

**EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES  
July 5, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Oller called the Wednesday, July 5, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:03 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 tonight beginning at 6:40 p.m. for information purposes and to discuss active 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 arrived at 7:37 p.m.  
Rebecca Oller, Vice-Chairperson  
Tina Hastie  
Mike Yingling  
Kyler Shea

**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 JUNE 20, 2023**

Mrs. Hastie made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 20, 2023. Mr. Yingling seconded.  
**Motion carried 4-0.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

	Invoices due and paid 06/21/23-06/29/23	06/29/23 Invoices for Consideration on 07/05/23
General Fund	\$ 257,134.80	\$ 60,031.93
Fire Fund	\$ 0	\$ 12,813.34
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 767.04
Street Light Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0
Stormwater Fund	\$ 0	\$ 1,003.00
Total	\$ 407,134.80	\$ 74,615.31
Total Checks Written	06/21/23-07/05/23	\$ 481,750.11

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter was received from Verisk regarding the ISO rating of East Hanover Township using BCEGS (Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule Program) which resulted in a Class 04 for commercial and industrial properties and Class 04 for one- and two-family residential properties .

## **REPORTS:**

**Public Works Report**-Mr. Ziegler provided a written report. He provided an update that Herr Signal & Lighting is working on installing the flashing lights at the East Hanover Township Elementary School. He expressed that the new sweeper truck is a great asset to the Township and Public Works, and allows flexibility to sweep roads a few hours here and there. He shared that the 2023 paving costs came in \$100,000 under the contracted amount minus some temporary line painting on Bow Creek Road and the stone for backing up the edges. There was an incident recently with a large tree limb falling on a Verizon line that he deemed unsafe and closed the road until the branch was off the line. Verizon has been unresponsive to Township/GVFC requests to address this type of situation unless a line is torn. He asked for clarification from the Supervisors on whether it was the resident's responsibility to pay the \$300 cost of a subcontractor to remove the fallen branch. The consensus from the Supervisors was that it needs to be looked at on a case by case basis and that an article regarding the homeowner's responsibilities needs to be included in the next Township Newsletter.

**Manager's Report**-Mr. Yingst provided a written report. He continued to work with the Public Works Director and the Township Engineer to refine the paving strategy for 2024 in advance of the annual road tour. Payment on an invoice has been received from Freedom Inn LLC for more than \$5,000 in legal, advertising, and court reporter costs associated with the liquor license transfer application for 9168 Allentown Boulevard. He submitted the quarterly 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 gaming grant updates to Dauphin County; \$50,000 was received from the 2022/2023 grant to reimburse the Township for its payment reducing the debt for the fire company hoses and nozzles.

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

**GVFC**-Chief Saul Schmoltz shared that the 1994 Rescue Engine 39-1 needed repair after the transmission stopped on a drive back to the station after an Independence Day event at 1 a.m. in the morning. It was determined that there was a sensor error and a part has been ordered. This engine was scheduled to be replaced since it is over the useful life and parts are going to be harder to obtain. President Grant Garland provided GVFC meeting minutes and the May Treasurer's report prior to the meeting. He provided an update on the GVFC Fund Drive that the Bureau of Charitable Organizations form has been completed and the GVFC has received its certificate. He shared that July 29<sup>th</sup> is a \$12/meal pulled pork/mac & cheese fundraiser starting at 10 a.m. that day. Mr. Garland asked for clarification about obtaining tools & equipment related to the 2022/2023 gaming grant reimbursement. There are plans for several fundraisers this year such as the 75<sup>th</sup> GVFC Open House, a spaghetti dinner, a Halloween event at the carnival grounds and parking cars at casino concerts.

**Fort Indiantown Gap**-A written report was provided. The following major training events may result in increased noise levels:

- Water bucket training at Marquette Lake is scheduled for July 10 to 12 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Helicopter door gunnery training is scheduled for July 10 to 13 between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.
- Artillery firing training is scheduled for July 15 to 19 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Mortar firing training is scheduled for July 17 to 22 between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.
- Explosives demolition training is scheduled for July 20 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. and scheduled for June 23 and 24 between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **Project submission ideas for Dauphin County 2023/2024 gaming grant-**

The BOS reviewed some ideas for the 2023/2024 Dauphin County gaming grant: Construction of Field House at North End of the Park, Road Maintenance Paving and Repair, Baseball Field Lighting at North End of Park, Feasibility Study for new Township Building/Conversion of Existing Building into Park and Recreation Center, CPR Training Supplies, Township Building Kitchen and Bathroom Update, Tennis Court Replacement, and Fire Company Apparatus Debt Reduction. It was recommended that the CPR Training Supplies such as AED units be included in the 2024 budget and not as a gaming grant request. Mrs. Oller suggested that the room dividers be included in the cost of the Township Building and Bathroom Update estimate. Mr. Yingst is planning to submit a gaming grant application in the middle of August in order to receive feedback prior to the deadline in September. The Board agreed to make a final decision at the next meeting.

