

**EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rish called the March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting of the East Hanover Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Chairman Rish stated the Public Guidelines of Decorum require all individuals wishing to make public comment need to do so by e-mailing assttwpmgr@ehtdcpa.org 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
Chad Leese, Vice Chairman
Mike Yingling
Rick Smith
Smittie Brown

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

(The meeting recessed to hold 7pm Public Hearing)

The Township Solicitor, Lee Stinnett, opened the dually advertised Public Hearing of the East Hanover Board of Supervisors to discuss the Comcast Franchise renewal. This is the time to discuss future cable related needs and interests of residents, and to review past performance of Comcast (Xfinity).

Supervisor Comments about Service:

Chairman Rish -program for internet access for students; **Mr. Yingling** -increased service areas for high-speed connections; **Mr. Brown**-reach out to Lower Dauphin Elementary School to find out the number of children who do not have access in East Hanover Township; **Mr. Smith**- felt prices are too high and are going up; **Mr. Leese**-whether there are any expansion plans within the township, and if not, why? Are there State or Federal Government subsidies available to expand cable services to rural communities?

Public Comments for Consideration:

GVFC Chief Schmoltz-would like better service for less money, and a different rate for non-profits.

Tina Hastie-Fox Run Road-Standard cable should provide tv channels like Newsmax that have free apps.

Lynn Walker-N. Mill Road-is looking for competition among providers. No Fios, can this service be expanded?

Mr. Yingling made a **motion to adjourn the public hearing**. Mr. Smith seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

(The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors reconvened at 7:14pm)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Yingling made a **motion to approve the Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes from February 16, 2021.** Mr. Smith seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Invoices due 2/17/21-2/26/21	2/26/21 Invoices for Consideration 3/2/21
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 17,016.01
Fire Fund	\$ 0	\$ 245.54
Street Light Fund	\$ 0	\$ 19.42
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 0	\$ 658.75
Total	\$ 0	\$ 17,939.72

Mr. Leese commented on the purchase of heating oil for the Annex building. Mr. Cornell confirmed that the building is not in use yet, but the heat was kept at minimal temperature. Mr. Yingling made a **motion to approve invoices and pay the bills as presented thru and including March 2nd.** Mr. Brown seconded. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Correspondence may be viewed during regular office hours

Acknowledge from Dauphin County Tax Assessment-735 Trail Road-Adjustment in Assessment while the property is being rebuilt.

Reports:

GVFC-Chief Saul Schmolitz-provided written report to supervisors. Currently there are 5 members going for the National Certification in the Fire Fighter 1 test. New members are attending training sessions and it is also a refresher for other members. There are a few upcoming training events at HACC (Harrisburg Area Community College) and Hershey Fire Company.

Emergency Management-Ron Johnson- provided a written report. Mr. Johnson shared that the Dauphin County Emergency Operations Plan is due to be renewed and must be in the form of a Resolution. It will be on the next agenda for consideration. He has been working on the Hazard Mitigation Plan which is done between municipalities in Dauphin County. Dauphin County is to have a webinar on the hazards of each municipality in the County. Webinar is 3/10/21 at 6 pm—all are invited, and he will be sharing a link. Mr. Brown asked what some of the EHT hazards. Mr. Johnson said there is always a danger of flooding or wildfires but there are man-made hazards such as interstate accidents or airplane crashes.

Mr. Smith asked whether there are any vaccination clinics in the area. There are some sites in Dauphin County such as Penn State Hershey and Osteopathic Hospital.

Fort Indiantown Gap-David Weisnicht—not present.

Unfinished Business:

Dauphin County Bridge Bundling Project-Debt Ordinance 2021-1

Mr. Cornell stated the Township agreed to participate in the Bridge Bundling Project that included 5 municipalities in Dauphin County. Dauphin County has agreed to pick up 60% of the cost of replacement of one of the bridges in the Township (Camp Kiwanis Road Bridge). The total cost to the Township to replace the decking on this one bridge is \$287,400.17 plus interest at a rate of 2.15%. (The County will make up a portion of the interest, which will lower rate to .4%) West Hanover Township has made a \$50,000 contribution toward this cost. Dauphin County has established an Infrastructure Bank to fund projects of this type and has agreed to lend the needed proceeds of a Note for Bridge Bundling Communities. The Debt Schedule in this Ordinance will be paid from the Liquid Fuels Fund. Chairman Rish verified that the Solicitor has reviewed the document. Mr. Stinnett confirmed his review of the ordinance that is required to be enacted prior to undertaking debt.

Mr. Smith made a **motion to approve Debt Ordinance 2021-1 pertaining to the Dauphin County Bridge Bundling Debt**. Mr. Yingling seconded. **Motion carried 5-0**. Mr. Leese noted in the document that the useful life of the bridge would be 30 years. Mr. Cornell stated that many bridges in the Township have useful life that is significantly longer than 30 years.

New Business:

Fire Billing Ordinance

Solicitor Stinnett wanted to talk thru and clarify the method of reimbursement (Bill to resident or limit to insurance companies). Chief Schmoltz stated that township residents do pay a Fire Tax. Mr. Isett stated GVFC is a volunteer service and felt reimbursement be limited to insurance companies to reimburse for expenses related to accidents. Discussions continued and there was a board consensus for Solicitor to proceed with developing an Ordinance like West Hanover Township.

Request to approval of Summer Camp

Jhane presented options for the Supervisors to consider and give feedback to determine camp fees for 2021. Feedback was requested on reduction of number of children, cutting off two weeks of camp and whether to keep same price. Supervisors discussed these items and additional expenses needed due to CDC and State Guidelines. Mr. Smith gave his feedback and suggested that the Supervisors need more information to act. Jhane to provide a Camp Budget for 2021. Supervisors did agree to reduce number to 40 instead of 80; reduce to 6 weeks instead of 8 weeks; non-residents are not excluded at this time but will give township residents priority with an earlier registration.

Discussion of SAMBA (Susquehanna Area Mountain Bike Association) plan

Jhane introduced SAMBA President Nick Loftus. SAMBA is a local chapter of the International Mountain Bike Association and develops trails in this region. His organization is looking to fill the gap in this area for a place for kids and beginners to learn to ride a bicycle. SAMBA was seeking a preliminary approval to prepare a proposal to GPS the final design plan for the township parks. Consensus for SAMBA to move ahead with a design proposal for the Township's Nature Trail.

Request for Acceptance of Time Extension; J&S Fabrication LDP

Mrs. Wilbern shared J & S Fabrication current review period expires March 22, 2021. The developer has granted a 30-day extension. The Planning Commission has recommended acceptance of the extension at their February 23, 2021 meeting. Mr. Yingling made a **motion to accept time extension to April 21, 2021 for J & S Fabrication**. Mr. Brown seconded. **Motion carried 5-0**.

Business from the Public: None

Board/Staff Comments:

Mr. Yingling asked about engineer billing process to residents. A copy of the engineer's description with the invoice and MPC allows to dispute.

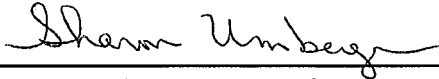
Mr. Cornell announced that the Township was awarded \$500,000 from the Gaming Commission.

Mr. Leese-can we start discussing re-opening of the Township Building. Mr. Cornell to check State guidelines and provide report to the Board.

Mr. Brown-has been asked about the Township Newsletter and residents that do not have access to the internet. Looking for other options like printing copies or mailing out information upon request. Residents should be directed to call the Township.

Adjournment:

Mr. Yingling made a **motion to adjourn meeting**. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



Sharon Umberger, Recording Secretary