EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING 1580 PAOLI PIKE

TUESDAY, September 14, 2021 FINAL MINUTES

Note: This meeting was held in person at the East Goshen Township Board Room.

<u>Present</u>: Chairman David Shuey; Vice-Chairman Mike Lynch; Members: John Hertzog, Michele Truitt; Township Manager Derek Davis; Finance Director Dave Ware; Senior Staff Accountant Chris Boylan, Christina Morley (Pipeline Task Force).

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

David Shuey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. David led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michele Truitt asked for a moment of silence for the tragedy of 9/11 and asked to remember our fallen first responders and citizens.

David announced that the meeting is being recorded and livestreamed on YouTube. The first and third meeting will be budget workshops.

New Business

Recommendation to appoint Kathy Kavanaugh to the Malvern Public Library Board of Trustees as an East Goshen representative.

Mike made a motion to appoint Kathy Kavanaugh to the Malvern Public Library Board of Trustees as an East Goshen representative.

John seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

Consideration of Public Works personnel request.

David explained the purpose of this request.

Michele made a motion to approve staff's request to add an additional Public Works Operator/Laborer, originally planned for the 2022 budget, to start no sooner than October $1^{\rm st}$.

Mike seconded.

Prior to this meeting, Mike responded via email to a citizen question regarding this action item. Mike shared his response during this meeting. David mentioned this position is proposed in 2022 budget. John stated that he is not in favor of this for 2021 since it was not budgeted in 2021, but he has the utmost respect for the Public Works Department.

Motion carried 3-1, with John opposed.

Consider the purchase of a high water truck.

David explained more about this action item. Derek commented that staff went to see this vehicle. Derek mentioned that there are issues with municipalities' diesel trucks and electronic

chips, so this purchase will help. Mike adds this fleet asset will not be depreciated because this is a one-time purchase.

Michele made a motion to authorize \$9,000 to purchase a High Water Truck.

Mike seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman's Report - None

Public Hearing - None

Emergency Services Reports - None

Financial Report - None

Approval of Minutes -None

Approval of Treasurer's Report - None

Old Business - None

2022 Budget Workshop - General Fund

David explained that this is a new process with all Board Members participating in the budget workshops.

Derek thanked Dave and the Finance Staff for the work put into this effort. Derek stated this is a fluid process. We are planning on four budget workshops, with a total of six meetings before adopting the 2022 budget. This initial preliminary budget presentation is for the Board to view and staff welcomes the Board's input.

David inquired regarding year-end projections that are typically included in the quarterly Board Reports. David asked if there are any changes or surprises in this budget presentation versus the 2Q2021 Board Report. Dave responded EIT is up due to higher resident's salaries and Keystone is collecting an increased amount of delinquent EIT. Dave projects expenses should come in close to budget.

Dave clarified that the \$9K for high water truck will be paid from Capital Reserve.

Mike is pleased with Dave's update. Mike mentioned that Keystone will provide projections if requested.

Dave Ware presented the General Fund financials. Dialogue transpired throughout the presentation.

Any Other Matter -None

Public Comment

Russ Frank, 451 Gateswood, asked if the two employees that were discussed (Public Works & Parks & Rec) are needed. Mr. Frank believes residents depend on Parks & Rec. He also inquired about how EIT will be affected by residents working at home. Dave responded that we are still receiving the EIT revenue. Mr. Frank asked about Transfer Tax Revenue and received clarification.

Christina Morley, 1530 Alison, was pleased the Board is considering adding staff for Public Works and Parks & Rec. Ms. Morley commented that they do exceptional job. But with the anticipated budget shortfall, adding positions is a challenge. Ms. Morley did not see any Hazard Mitigation Plans in this 2022 preliminary budget. Ms. Morley also asked why we do not have a full-time emergency planning staff person. Mike responded that that we do have an Emergency Management Event Coordinator. Mike mentioned there is implicit funding in our budget in the event of an emergency.

Michele stated that we need an evacuation plan so residents know what to do. Michele mentioned that the County would support a Township emergency event.

John commented that the County does not offering money to fund this.

Liaison Reports - None

Correspondence - None

Adjournment

There being no further business, John made a motion to adjourn at 8:49 pm. Michele seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Boylan Recording Secretary