

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017– 7:00 pm  
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Marty Shane, Vice Chairman Carmen Battavio, Supervisors Chuck Proctor, Michael Lynch, Janet Emanuel, Township Manager Rick Smith, Township CFO Jon Altshul, ABC Member Erich Meyer (Conservancy Board).

**Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance:**

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked Karen Murphy to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence:**

Carmen called for a moment of silence to honor the troops who defend our Nation and to the EMS and service professionals who have given the ultimate, their lives, in defense of the public.

**Recording of Meeting:** *None*

**Chairman's Report:** Marty announced that the Board met in Executive Session on April 4<sup>th</sup> and prior to tonight's meeting to discuss a police legal issue.

**Emergency Services Report: WEGO:** Police Chief Brenda Bernot reported that the Police blotter is fixed and all items are posted on the website. Chief Bernot commented on the following trends:

- a. Scams continue to flourish, and recently East Goshen residents have fallen victim.
- b. Thefts from unlocked vehicles continue.
- c. Marijuana has been discovered in recent traffic stops. This is a misdemeanor offense.
- d. How to deal with solicitation at your front door:
  - a. Decide whether or not you will answer your door at all.
  - b. Ask to see a permit.
  - c. Call 911 if necessary.
  - d. Inform the solicitor that they must have a permit.
- e. Recent arrests were made in a local prostitution ring.
- f. Charges have been filed in a recent dog terror case.

**Financial Report:** Jon reported on this item noting that net of pass-through accounts, as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, the general fund had revenues of \$3,611,412 and expenses of \$2,942,172 for a year-to-date surplus of \$669,240.

**New Business:**

- a. **Consider Richard Lauria's concerns about the Alarm Ordinance:** Carmen discussed the history of false alarms and the revised fine schedule to deal with them. *Mr. Lauria, 705 Chelsea Circle*, stated that he is not against fining for false alarms, but rather questions the process that was used to set the fining schedule. Carmen addressed the

procedures for false alarm fining. Carmen stated that he has asked for weekly reports of false alarms and stated that the Township allows for two free false alarm calls in a 12-month rolling period. Janet stated that this ordinance brought this problem to the people's attention. Mr. Lauria stated that notification of this ordinance was not communicated to all residents. Carmen said that the Township was very transparent in notifying all residents through the website, the newsletter and other media. Mr. Lauria asked what happens if a false alarm offender does not pay his/her fine and shuts off their system. Jon said that a lien could be filed against their home for severe delinquencies. Mr. Lauria said that letters should be sent to all residents about this ordinance. Mike concluded by stating that the Board respects Mr. Lauria's opinion and comments, and that information on this ordinance would again be circulated in the township newsletter. Mike further commented that the Township Manager has responded to all of Mr. Lauria's inquiries in a professional manner.

- b. **Consider a Recommendation to Purchase a Tractor and Mower:** Rick stated that the Township is scheduled to replace the 2000 New Holland Farm Tractor and Mower in 2017. The quotes received, including trade-in value for the old tractor, were:

AG Industrial	\$49,923.80
Hooper Equipment	\$54,416.00
Little's John Deere	\$56,677.69
Power Pro Equipment	\$59,835.00

Carmen motioned to purchase the New Holland T4-100 tractor and mower from AG Industrial with trade-in for the amount of \$49,923.00. Janet seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- c. **Consider a Recommendation to Purchase Zero Radius Mowers:** Rick commented that the Township is scheduled to replace two Z Radius Mowers. The two quotes received, including trade-in values were:

Conway Power Equipment	\$18,010.00
Power Pro Equipment	\$17,836.30

Carmen motioned to purchase the two Exmark Lazars from Conway, with trade-in value in the amount of \$18,010.00, despite the slightly higher price, as the existing fleet of mowers is mainly Exmark and that the Township already has all the tools to repair this brand. Janet seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- d. **Consider Proposal to Name a Geographic Feature in Hershey's Mill Village:** Marty discussed the proposed renaming of an unnamed area near Hershey Mill northwest East Goshen Township to "**East Goshen Barrens**". This proposal was received from the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. Janet asked if renaming this area would also change the regulation of this area. Rick said it would not. Mike commented that this type of governmental action is more "form over function", and asked what purpose it serves. Marty motioned to name this area the "**Hershey's Mill Serpentine Barrens**". Janet seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Any Other Matter:**

