# EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES April 7, 2020

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Leese called the April 7, 2020 Regular Meeting of the East Hanover Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:10 pm via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Vice Chairman Leese stated the Public Guidelines of Decorum require all individuals wishing to make public comment need to do so by e-mailing <a href="mailto:assttwpmgr@ehtdcpa.org">assttwpmgr@ehtdcpa.org</a> or you may raise hand in the Zoom program option. Public Comments will be taken at the end of the meeting. Under regulations you will need to provide your full name and address for the record.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

# SUPERVISORS:

George Rish, Chairman (late entry)

Chad Leese, Vice Chairman

Greg Ciraula

Rick Smith

Mike Yingling

# **ALSO PRESENT:**

Paul Cornell, Township Manager

Jackie Wilbern, Assistant Township Manager

Lee Stinnett, Township Solicitor-Salzmann & Hughes

Bryan Ziegler, Public Works Director

Jhane Kunkel, Park & Rec Director

Sharon Umberger, Recording Secretary

#### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Mr. Yingling made a motion to approve the Board of Supervisor regular meeting minutes from March 3, 2020. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Rish entered the virtual meeting.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Cornell presented report, as well as, invoices for payment consideration.

February	Revenue			
General Fund	\$ 385,079.73			
Fire Fund	\$ 5,778.57			
Street Light Fund	\$ 599.19		T	
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 307.98			
Total	\$ 391,765.47			
February		Invoices due and		4/03/20 Invoices for
	Expense	paid 3/4/20-3/31/20		Consideration on 4/07/20
General Fund	\$ 220,011.91	\$ 122,668.28	\$	95,767.91
Fire Fund	\$ 12,017.00	\$ 1,231.00	\$	0
Street Light Fund	\$ 651.47	\$ 651.74	\$	652.56
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 21,308.34	\$ 8,279.74	\$	1,440.19
Total	\$ 253,988.72	\$ 132,830.76	\$	97,860.66

Mr. Yingling made a motion to approve invoices and pay the bills as presented. Mr. Ciraula seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

## **Unfinished Business:**

## Financial projects based upon possible outcome

Major projects on hold until can determine status of Township revenue sources from Gaming Grants, Earned Income Taxes, and Real Estate Taxes. Mr. Cornell may have more information by next BOS meeting.

#### **New Business:**

## **Delay Award of Ridge Road Paving Bid**

Mr. Yingling made a motion to authorize Township Manager to negotiate with Pennsy Supply to hold bid price up to 90 days from original date. Mr. Smith seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

## Indiju Hotel Time Extension request

The developer has granted Township another 30 day extension. Mr. Leese made a motion to accept time extension granted by the developer until August 1, 2020. Mr. Yingling seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

#### Penn National Gaming Tax Deferment

Penn National Gaming requested a 6 month deferral to pay \$34,523.99 in Real Estate Taxes to Township and \$34,523.99 to Fire Company. Consensus of Board to wait to make decision until Paul Cornell speaks to Wayne lsett about the Fire Company's ability to pay their bills. Consensus of Board to wait for County direction and take action at next BOS meeting.

#### **Direction to Staff under the Coronavirus Conditions**

- a) Next Newsletter: Consensus to delay for 2 weeks and determine recommendation at that time.
- b) Summer Camp: Jhane participated in PRPS conference call, most municipalities to decide after 5/1/20 whether to have summer camp this year. (FBI clearances/work permits take time to receive)
- c) Roadway Study: Hold until next meeting to take action as there are other priorities.
- d) Golf Lane Project: If County funding is available, Public Works would like to proceed at the end of summer/early fall. Can wait for action.
- e) Douglas Road Project: (\$300,000 of oil/chip in budget, and crack-sealing on Bow Creek Road in budget) Township to move forward with these projects while traffic is down. Public Works would be able to maintain social distancing while conducting work.
- f) Status of Park for Public: Board consensus to keep Park trails open to Public at this time.

Ms. Wilbern stated there were 9 Guests present on the Zoom Video Conferencing.

#### **Business from the Public:**

**William Bird**-(Assistant Fire Chief GVFC) Fire Company is closed to public and no members are able to hang out at the fire company to protect from Covid-19. Getting a lot of questions about burning. No restrictions but be mindful of other Township residents who may be experiencing respiratory issues with Covid-19. **Saul Schmolitz**-(Fire Chief GVFC) needs to speak with Jackie about fire suppression questions with the proposed warehouse.

# **Board Comments:**

Mr. Smith-asked for clarification from Mrs. Wilbern about zoning permits. Life-sustaining construction can be issued and inspected according to Governor's order.

Mr. Yingling received call about proposed Easter Service held at the Township parking lot. Mr. Smith stated guidelines from government would be to not allow this.

Mr. Rish stated an Executive Session will be held after this meeting regarding personnel issues.

#### Adjournment:

Mr. Yingling made a motion was made to adjourn meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Sharon Umberger, Recording Secretary