

**EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chad Leese called the Tuesday, April 4, 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
Mike Yingling
Kyler Shea

ALSO PRESENT:

Nicholas Yingst, Township Manager
Lee Stinnett, Township Solicitor-Salzman 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 March 21, 2023. Mrs. Oller seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

| | Invoices due and paid 03/22/23-03/28/23 | 03/28/23 Invoices for Consideration on 04/04/23 |
|----------------------|--|--|
| General Fund | \$ 76,700.50 | \$ 13,936.31 |
| Fire Fund | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Liquid Fuels Fund | \$ 28,756.94 | \$ 1,324.29 |
| Street Light Fund | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Stormwater Fund | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Total | \$ 105,457.44 | \$ 15,260.60 |
| Total Checks Written | 03/22/23-04/04/23 | \$ 120,718.04 |

Mr. Yingling made a motion to approve the payment of the bills as presented through April 4, 2023. Mr. Shea seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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

REPORTS:

Public Works Report-Mr. Ziegler provided a written report. The Natural Gas Pipeline extension from Meadow Lane to Jonestown Road is still planned as a high priority by UGI, however the project will only take place in 2024 or 2025. The Township roads to be oil & chipped this year are Ridge Road (from Manada Gap Road west), Rabbit Lane, Cliff Road, Moyer Road, Camp Kiwanis Road, Red Hill Road, Fair Lane Road (off of Dry Run Road), Jonestown Road (Bow Creek Road to Spring Road), W. Caren Drive, and Shirks Lane. If the 2023 paving projects are approved this evening, Pennsy Supply would like to begin paving Jonestown Road (Spring Road to West Hanover Township) beginning April 24th and it will be a two-week project. He also received an update from Mark Zerbe from Representative Mehaffie's office, who met with PennDOT regarding taking Bow Creek Road over as a State Road. The discussions went well and PennDOT wants to schedule a meeting to talk to Township representatives after Memorial Day. The East Hanover Elementary School flashing school light equipment is still on schedule to arrive in the next sixty days. Mrs. Hastie commented that the process of replacing the flashing school light started last summer before the school year started and due to the PennDOT permitting, will only be installed by the end of the school year.

Manager's Report-Mr. Yingst provided a written report. He noted he attended meetings of the East Shore Business Association, Municipal Authority, Zoning Hearing Board, Dauphin County Water Resource Enhancement Program, Public Safety Advisory Council, and Planning Commission. The clean-up of the property at 2711 Sand Beach Road began March 27th by Blue Mountain Trashout with the involvement of the Codes Officer and State Constable. The work was not completed by the end of the day and a second clean-up day is scheduled for April. Weekly meetings were held with Dallas Data Systems and pertinent Township staff in March to fine tune the stormwater fee billing process. The final approval of the first quarter bills were approved and mailed on March 31st. Mr. Yingst met with the President of Team CPT (new IT services provider) for discussing a three-year computer replacement schedule, as well as replacing the server. He is coordinating an event sponsored by the Penn State Extension Office to provide a drinking water workshop at the Township Building and anticipates this will be a winter event. Chairman Leese asked whether the new well will be ready for the Summer Camp this year, and per Mr. Ziegler, it will not because of a pump test proposal needed prior to using the well.

Solicitor's Report-

Solicitor Stinnett provided a brief update that in addition to the 2711 Sand Beach property clean-up, Township is pursuing action against another property owner who did not respond to the complaint and has until April 10th to file a response. If there is no response, a motion will be filed to make the rule absolute and the order will be in place to move forward.

GVFC-Chief Saul Schmolitz did not provide a report. Six members attended the York live fire burn training last weekend. Several members participated in the wilderness firefighting training the last two months. The final training is at Haldeman Farms this Saturday, and once completed there will be fourteen members certified for the forestry team. At the station, the GVFC lost one live-in and gained one live-in, so still have a total of three live-ins. The GVFC will be delivering the Easter Bunny to the Township Community Park for the egg hunt. Mrs. Hastie inquired whether there was any progress on the carnival and how the GVFC will plan to address the \$55,000-\$70,000 income shortfall for not holding the carnival this year. With the Township being a strategic planning partner with the fire company, Chairman Leese asked about the \$100,000 grant awarded toward a new engine. Chief Schmolitz stated it may cost \$1.2-\$1.3 million with the updated prices and could be forty months from order to delivery. Mrs. Oller provided a list of questions for the GVFC regarding the engine purchase to confirm pricing, deposit, delivery date, model year, financial contribution for fire company, and sale of Engine 39-1. Chief Schmolitz requested that a workshop with Supervisors and GVFC admin be held to work out purchase details in compliance with the grant documents and report back at a future BOS Meeting. Mrs. Oller confirmed with Chief Schmolitz that the fire company has recently replaced the Utility-39.