- a. Carmen motioned to release escrow funds of \$24,960.00 to Renehan Building Group for portions of site preparation; erosion control; and storm water maintenance for 1662 East Boot Road. Janet seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- b. Carmen distributed a handout entitled “**Preparation for a Pipeline Emergency in East Goshen Township**”.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

*See attached Treasurer’s Report for April 12, 2017.* The Board reviewed the Treasurer’s Report and the current invoices. Carmen moved to graciously accept the Treasurer’s Report and the Expenditure Register Report as recommended by the Treasurer, to accept the receipts and to authorize payment of the invoices just reviewed. Mike seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

**Liaison Reports:** Janet reported that there was no meeting with the Planning Commission. Carmen commented that he has emailed all of his committees. Mike reported that April 22, 2017 is “Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day”. Marty pointed out that there are areas along Route 352 at Greenhill Road that need to be cleaned.

**Correspondence, Reports of Interest:** The Board acknowledged receipt of the following:

- March 29, 2017 Letter from FEMA regarding Floodplain Ordinance
- March 28, 2017 NPDES Notification for 1680 East Boot Road
- March 30, 2017 Act 209 Land Use Assumption Report

**Public Comment:** Erich Meyer commented that the Conservancy Board is holding a planting event on May 6, 2017.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Carmen seconded. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Christina Rossetti Hartnett*  
*Recording Secretary*

Attachment: *Treasurer’s Report for April 12, 2017*

April 12, 2017

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
2017 RECEIPTS AND BILLS**

**GENERAL FUND**

Real Estate Tax	\$97,832.48	Accounts Payable	\$449,050.59
Earned Income Tax	\$66,442.24	<b>Electronic Pmts:</b>	
Local Service Tax	\$902.79	Credit Card	\$0.00
Transfer Tax	\$0.00	Postage	\$0.00
<i>General Fund Interest Earned</i>	\$2,226.82	Debt Service	\$30,353.36
Total Other Revenue	\$129,066.42	Payroll	\$98,995.60
Total Receipts:	<b>\$296,470.75</b>	Total Expenditures:	<b>\$578,399.55</b>

**STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND**

Receipts	\$0.00		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$60.23		
Total State Liquid Fuels:	<b>\$60.23</b>	Expenditures:	<b>\$0.00</b>

**SINKING FUND**

Receipts	\$125,000.00	Accounts Payable	\$180,052.31
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$1,154.86	<i>Credit Card</i>	\$0.00
Total Sinking Fund:	<b>\$126,154.86</b>	Total Expenditures:	<b>\$180,052.31</b>

**TRANSPORTATION FUND**

Receipts	\$0.00		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$304.83		
Total Sinking Fund:	<b>\$304.83</b>	Expenditures:	<b>\$0.00</b>

**SEWER OPERATING FUND**

Receipts	\$16,712.74	Accounts Payable	\$64,654.51
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$80.10	<i>Debt Service</i>	\$30,275.50
Total Sewer:	<b>\$16,792.84</b>	<i>Credit Card</i>	\$0.00
		Total Expenditures:	<b>\$94,930.01</b>

**REFUSE FUND**

Receipts	\$6,448.47		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$19.00		
Total Refuse:	<b>\$6,467.47</b>	Expenditures:	<b>\$63,279.82</b>

**SEWER SINKING FUND**

Receipts	\$0.00		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$90.12		
Total Sewer Sinking Fund:	<b>\$90.12</b>	Expenditures:	<b>\$13,703.15</b>

**OPERATING RESERVE FUND**

Receipts	\$0.00		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$234.22		
Total Operating Reserve Fund:	<b>\$234.22</b>	Expenditures:	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Events Fund**

Receipts	\$0.00		
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$1.37		
Total Events Fund:	<b>\$1.37</b>	Expenditures:	<b>\$0.00</b>