

EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Oller called the Wednesday, May 17, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:08 pm in the meeting room of the Township, 8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. An Executive Session was held tonight beginning at 6:15 pm until 7:03 pm for information purposes and to discuss potential litigation.

Vice-Chair 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 do so at the microphone and state their name and address.

IN ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS:

Chad Leese, Chairman 7:45 pm – 9:08 pm
Rebecca Oller, Vice-Chair
Tina Hastie
Mike Yingling
Kyler Shea 7:14 pm – 9:08 pm

ALSO PRESENT:

Nicholas Yingst, Township Manager
Lee Stinnett, Township Solicitor-Salzman Hughes
Aaron Moyer, Township Engineer-HRG
Becky Richards, Park & Rec Director
Stephanie Harmon, MS4 & Planning Coordinator
Sharon Umberger, Recording Secretary
Bryan Ziegler, Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mrs. Hastie made a motion to approve the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes from May 2, 2023 as submitted. Mr. Yingling seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

03/31/23 Balance Sheet	\$9,615,638.36		
	Apr Revenue	Apr Expenses	Net Increase/(Decrease)
General Fund	\$ 244,482.82	\$ 271,848.49	\$ (27,365.67)
Fire Fund	\$ 49,424.43	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 47,744.43
Street Light Fund	\$ 1,657.14	\$ 671.68	\$ 985.46
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 1,971.52	\$ 533.53	\$ 1,437.99
Stormwater Fund	\$ 3,774.72	\$ 44,784.88	\$ (41,010.16)
Total	\$ 301,310.63	\$ 319,518.58	\$ (18,207.95)
Liability		Increase/(Decrease)	\$ (5,311.36)
04/30/23 Balance Sheet			\$ 9,592,119.05

	Invoices due and paid 05/03/23-05/10/23	05/11/23 Invoices for Consideration on 05/17/23
General Fund	\$ 117,009.31	\$ 39,050.24
Fire Fund	\$ 0	\$ 4,412.76
Street Light Fund	\$ 0	\$ 754.02
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0
Stormwater Fund	\$ 0	\$ 9,744.50
Total	\$ 117,009.31	\$ 53,961.52
Total Checks Written	05/03/23-05/17/23	\$ 170,970.83

Mr. Yingling made a **motion to pay bills as presented through May 17, 2023**. Mrs. Hastie seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Mr. Yingling made a **motion to approve the transfer of \$1,300,000 from the JBT Reserve Checking Account to the PLGIT General Fund account**. Mrs. Hastie seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

A denial letter was received from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that after reviewing an exemption application, the North Mill Road Subdivision does not qualify for an exemption from sewage facilities planning (Act 537).

REPORTS:

MS4 and Planning Report: Mrs. Harmon provided a written report. She attended the WREP meeting this past month. She is fielding questions on stormwater fees, bills, address changes, credit applications and appeals. Stormwater appeals/credits now total 99, of which 91 have been completed and the rest are still in-process. In the past month she received two new plan submissions for a lot line revision and a simple subdivision and also received one stormwater permit application. The Township received notification of a scoping meeting application submitted to PennDOT for Wawa Convenience store at the southwest corner of Route 22 and Route 743.

Mr. Shea arrived at 7:14 pm.

Parks and Recreation Report: Mrs. Richards provided a written report. The 2023 Summer Township Newsletter was mailed to residents Friday of last week. The new LED sign is installed, and she participated in an on-line training with Cirrus/ScreenHub to learn the capabilities of the LED sign. The Summer Rec Program has 70 families (110 children) registered with the deadline to register being May 29th. A CPR/First-aid training is scheduled for May 20th and June 12th is the Counselor Orientation. She is helping the GVFC by taking registrations for its annual yard sale to be held on Saturday, May 27th from 7am to 1 pm. The GVFC Community Yard Sale has been promoted on the website and currently there are 95 spaces filled of the total 110 spaces available.

Municipal Engineer's Report: Mr. Moyer provided a written report. He attended one meeting in April, as the Planning Commission meeting was cancelled. He was involved with eight plan reviews and inspections. Municipal Projects Status: **MS4/Stream Restoration**-PADEP permit submitted for the park stream restoration. **Stormwater Fee Implementation**-Consulting in the process of reviewing appeals and credit applications received by the Township. **Green Light Go-HOP/signal** permits submitted for cycle 1 review by PennDOT. **Playground Rehabilitation and Reconstruction**-Concrete is not complete since there is one four square court remaining. **Public Well Design/Permit**-The status update is on the agenda for later this evening. **Jonestown Road Truck Signage in EHTLC**-The project was kicked off, there is only one spot to put a sign. **Route 39/Jonestown Road Truck Signage**-HRG has begun a structural analysis to review signage

updates to the Route 39/Jonestown Road intersection to provide advance warning to a truck restriction in East Hanover Township. **Grantville Infrastructure Project**-No update. **Zoning/SALDO Ordinance updates**-A third Zoning/SALDO update committee meeting is scheduled for May 31st. **Amphitheater ADA assistance**-The electrical and ADA plans will be combined for BCO (Building Code Official) submission. **2023 Roadway Management Plan**-Meeting with Mr. Yingst and Mr. Ziegler to determine 2024 budget and project scope. There was a consensus among Supervisors that an annual road inspection should be scheduled for the Supervisors.

