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Mrs. Hastie made a **motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 21, 2023.** Mrs. Oller seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

REPORT OF BOYER & RITTER, 2022 DCED REPORT

Mrs. Jaclyn Davidson, Manager at Boyer & Ritter, presented the 2022 DCED-CLGS-30 Financial Report to the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Davidson stated there was a Clean Opinion with the Audit. She presented the 2022 Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expenses to the Supervisors. She noted the Supervisors received good financial data on a monthly basis with Audit showing few adjustments. The Dauphin County bridge bundling project was recorded with the 2022 audit, per Boyer & Ritter's recommendation, and the MS4 costs were moved to the Stormwater category on the DCED report. Chairman Leese asked whether there were any further recommendations. The one item identified was that if the Township enters into another bridge bundling project with Dauphin County, the proceeds should be recognized when the agreements are signed at closing.

Mrs. Hastie made a **motion to approve the advertisement of the 2022 Financial Statement for public review.** Mrs. Oller seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Mrs. Hastie made a **motion to accept the 2022 DCED Financial Report for submission prior to the April 1, 2023 deadline.** Mrs. Oller seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Invoices due and paid 02/22/23-02/28/23	03/01/23 Invoices for Consideration on 03/07/23
General Fund	\$ 38,940.14	\$ 21,175.49
Fire Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 0	\$ 307.88
Street Light Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0
Stormwater Fund	\$ 19,580.00	\$ 4,779.02
Total	\$ 58,520.14	\$ 26,262.39
Total Checks Written	02/22/23-03/07/23	\$ 84,782.53

Mrs. Hastie made a **motion to approve the payment of the bills as presented through March 7, 2023**. Mrs. Oller seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

- Assessment Appeal/Exemption Request for Mountain Rd L1 and L2. A hearing has been set for March 14, 2023 at 11:15 a.m. to be considered by the Dauphin County Board of Assessment Appeals. Mrs. Oller shared that the two lots are owned by the Manada Conservancy, which is the reason for the exemption request.

REPORTS:

Public Works Report-Mr. Ziegler provided a written report. Public Works has started prepping roads for paving. The new sweeper truck has not arrived, so Bortek Industries will be providing a sweeper truck in the meantime at no charge. The new sweeper truck is expected to be delivered in May.

Manager's Report-Mr. Yingst provided a written report. He noted he met with the Public Works Director and Mark Zerbe, the District Director for Representative Mehaffie, to discuss the possibility of Bow Creek Road becoming a State road. It was a positive conversation and Mr. Zerbe will be discussing this request with PennDOT. Mr. Yingst has continued working with Team CPT (new IT services provider) and CMIT (current provider) for onboarding the new IT services provider. Township resident Beverly Drake gave a donation to cover the costs of the Township flags in honor of her late father Harry A. Dietz and uncle Paul Dietz, who grew up in Shellsville. Mr. Yingst had a discussion with the Recorder of Deeds of what steps could be taken to ensure a plan sheet is not removed or altered by a developer who records the plan. There was a discussion on a suggestion that the Township stamp each page of the plan. Solicitor Stinnett felt the only risk may be if a page was missed and not stamped. The MPC states the developer needs to file the approved plans, and if there are any changes to documents, it is a violation of the MPC. There was a **consensus to begin stamping the approved plans going forward.**

Solicitor's Report-No stand-alone report.

GVFC-Chief Saul Schmolitz provided written reports prior to the meeting. He noted the GVFC spaghetti dinner is Friday night, March 10th. Chief Schmolitz revisited the policy of billing only non-resident's insurance carriers to recoup expenses incurred due to an accident. After much discussion, it was **consensus that both resident and non-resident insurance carriers should be billed for costs as allowed by the federal guidelines**. Mrs. Hastie was disappointed to hear that the 2023 GVFC Carnival was cancelled in what would have been the 75th anniversary. Mrs. Oller will miss the carnival but understands that it is a huge undertaking, and appreciated the time needed requires a team of people. Chief Schmolitz praised Wayne Isett for organizing the carnival in past years.

Fort Indiantown Gap-A written report was provided with updates of the construction at the FTIG West Access Control Point/Main Gate. The rehabilitation of Marquette Lake Dam is being planned with an estimated completion date of April 2026. Artillery firing will be conducted at FTIG on the following dates: March 9-12 from 8 am – midnight daily and March 27-29 from 8 am – 11pm daily. FTIG will host Warfighter Exercise on May 16 through June 14 and there will be a significant increase of personnel on FTIG during that time frame.

South Central Emergency Medical Services (EMS)-A written report was provided. In January 2023, there were 73 calls with an average response time of 7.6 minutes.

Unfinished Business:

Manada basin special study-

Last summer, the Township received DEP's approval for "continuing to use on-lot systems in the [Manada Basin] area and implementing the on-lot Sewage Management Program with possible enhancements". Mr. Yingst, after reviewing the 100+ page document submitted and approved by DEP, does not believe there was an expectation in DEP's approval that the Township incorporate "possible enhancements" proactively or as a condition of its approval. Glace, who developed this document, indicated that enhancements would be considered **if** there is an upsurge in on-lot disposal system malfunctions based on a review of the pumper reports. The plan summary does recommend that the SEO and Township staff meet annually to review trends in any on-lot disposal system malfunctions. A meeting was held last year and Mr. Yingst recommended continuing to do so in future years. The Board concurred with Mr. Yingst analysis. Chairman Leese felt there could be an education component with articles in the Township Newsletter or promoting annual well testing. Mr. Yingst is to address the Board's thoughts with the Municipal Authority.

