

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
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TUESDAY, October 19, 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; Director of Public Works Mark Miller; WEGO Chief Brenda Bernot; Fire Marshal Carmen Battavio; Erich Meyer (Conservancy); Jeff O'Donnell (Business Park Task Force); John Stipe (Business Park Task Force); Brian Sweet (Business Park 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 firefighters, WEGO police, and in memory of Colin Powell, who just passed away. Michele also mentioned Futurist Committee Member Rogers Vaughn's son passed away and sent thoughts to him and his family.

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

Chairman's Report

- a. The board met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.
- b. Due to November 2 being Election Day, the 1st Board of Supervisors meeting in November is scheduled to be on Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 PM.
- c. The next budget discussion after tonight, on November 9th, will be the "Budget Q&A" to address any and all specific questions before preliminary budget passage.
- d. Passage of the 2022 Preliminary Budget is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 16. It will be the last budget discussion before final budget passage on December 21, 2021.
- e. If any East Goshen Township residents have experienced any loss; property or injury, due to pipeline activity, please contact the PA Attorney General's Office. See information on our website, www.eastgoshen.org.

Public Hearing - None

Emergency Services Reports

- a. WEGO – Chief Brenda Bernot mentioned that WEGO participated in Faith in Blue initiative in an effort to strengthen police relationships with residents through congregations. WEGO also participated in the West Chester area Trunk or Treat event. The Police Department is currently participating in One Warm Coat Drive and collecting new and gently worn coats and winter accessories. There is a box in the Township Building vestibule where residents can place these items. Additionally, WEGO Police Officers are participating in Blue Beards for Charity, raising money for four local charities. Information about this event is posted on the East Goshen Township website. Chief Bernot also presented the police statistics for the last month. WEGO Police

participates in Ring Neighborhood. The police ask residents with cameras to share footage in order to help solve crimes.

John asked about the recent award an officer received. Chief explained that the PA Narcotics Officers Association honored Detective Weaverling for his action in East Goshen Township, which resulted in the largest international arrest in history for ecstasy.

- b. Carmen Battavio presented the emergency services reports.

Michele commented that she was honored to attend the Fire Company awards banquet. Michele was amazed at the years of service some individuals have dedicated to the Fire Company.

Financial Report

Dave Ware presented the September 2021 financial report.

Mike acknowledged that KBRA reaffirmed East Goshen Township's AAA bond rating. This was posted on our website.

Mike recognized the Mark Miller and the Public Works Department for a number of recent projects they completed with top quality workmanship.

Approval of Minutes

Michele made a motion to approve the minutes dated October 5, 2021. Mike seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Dave Ware presented the Treasurer's Report.

Mike asked about a number of invoices from storm damage and whether they will be submitted for FEMA/PEMA grant reimbursement. Dave confirmed. Derek clarified that we have until November 8th to declare that we will be applying for public assistance. Derek estimates funds will be received in 2022.

Michele asked about a professional service invoice. Dave and Derek explained this was for a consultant with regards to multi-factor authentication for a cyber liability insurance policy.

Michele made a motion to accept the receipts and approve the expenditures as presented in the Expenditure Register and as summarized in the October 14, 2021 Treasurer's Report. Mike seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

Old Business - None

New Business:

Discussion of street closure process change for special events.

Derek confirmed there is no action being proposed tonight. The current ordinance defers to the Board for decision on a street closure for a special event. Derek outlined the proposed revisions to this ordinance, a resolution that would need to be passed in order to implement the new policy, and the policy itself. Discussion followed among the Board and Derek.

Business Park Task Force - Survey Presentation.

Jeff O'Donnell, Business Park Task Force Chair thanked Mark Gordon for his involvement in this Task Force. Jeff explained the Task Force started last year with the intent to provide analysis on what was happening in the BP and I1 areas as it relates to COVID, the impact it has on the workforce, and what it means for East Goshen Township. Surveys were sent out and emails/phone calls followed. Jeff presented the findings.

Mike and Michele thanked the Task Force members for their efforts. Jeff recommended that the Task Force disband. Mike inquired about official action to take. Derek prefers to prepare a resolution and will present at a future Board meeting.

2022 budget discussion - Capital Items and Capital Projects.

Dave presented the preliminary version of the 2022 Capital budget.

Derek commended Dave on his work and skill in communicating the finance and budget intricacies in the short time he has been with East Goshen Township.

Brian Sweet, 646 Meadow, asked if we could still submit grants for the Trail and how much grant funding was already obtained. Dave explained. Brian expressed concern about the cost of the Hershey's Mill Estate sewer project. Mike and David responded. David added this is the purpose for establishing the new Infrastructure Sustainability Fund. Mark Miller also explained that sewer pipe relining is done every year.

Any Other Matter -None

Public Comment -None

Liaison Reports - None

Correspondence, Reports of Interest

David acknowledged receipt of the July – September 2021 Quarterly Right-to-Know Report.

Derek thanked everyone who attended the Pumpkin Fest and the Food Truck & Music Festival.

Adjournment

There being no further business, John made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Michele seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek Davis
Township Manager