

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
TUESDAY, September 28, 2021
FINAL MINUTES**

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

Present: 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 military abroad and stateside. Michele thanked all who serve.

David announced that the meeting is being recorded and livestreamed on YouTube.

Chairman's Report

- a. The board met in executive session on September 21st and, tonight, September 28th, to discuss personnel matters.

Public Hearing - None

Emergency Services Reports -None

Financial Report - None

Approval of Minutes -None

Approval of Treasurer's Report - None

Old Business - None

New Business:

Discuss dates/times for Budget Workshops #3 and #4.

Derek proposing that Budget Workshop #3 be held simultaneously with the regular Board Meeting on Oct 19th and final Budget Workshop #4 be conducted at the Nov 9th regular Board Meeting. The 2022 Preliminary Budget presentation will be November 16th and the 2022 Final Budget adoption anticipated at the Dec 21st regular Board Meeting.

2022 Budget Workshop #2– All Other Funds

Dave Ware presented All Other Funds. Dialogue transpired throughout the presentation.

Mike mentioned that the Municipal Authority is anticipating a needed capital reserve increase for infrastructure contingency next year.

David asked about the timing of ARPA funds and the projects those funds will cover. Derek responded \$914K allocated is for the Westtown Way in 2021. The Hershey's Mill Estates sewer project will occur in 2022. Michele asked to discuss the usage of ARPA Funds that will be received next year. Derek responded he would like feedback on ideas now. Discussion transpired.

Dave pointed out the Refuse Fund does not include the Roadside Litter program, as needed, as that expense comes from the General Fund. The General Fund budget includes an amount for quarterly Roadside Litter Collection, but staff determines when this service is performed.

Discussion followed for staff to monitor and document what areas are covered along with dates service was performed. Derek stated that Public Works closely oversees the roadside litter program.

Michele commented that her no vote for the totter program at last meeting was because the \$19K grant match needed was not in 2021 budget. Michele inquired if this amount could be included for consideration of a 2022 totter program. Dave replied that it would be more appropriate to consider in the 2023 budget, due to the timing of the grant application and receipt of awarded funds.

Michele would like to be involved in future discussion with trash hauler. Mike pointed out that the 2022 Refuse Budget includes a proposed \$90 quarterly residential refuse fee, versus the current \$75/quarter fee. Notably, the increase is due to AJBlosenki's contract with the Township, which increased over 25%. Derek noted that AJBlosenki was the lowest bidder by almost 100%. The Board requested that staff begin communicating the proposed residential refuse rate change to residents. Derek responded that we could communicate this via Constant Contact.

Michele initiated conversation regarding the proposed new Infrastructure Contingency Fund. Michele feels we should seriously consider this for future unanticipated projects and inquired what projects would fall into this category. Mike explained no other Fund considers aging roads or storm water infrastructure. This potential new Fund would provide contingency for repair and/or upgrade of same. The discussion suggested possibly moving half of the Operating Reserve Fund balance to establish this new Infrastructure Contingency Fund. John agrees with the concept and clarified that this is a reallocation of funds in 2022 and there is no revenue stream for this new Fund. Mike commented that we need to look at long-term funding. David stated that staff should identify the infrastructure and look at a long-range plan to cover anticipated needs. David mentioned items to consider such as parks, open space, and ponds. Derek proposed to prepare a resolution in order to establish this Fund and reallocate from Operating Fund.

Any Other Matter -None

Public Comment

Christina Morley, 1530 Alison, stated her opinion that the proposed Infrastructure Contingency Fund ties back to the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ms. Morley suggested that instead of

focusing on aging infrastructure, look at broader impacts and possibly name this fund Hazard Mitigation Fund.

Liaison Reports - None

Correspondence -None

Adjournment

There being no further business, John made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm. Michele seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Boylan
Recording Secretary