Emergency Management Report: Mr. Johnson provided a written report. The EMA office received one notification for a severe thunderstorm warning. On April 30 there was no notification but he found several roads flooding mainly on Douglas and Manada Bottom Roads. Mr. Ziegler was contacted to put up safety measures and PSP was notified to contact PennDOT regarding Manada Bottom Road. The usage agreement for the Public Works building with the Red Cross is currently being reviewed by the Solicitor. An EMA information booth communicating CPR awareness will be at the GVFC Community Yard Sale on May 27th.

Grantville Volunteer Fire Company: President Grant Garland spoke about the Community Yard Sale being held on May 27th and on the same day there is a Pork Rib or Chicken Fundraiser at the GVFC fire station. GVFC is working with a company to prepare a mailer to request community contributions and will begin a new raffle ticket fundraiser.

Chairman Leese arrived at 7:45 p.m.

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

Sewage Enforcement Officer's Report:No report for this month due to no SEO activity.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proposed ordinance restricting vehicle length on certain Township roads

The proposed ordinance restricting vehicle length on certain Township roads was authorized for advertisement on April 4th and would restrict 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 (already a restriction on Ridge Road between Manada Gap Road and Bow Creek Road)
- Shady Lane between Lauderhill Road and Trail Road
- Shells Church Road between Jonestown Road and Station Road
- South Meadow Lane between Allentown Boulevard and Pheasant Road

The ordinance also provides exceptions for local deliveries and RVs/campers.

The public notice and ordinance were posted at the Township building and on the Township website on April 25th and were advertised in *The Sun* on April 27th.

Chairman Leese responded to a resident e-mail which requested the purpose and reason for the vehicle length restriction on certain Township roads. Mr. Ziegler, the Public Works Director, responded that there has been discussion over the years about this and the chief reason is when Interstate 81 closes there are numerous tractor trailers that end up on Township roads. Solicitor Stinnett stated Section 2 of the proposed ordinance states that Section 1 shall not apply to a vehicle making local deliveries for consumer services, including utility and refuse services or repairs, to property owners and residents located upon Township roads. Solicitor Stinnett said the sign to be posted is R5-2-3 which indicates "No Trucks Except Local Deliveries".

Public Comment:

Tim Haldeman-804 Earlys Mill Road-He sent the Supervisors an e-mail requesting a clarification for farmers and ag producers. He felt that the intention has been clarified and proposed that the wording be changed in the ordinance to remove "for consumer services".

Rob Hess-817 E. Canal Road-He had a question for Solicitor Stinnett regarding ag exemptions and the fact that receiving deliveries are essential to or from a commercial establishment. Solicitor Stinnett clarified that deliveries were interpreted by PennDOT as both to and from a commercial establishment.

John Haldeman-272 Pheasant Road-He supported Tim Haldeman's request to amend ordinance to remove " for consumer services".

Gern Haldeman-495 Trail Road-Thanked the Supervisors for allowing them to voice their concerns for agriculture and not to disturb local businesses.

Mrs. Oller-She stated that when Interstate 81 is closed it causes wear and tear on Jonestown Road and that road is now in process of being paved.

Mrs. Hastie- She said that she does not want Township residents to foot the bill to repair roads due to tractor trailers. She provided a statistic that one fully loaded tractor trailer equals 10,000 cars.

Tim Haldeman-804 Earlys Mill Road-He wanted an assurance that the signs posted would include "except for local deliveries".

Mrs. Hastie made a **motion to amend the ordinance to remove the phrase "for consumer services" and re-advertise and bring back to the BOS for consideration.** Mr. Yingling seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Township building-well update

Mr. Moyer explained that the well pump test was not advertised with the well drilling contract. The geologist is a subcontractor of HRG and is proposing to do the well test for \$1,600. This amount is far less than it would have cost with the drilling contractor.