Fort Indiantown Gap-No report was provided.

South Central Emergency Medical Services (EMS)-A written report was provided.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proposed fire prevention ordinance

The proposed fire prevention ordinance was advertised March 30th for the required hearing scheduled for April 18th which is necessary prior to consideration on the ordinance scheduled for April 18th BOS meeting.

Proposed ordinance restricting vehicle length on certain Township roads-

At a previous meeting, the BOS authorized the drafting of an ordinance restricting trucks, truck tractors, and trucks with trailers exceeding 45 feet in length on the following Township roads: Earlys Mill Road between Pine Road and Sand Beach Road, Firehouse Road between Fox Run Road and Mountain Road, Ridge Road between Manada Gap Road and Cliff Road, Shady Lane between Laudermilch Road and Trail Road, Shells Church Road between Jonestown Road and Station Road, and South Meadow Lane between Allentown Boulevard and Pheasant Road. The ordinance does provide exceptions for local deliveries and RVs/campers. Mr. Yingling made a **motion to authorize the advertising of the proposed truck length restriction ordinance as presented**. Mrs. Hastie seconded. **Motion carried 4-1 with Mrs. Oller opposing the motion.**

Design consulting services for Dauphin County gaming grant project

As of today, only one proposal was received.

Authorize CapCOG award for 2023 paving projects to low bidder

In December, the BOS authorized the Township's participation in CapCOG's cooperative bidding program for 2023-2024. CapCOG has formally ratified the bids and it is now appropriate for the Township to take action to do the same, including to the extent it wishes to pave in 2023. Pennsy Supply was the low bidder for the paving and its total bid was \$1,180,574.69 which is comprised as follows: Road paving projects (not including Bow Creek Road)-\$708,298.97, Bow Creek Road paving project-\$432,285.72 and trail paving project in the Community Park-\$39,900. Mr. Yingst shared that the Park & Rec Board recommended delaying the trail paving to a future year due to budget concerns. Mr. Ziegler confirmed that there are plans to pave the Municipal Building parking area in one to two years and the trail could be added at that time. Yvonne Sharrow, Vice President of the Park & Rec board, asked whether saving \$8,000 from the Kubota purchase could offset the added cost of the trail paving. There was a consensus to hold off on the trail paving this year. Mr. Yingling made a **motion to authorize CapCOG to award the 2023-2024 cooperative bidding projects to the low bidder and ratify its award to Pennsy Supply for the 2023 paving projects with holding off on the trail paving project to another time and date**. Mr. Shea seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Accept North Mill subdivision plan for review

The Township received the North Mill Subdivision plan on March 6, 2023. Because this is classified as a simple subdivision plan per the SALDO, it is not reviewed by the Planning Commission. Representatives for Destin Homes LLC were available to answer questions. Mr. Yingling made a **motion to accept the North Mill Subdivision Plan for review**. Mrs. Oller seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Authorize Township Engineer to perform improvement guarantee release or reduction inspection for Grantville Dollar General

Mrs. Hastie made a **motion authorizing the Township Engineer to perform an inspection at the Grantville Dollar General regarding its land development plan**. Mr. Yingling seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

AMENDED AGENDA ITEM:

Mrs. Hastie made a motion to amend the agenda to add an item under New Business-release or reduction of Grantville Dollar General Store financial security. Mr. Yingling seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Authorize Township Engineer to perform improvement guarantee release or reduction inspection for J & S Fabrication

Chairman Leese stated when the J & S plan was approved, the second entrance on Allentown Boulevard (State Highway) was to be closed since there is no Highway Occupancy Permit for it. The Township is required to authorize the Township Engineer to perform the inspection and to review items not complied with in the LDP.