Fire prevention ordinance-

Mrs. Oller made a **motion to authorize the advertising of the proposed fire prevention ordinance as presented and the required hearing for same**. Mrs. Hastie seconded. **The motion carried 3-0.**

Zoning/Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances update project-

Chairman Leese made a **motion appointing Keith Espenshade, Kyler Shea, Tina Hastie, Rebecca Oller, Mark Stremmel, Steve Walters, and Kenneth Wolensky to serve on the Zoning Ordinance and SALDO Update Committee with no more than two Supervisors and one Planning Commission member attending at one time**. Mrs. Oller seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Vehicle length restrictions on Township roads-

Mr. Ziegler met with the Township Manager to come up with a list of roads for possible vehicle length restrictions. The BOS came to a **consensus on six roads: Shady Lane, South Meadow Lane, Earlys Mill Road, Shells Church Road, Ridge Road (west end from Manada Gap Road to Cliff Road), and Firehouse Road (Route 443 to Fox Run Road)**. Mrs. Hastie made a **motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft an ordinance to institute vehicle length restrictions for the roads identified**. Mrs. Oller seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.** Once the ordinance is drafted, there will need to be BOS approval to advertise the ordinance.

Address signage for Township building-No update.

Design consulting services for Dauphin County gaming grant project-

Mr. Yingst shared that East Hanover Township was awarded \$685,000 of the \$1,025,000 requested for 2022-23 Dauphin County gaming grants. Costs will be reimbursed for the following: Road Projects-\$517,000; GVFC hose and nozzle debt reduction-\$50,000; GVFC fire safety equipment-\$100,000; Temporary Shelter Supplies-\$18,000. Mrs. Oller has been meeting with architects for design consulting services in preparation for the 2023-24 Dauphin County gaming grant request due September 1st. The architects' proposals are due before the April 4th BOS meeting.

New Business:

Authorize using a contractor and state constable for clean-up at 2711 Sand Beach Road property and filing lien-

Mrs. Oller made a motion authorizing Blue Mountain Trashout to perform the clean-up of the property at 2711 Sand Beach Road at the rate proposed with a not to exceed cost of \$2,100. Mrs. Hastie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Mrs. Oller made a motion authorizing State Constable Bruce Hetrick to be present and serve during the clean-up of the property at 2711 Sand Beach Road at a rate of \$100 per hour. Mrs. Hastie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Mrs. Oller made a motion authorizing the Township Solicitor to take the necessary actions to file a lien to recover costs incurred for site clean-up and constable service at 2711 Sand Beach Road. Mrs. Hastie seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Safe deposit box authorizations-

The Township currently rents a safe deposit box in the Fulton Bank on Allentown Boulevard. Since the Bank is relocating to a new facility, the box needs to be emptied. It is unknown as to the contents of the box. Mr. Yingst will make arrangements to retrieve the contents and determine if it is necessary to continue to use a safe deposit box. If deemed necessary, Mrs. Hastie made a motion to authorize entering into a safe deposit box lease with JBT Grantville Branch approving Township Manager, Secretary/Treasurer, Chairperson or Vice Chairperson to access the safe deposit box. Mrs. Oller seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Business from the Public:

Terence Wolfe-136 Cliff Road-Announced that there is a Historical Society event on March 13th at the Municipal Building where he will display artifacts such as fossils, cannonballs etc. found in East Hanover Township.

Dr. Ernesto Barnabas-283 Pine Road-Voiced his opposition to the proposed solar project on Pine Road and shared his concerns that SRE is failing with their due diligence to notify neighbors and to earn their trust. While not all the neighboring residents received a letter from SRE, door hangers were hung stating "We are developing" the Pine Road property when it has not been approved by the Township. He wants a good neighbor and will return on March 21st for the BOS meeting.

Richard Shirk-125 Shirks Lane-Asked for clarification of the FTIG completion dates for West Gate-May 2023. Referenced information in the Township Newsletter and wondered if SEO is conflict of interest being father/daughter business. Mrs. Oller stated it was not a conflict.

David Hyde-804 Carlson Road-Concerned with stormwater management issues with solar project on Pine Road which could be risky for the Township in the long term. He proposed 90-day public comment period on the E&S plan, and a bond 5X installation cost with assurance for five years. He wants the best possible result with money available to make it work.

Randel Balkarran-715 Laudermilch Road-He is against the solar farm on Pine Road.

Dr. Sarah Barnabas-283 Pine Road-She urged BOS to deny solar project on Pine Road. She feels that there has been no trust established, they have not shown themselves to be good neighbors, are reactive not proactive, and it is an industrial development in a rural area.

Business from Supervisors: None.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Hastie made a **motion to adjourn**, seconded by Mrs. Oller. **The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.**

Sharon Umberger, Recording Secretary