Mr. Yingling made a **motion to approve the additional expense of \$1,600 paid to HRG for their subcontractor Endeavor Professional Services for a well pump test.** Mr. Shea seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

AMENDED AGENDA:

Mrs. Hastie made a **motion to amend the agenda for two additions under New Business: 1) to consider PennDOT New Stockpile Land Development Plan-Stormwater O & M agreement and 2) hiring additional Camp Counselor for summer recreation program.** Mrs. Oller seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

North Mill simple subdivision plan

Plan proposes to subdivide the lot of approximately 3.4 acres at 8363 Jonestown Road, Grantville into a northern parcel of approximately 2.1 acres and a southern parcel of approximately 1.3 acres. The parcel is in the Rural Agricultural (RA) zoning district and there are no plans for construction at this time. The surveyor, DeVon Henne, had questions about HRG's review letter and whether he needed to respond to the Tri-County Regional Planning letter. The applicant response can be one letter to the Township addressing both the HRG April 3rd review letter and the Tri-County Regional Planning March 13th

letter comments and the Township will forward the responses. Mr. Henne had concerns about meeting the plan review deadline so he verbally stated that he would, on behalf of the applicant, approve a 90-day extension from July 3rd.

Mrs. Hastie made a **motion to accept the 90-day extension granted for the North Mill simple subdivision plan to October 1, 2023.** Mr. Shea seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Stormwater ordinance waiver request for 1005 Ridge Road stormwater plan

Chase Mader, Williams Site Civil was present representing the applicants Jody and Leon Royer, who are requesting a waiver of SWMO Article V, Section 501.B.2 to allow dewatering through the principal spillway. He noted the installation of an outlet structure creates a single point of discharge, increasing the chances of downstream erosion. This would increase the limits of disturbance and cause a greater environmental impact, and to accomplish this they would need to cut down trees on the neighboring property.

Mr. Yingling made a **motion to grant a waiver of SWMO Article V, Section 501.B.2 to dewatering through the principal spillway for the 1005 Ridge Road stormwater plan.** Mrs. Hastie seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Project submission ideas for 2023/2024 Dauphin County gaming grant

Mr. Yingst asked for BOS ideas for the 2023/2024 Dauphin County gaming grant. He noted that no instructions have been received from Dauphin County as of yet, but traditionally the deadline to submit is September 1. Consensus of the BOS was that each member will come up with a list of submission ideas for the next meeting.

Mr. Yingling read an excerpt from a *Central Penn Business Journal* article of April 19, 2023 that PA gaming revenue reaches record high (article attached). He feels that as a host community the Township should be asking for and receiving more funds from the gaming grant.

Cable franchise agreement

The Township's current 10-year franchise agreement with Comcast expires on August 5, 2023. Comcast began negotiations with the Township for a new agreement in 2021 and a public hearing for same was held that spring. Township staff and Solicitor have worked with Comcast in drafting a proposed agreement. Mr. Yingst provided the BOS with a copy of the proposed agreement for comments, questions, or concerns. No action recommended at this meeting.

PennDOT stormwater O & M agreement for consideration

Mrs. Harmon presented the PennDOT New Stockpile Site Land Development Plan Stormwater O & M agreement for consideration of the BOS. There was a concern that the property has not been maintained by PennDOT and whether there would be compliance with the stormwater O & M agreement. **The consensus of the board was that a representative from PennDOT be present at the next BOS meeting to hear the concerns about the property's maintenance.**

Mr. Yingling made a **motion to table the PennDOT New Stockpile Site Land Development Plan Stormwater O & M agreement for consideration on a later date.** Mrs. Hastie seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Hiring camp counselor for summer recreation program-

Mr. Yingling made a **motion to hire Owen Tucker at \$10/hour for approximately 100 hours as a Camp Counselor for the 2023 Summer Recreation Program.** Mr. Shea seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Richard Shirk- 125 Shirks Lane-1) He wanted to know when it was appropriate to give comments regarding the Township and American Red Cross shelter agreement. BOS expressed that his comments can be given now or when the agreement is up for consideration. **2)** He requested a copy of the draft ordinance for truck length restrictions. **3)** He shared that a Channel 27 News segment on Hollywood Casino indicated that gaming would provide direct tax relief for residents.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:

Mrs. Hastie-She congratulated Mr. Leese and Mr. Espenshade on their Primary Election wins for Township Supervisor. She noted a new Land Acquisition Grant for recreation and parks is now available to Townships.

Mrs. Oller-She said that the Summer Newsletter is great, and the new LED sign is really nice. She also noted the EHT Historical Society is looking to interview Township residents over the age of 79 who have lived in the community their whole lives.

Mr. Yingling-He thanked Mr. Ziegler and his crew for their work on the Township roads.

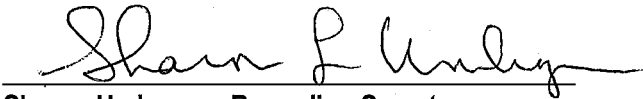
Mr. Shea-He felt that the Township newsletter included useful information.

STAFF COMMENT:

Mr. Ziegler-He announced that 2023 paving costs to date are \$100,000 under the 2023 Paving Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Hastie made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 9:08 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon L. Umberger", written over a horizontal line.

Sharon Umberger, Recording Secretary