Mr. Yingling made a motion authorizing the Township Engineer to perform an inspection at J & S Fabrication regarding its land development plan. Mr. Shea seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Proposed resolution authorizing the destruction of municipal records

Mrs. Oller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-9 authorizing the destruction of documents. Mr. Yingling seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Release of contributions to Lower Dauphin Communities That Care and DARE program

Mr. Yingling made a motion to authorize a \$1,500 contribution to the LDCTC and a \$2,000 contribution to the DARE program. Mrs. Oller seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Postage meter agreement

A new postage meter 63-month agreement was proposed at a cost of \$47/month with FP Mailing Solutions.

Mrs. Hastie made a motion to authorize staff to execute a 63-month lease agreement with FP Mailing Solutions at a cost of \$47 per month and an equipment and service agreement with KBS. Mr. Yingling seconded. Motion failed 2-3 with Mr. Yingling, Mrs. Oller and Mr. Shea opposing the motion. Mr. Yingling recommended stamps could be utilized versus having a postage meter since annual postage expense is only \$2,600.

Full release of Grantville Dollar General Store financial security

Mrs. Hastie made a motion to release the \$19,640 financial security to the Dollar General Store. Mr. Yingling seconded.

Public Comment:

Keith Espenshade-8952 Jonestown Road-Concerned with the Dollar General Store driveway dumping into Jonestown Road especially with the Township's stormwater initiative. Mr. Ziegler just noticed at the last rainstorm that water from driveway is running into the intersection inlet. It was suggested that the Township Engineer needs to be sure if all is working as designed.

Motion failed with all members opposed and requested another review of the property by the Township Engineer.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Richard Shirk-125 Shirks Lane-Concerned about vehicle length restrictions on some Township roads, especially Jonestown Road. Mr. Ziegler stated Jonestown Road was built in 1932 and the paving overtop is only 2-3 inches to preserve surface and the concrete slab is past its life. Mrs. Hastie stressed that we need to keep tractor trailers off of the back roads in the Township, which Mr. Shirk agreed. Mr. Shirk does not consider Jonestown Road as a back road and does not understand the logic.

Jim Hetrick-737 Lauderhill Road-Concerned about solar energy production & technology regarding the proposed solar farm. He wanted information from studies after 20, 30 or 40 years of operation, and questioned whether there is any well water contamination or air quality concerns. Mrs. Oller stated each Supervisor has read studies and she offered research materials from adjacent property owners. He is unsure about the effect on people's health, therefore he is against the proposed solar farm because of the unknown.

Dr. Sarah Barnabas-283 Pine Road-She questioned whether any more documents were received from the solar farm applicant regarding the O & M agreement and the decommissioning process. Chairman Leese stated that information had been received today and was being reviewed, but he had not seen an updated Township Engineer comment letter. Dr. Barnabas asked whether the newly received information was available through the Right to Know process, and Chairman Leese confirmed that it would be available through a Right to Know request.

David Hyde-804 Carlson Road- Concerned about the solar farm as a commercial property in an agricultural district and the technicality that allows for it seems manipulative by the property owner since the property will be sold once approved by the Township.

Carol Mathias-514 Earlys Mill Road-She has had solar panels on her roof for over ten years and suggested the Supervisors look into solar panels on our Township buildings with a Dauphin County gaming grant. However, she is not excited about the proposed solar farm development.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS:

Mrs. Hastie-She is concerned that the Dauphin County Library Tax is set as 0.35 mills (whereas the Township and Fire Tax is only 0.36 mills total) and she would like a say in the way her tax dollars are spent at Dauphin County Library.

Mrs. Oller-The BOS received an anonymous letter regarding the stormwater fees and urged that letters be signed since there is no way to know if it came from a Township resident. She verified with Solicitor Stinnett that letter does not to be read to the public.

Mr. Yingling-Thanked Public Works and Park & Rec for the great job in the Community Park. He said solar energy is the wave of the future and it just needs to be in a suitable place where residential property values are not affected.

Mr. Shea-He noticed the increased attendance and hoped that people continue to stay active and participate in future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Hastie made a **motion to adjourn**, seconded by Mrs. Oller. **The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.**



Sharon Umberger, Recording Secretary