

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2019  
FINAL APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairwoman Janet Emanuel; Vice-Chair Marty Shane; Members David Shuey and Mike Lynch; Township Manager Rick Smith; Assistant Township Manager and Finance Director Jon Altshul; Township Zoning Officer Mark Gordon; Public Works Director Mark Miller; Parks and Recreation Director Jason Lang; Finance Department members Chris Boylan and Barb Phillips; Intern Gabrielle Long; Futurist and Sustainability Committee Member Tom Kilburn.

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Janet called the meeting to order at 10:00am and asked Gabrielle to lead the pledge of allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Janet called for a moment of silence to honor our troops and first responders.

**Discussion with Goshen Fire Company**

Grant Everhart and Tom Stalnaker were present to discuss financial considerations for the Goshen Fire Company. Tom explained that proposed changes to the Medicare reimbursement policy for non-transport calls, such as lift assists, were minor in scope and unlikely to benefit Goshen Fire Company soon. Members of the Board of Supervisors expressed concern about assisted living facilities using Goshen Fire Company EMTs for lift assists to avoid their own workers from having soft tissue injuries. Tom observed there were 150 lift assists calls at Bellingham in 2018, but that in 92 cases, the patient ended up being transported to a hospital.

Grant and Tom observed that the decline in the number of volunteers had resulting in the hiring of 12 full-time paid staff, which was putting pressure on the Fire Company's finances. Tom observed that the Fire Company had a \$170,000 deficit in 2018 and that its net assets were down about \$1 million, although the latter number was due largely to depreciation and the downturn in the stock market in December 2018. Jon suggested that the Fire Company convene a meeting with an elected official and a staff member from each participating municipality to develop a funding target and formula for the Fire Company.

**Consider Long-Range Projections and May 23, 2019 Memo to Board of Supervisors**

Mike expressed concern about growing costs and suggested that the Township be careful not over-extend itself financially, particularly with respect to the street light proposal. David observed that if we install street lights in front of the Township building now, there's no guarantee that the same style of street light will be commercially available for other part of the Paoli Pike corridor in the future. Janet

recommended that we not make any such upgrades until the Paoli Pike Trail is complete.

Brian Sweet, 646 Meadow Drive, asked about our fund balance and how it had remained so high for so long. Jon responded that in this low interest rate environment, there have been a number of large commercial real estate sales that have led to one-time cash infusions, but that there's no guarantee that those one-time bumps would continue in the future.

The Board was receptive to more staff investigation around installing electric vehicle charging stations.

The Board of Supervisors was receptive to Mark Miller hiring an additional Public Works Equipment Operator in 2020.

The Board was receptive to increasing the refuse rate to \$80 in 2020. Mike suggested that the Township move to one pick-up per week to reduce refuse costs. Rick observed that this is unlikely to significantly reduce expenses, as residents will still generate the same amount of trash and that the hauler would have difficulty with staffing if they were in the Township only two days per week.

Jon observed that the County is having troubling recycling glass, but noted that the cons of East Goshen not accepting glass may outweigh the pros. Michelle Truitt, 1430 Grand Oak Lane, observed that the County had produced an excellent recycling video.

The Board was receptive to various fee increases to better recover costs in 2020.

The Board was receptive to Jason exploring grant opportunities for various small park improvements in 2021.

The Board indicated an interest in increasing the 2020 contribution to the Malvern Library from \$1 per resident to \$1.25 per resident, or around \$22,500 total.

Tom reminded the Board that it has supported implementation of the Paoli Pike Corridor Master Plan in the past. He also recommended that the Board set aside \$5,000 to \$10,000 for a professional rendering of what Paoli Pike could look like in the future.

**Adjournment**

David made a motion to adjourn at 12:00. Janet seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jon Altshul*  
*Recording Secretary*