**Chairman Chad Leese arrived at 7:37 pm**

### **Comments from the Public:**

**Yvonne Sharrow-8886 Jonestown Road**-She asked whether the paving of the circle and ADA loop were for consideration in the 2024 budget. Mr. Ziegler will include this paving under the total 2024 Paving Budget estimates. She inquired where the field house idea came from and Mr. Yingling shared that it was a part of the Park Master Plan developed years ago. There was concern that some of the grant requests for park improvements had not gone through the Park & Rec Board for recommendation.

### **Proposed ordinance establishing a weight restriction on Bridge EHT-3 on North Meadow Lane**

A recent inspection report of Bridge EHT-3 on North Meadow Lane was received in May. The report recommended that, due to section loss that was noted on several of the steel beams, the bridge should be posted for a reduced weight restriction of 21 tons, with the exception of 30 tons for combination vehicles.

Mr. Yingling made a **motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-03 reducing the posted weight load for East Hanover Township Bridge EHT-3 on North Meadow Lane as advertised.** Mrs. Hastie seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

### **LSA grant for new fire engine rescue apparatus**

Chairman Leese started the conversation with the fact that there have been significant price increases for new fire engine rescue apparatus since the purchase was proposed. He feels that there is a need for a collaborative effort to find funding. The \$100,000 LSA grant needs to be used toward an invoice and not on financing costs prior to 2026. Once the fire engine is ordered, the estimated delivery time is 47-50 months.

Tim Shatto representing GVFC shared the phases of the comprehensive strategic planning three-prong approach:

- Phase I-Apparatus analysis and evaluation
- Phase II- Analysis of facilities and grounds and ways to produce perpetual income rather than one-time income
  - New Fire Station-take \$110,000 per year to maintain without capital expenses.
  - Old Fire Station
  - Carnival Grounds and adjacent buildings
    - Carnival/Carnival books are labor intensive
      - 400 people on "Save the Carnival" Facebook page and only 2 people came forward to actually propose a plan.
    - Recommend a community event not just the GVFC as the coordinator.
- Phase III-Administration and management
  - Continuity of leadership and ready to fill-in and delegate authority.

Donn Gutshall and Ron Johnson, both with many years of experience with fire apparatus, reviewed the current new fire engine rescue apparatus specifications and came to conclusion that there is no chrome other than tow hooks and no custom design costs, basically a cookie cutter version with no bells or whistles.

It was noted that under the Second Class Township code the Township is obligated to provide fire safety for its residents.

**Comments from the Public:**

**Cleon Cassel-South Hanover Township Resident**-shared his thoughts on the proposed fire engine purchase and hoping that it does not have extra expenses to look good in a parade.

**Keith Espenshade-8932 Jonestown Road**-He is of the opinion that the new truck is needed and there are four years to make the first payment.

**Marsha Hoy-146 Sunflower Drive-GVFC representative**-She found financing where no deposit is required and suggested with a commitment from the Township an order could be placed.

**Chief Saul Schmoltz-GVFC**-He expressed that there is concern on the GVFC side if the truck is ordered without an agreement in place with the Township.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Zoning Hearing Board to hear special exception application for property at 841 Bow Creek Road**

A special exception application was submitted for the Bonawitz Real Estate Investors LLC property at 841 Bow Creek Road. The current use (storage/parking) was determined to be permitted under the zoning regulations by the Zoning Officer and the proposed use (modular office unit storage and repair) was determined by her to be similar enough to other uses in the Highway Commercial district that a special exception application was appropriate. The Zoning Hearing Board will be considering this application at an upcoming meeting July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**Richard Shirk-125 Shirks Lane**-He shared his experience with Verizon and a tree down on Crawford Road. Chief Schmoltz stated that Verizon does not come out to these types of incidents unless the lines are completely destroyed.

**Donn Gutshall-8048 Yellowstone Drive and GVFC representative**-He expressed how low the fire tax is for the residents in East Hanover Township. Chief Schmoltz shared that he has 14 rental units and he pays \$79/year for fire tax.

The fire tax has not increased in over thirty years.

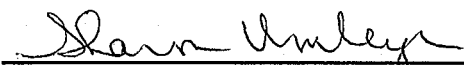
**BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS:**

**Mrs. Oller**-She is concerned about the speed of traffic on Jonestown Road and asked for ideas for enforcement.

**Mr. Yingling**-He is not against the fire company and he was on the Board that approved new fire station.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Hastie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Oller. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.



Sharon Umberger, Recording Secretary