

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020
FINAL MINUTES**

Note: In light of the Coronavirus pandemic, this was a virtual video-conference meeting conducted via the Zoom platform. In response to media reports about the vulnerability of the Zoom platform, public participation was limited to telephone.

Present: Chairman Marty Shane; Vice-Chairman David Shuey; Members Michele Truitt, Mike Lynch and John Hertzog; Township Manager Rick Smith; Assistant Township Manager and Finance Director Jon Altshul; Christina Morley (Pipeline Task Force); Public Works Director Mark Miller

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Marty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. David also called for a moment of silence in honor of our troops, public health workers and first responders.

Chairman's Report

Marty announced that the meeting was being livestreamed on YouTube.

Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2020

David made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2020. John seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Treasurer's Reports of July 1, 2020

David made a motion to accept the receipts and approve the expenditures as presented in the Expenditure Register and as summarized in the July 1, 2020, Treasurer's Report. Mike seconded. Russ Frank inquired about the cost of the trail, to which Jon offered to send him a Powerpoint presentation outlining how the trail is being paid for. Mark also indicated that he would not give the check to Bob Wagner's for the stair treds until the work is complete. The motion passed 5-0.

Consider Format for Public Meetings

The Supervisors outlined their preferences for how public meetings should be conducted moving forward in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mike, Marty and David indicated that they plan to stay away from the building until the pandemic is over, while Michele and John indicated that they'd prefer to come to the Township building for meetings. All supervisors agreed that it was premature to open up the building to the public at this time. Michele made a motion to hold hybrid meetings for all ABC groups, whereby members can either attend in person or participate remotely at members' discretion, and with public participation only allowed remotely until the current COVID crisis ends. John seconded.

Ms. Morley asked if the Township would strictly enforce social distancing and the wearing of masks if the Township were ever to hold a public meeting at a school.

The motion passed 5-0.

Consider 2020 Sewer Rates

Jon outlined his recommendation for 2020 sewer rates of \$32.41 per quarter fixed and \$9.13 per thousand gallons variable. He explained that the drop in commercial consumption during the COVID crisis was putting some upwards pressure on rates. At these proposed rates, the Sewer Fund would fall about \$82,000 short of fully recovering its costs, but that the existing fund balance could absorb the lost revenue.

David made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-34A, the revised fee schedule to amend the Township's sewer rates to \$32.41 per quarter and \$9.13 per thousand gallons. John seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Consider Public Nuisance Ordinance Enforcement as It Pertains to Sunoco

Ms. Morley briefly summarized her recommendation that the Township enforce the public nuisance provisions in the Township Code by revoking Sunoco's stormwater management permit. David thanked Christina for her work on this matter and recommended referring the matter to the Township Solicitor. Mike expressed confusion about whether Sunoco is or is not a public utility. Michele noted meeting minutes from 2016 in which Sunoco representatives assured Township residents that the pipeline work would not be a nuisance.

David made a motion to accept Ms. Morley's recommendation and raise the matter with the Township Solicitor. John seconded.

Tom Wineburg, 427 Gateswood Drive, thanked the Board for its consideration of this matter. He noted that his house backs up to the drill site and that the noise has been an ongoing headache since work began.

The motion passed 5-0.

Consider Stormwater O&M Agreements for 1603 Highland Ave, 1258 Upton Circle and 932 Cornwallis Drive

David made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Stormwater Operations and Maintenance agreements for 1603 Highland Avenue, 1258 Upton Circle and 932 Cornwallis Drive. Michele seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Consider Irrevocable Letter of Credit #4 Final Closeout for Lot 3, 1662 E. Boot Road

David made a motion to close out the irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$14,914 for 1662 E. Boot Road, Lot 3. John seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Consider Escrow Release #4 Final Closeout for Lot 2, 1664 E. Boot Road

David made a motion to release \$25,241.35 in escrow for 1664 E. Boot Road, Lot 2, and to close out the account. John seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Any Other Matter

Jon stated that the Township was aware of a *Daily Local News* article about the law firm of Rizzo, Reger and Darnall overbilling Chester County for its work on the Flynn v. Sunoco matter and that the Township would be looking into whether the firm may have overcharged East Goshen as well.

Michele provided an update on pipeline safety legislation, including HB 2293, which passed unanimously in the House and was gaining support in the Senate.

Mike asked Mark Miller about the Aqua work on Ellis Lane, to which Mark responded that Aqua would repave one side of the street when it was finished.

Public Comment

Ms. Morley asked Michele to send her a link to HB 2293.

Correspondence, Reports of Interest

The Board acknowledged the following correspondence and reports of interest:

- 2nd Quarter Right-to-Know Report
- May 29, 2020 Funding Request from Goshen Fire Company
- June 15, 2020 Notice from Aqua regarding Utliiy Stream Crossing on Ellis Lane
- June 24, 2020 Appreciation note from the Morrisons

Adjournment

There being no further business, Michele made a motion to adjourn at 8:15. John seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Altshul, Recording Secretary

Attached: July 1, 2020 Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT		June 11, 2020 - July 1, 2020	
RECEIPTS AND BILLS			
GENERAL FUND			
Real Estate Tax	\$11,703.94	Accounts Payable	\$746,123.24
Earned Income Tax	\$153,700.00	<u>Electronic Pmts:</u>	
Local Service Tax	\$800.00	Credit Card	\$4,751.24
Transfer Tax	\$40,219.45	Postage	\$0.00
<i>General Fund Interest Earned</i>	\$2,215.20	Debt Service	\$5,334.22
Total Other Revenue	\$202,118.43	Payroll	\$100,146.46
Total General Fund Receipts:	\$410,757.02	Total Expenditures:	\$856,355.16
STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$22.96		
Total State Liquid Fuels Receipts:	\$22.96	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$14,664.04	Accounts Payable	\$138,431.43
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$1,711.54		
Total Capital Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$16,375.58	Total Expenditures:	\$138,431.43
TRANSPORTATION FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$224.04		
Total Transportation Fund Receipts:	\$224.04	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
SEWER OPERATING FUND			
Receipts	\$44,831.08	Accounts Payable	\$129,590.30
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$394.78	<u>Electronic Pmts:</u>	
		Credit Card	\$0.00
		Debt Service	\$399,377.21
Total Sewer Operating Fund Receipts:	\$45,225.86	Total Expenditures:	\$528,967.51
REFUSE FUND			
Receipts	\$18,406.94	Accounts Payable	\$48,315.65
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$118.43	Credit Card	\$0.00
Total Refuse Fund Receipts:	\$18,525.37	Total Expenditures:	\$48,315.65
BOND FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$9,574.00
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$758.51		
Total Bond Fund Receipts:	\$758.51	Total Expenditures:	\$9,574.00
SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$667.02		
Total Sewer Capital Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$667.02	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
<i>Interest Earned</i>	\$868.21		
Total Operating Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$868.21	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00