

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022
FINAL MINUTES**

Note: This meeting was held in person at the East Goshen Township Board Room. This was a hybrid meeting conducted via Zoom.

Present: Chairman Michele Truitt; Vice Chairman John Hertzog; Members: Cody Bright, Mike Lynch, David Shuey; Township Manager Derek Davis; Finance Director Dave Ware; Chief Brenda Bernot; Goshen Fire Executive Director Grant Everhart; Tom Kilburn, Jeff O'Donnell, and Brandon Groff (Futurist); Christi Marshall (Sustainability); Erich Meyer (Conservancy).

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

Michele Truitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michele asked for a moment of silence for the Texas children gunned down at school today and for the WEGO family, especially Officer Dittus in the passing of his son, Noah.

Michele explained the meeting is being recorded via Zoom and will be available on the Township website.

Chairman's Report:

Michele announced:

- a. The Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters.
- b. Township Offices will be closed Monday, May 30th in recognition of Memorial Day.
- c. No Yard Waste pick-up on Wednesday, June 1st.
- d. The Township will be holding the next E-Recycle Event in the Park on Saturday, June 4 from 9 am -12 pm. Register on the Township website.

Public Hearings: None

Emergency Services Reports:

Chief Brenda Bernot thanked the Board for the enormous amount of support to WEGO in the last week given the unexpected loss of Officer xxx son. Chief explained the Police Unity Tour that travels across the US to raise public awareness of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. This is a 4-day bike tour from New Jersey to Washington DC. This tour passed through Westtown and East Goshen Township on May 9th. One of the officers represented WEGO in the tour. Chief noted other community events that WEGO participated in. Chief Brenda Bernot presented East Goshen Township April 2022 statistics.

Michele asked the Chief if she noticed any recurring issues with the same individual(s). Chief replied no.

David asked about crime statistics and would be interested in knowing if there is an increase in the more serious offenses. Mike agreed and elaborated. Chief responded.

David asked how the issues at the 911 center is impacting WEGO. Chief replied the 911 center is always receptive to positive or negative feedback. Mike noted that 911 shifts are 12 hours and felt that must be very tough. Chief has a healthy appreciation for their stress and acknowledged dispatch is a very stressful job and without them the police could not do their job.

Grant Everhart presented the April 2022 report for Goshen Fire Company.

Michele asked when the Goshen Fair will be held. Grant replied August 1-6, 2022.

Derek Davis presented the April 2022 statistics for Malvern Fire and Good Fellowship. Mike commented that Goshen Fire responded very effectively to providing year over year comparisons and would like to see the same from Malvern Fire and Good Fellowship. Derek and Dave Ware will follow up with both entities to request this data.

Financial Report:

Dave Ware presented the April 2022 financial report.

John asked if the current surplus is a timing issue. Dave confirmed and further explained the future obligatory and anticipated expenses that will reduce the current surplus.

Mike asked about the County tax collection and the delay in revenue. Dave responded.

Approval of Minutes: None. Due to a technical difficulty, the May 3, 2022 minutes will be addressed at the June 7, 2022 meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Ware presented the May 17, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Mike asked Dave for his perspective regarding soft costs, specifically legal expenses, possibly charge the General Fund instead of Capital Reserve or Bond Funds. Dave responded.

David asked Dave if he noticed any trends with the Comcast Franchise fees. Dave responded.

Mike asked Dave about any trends with the Refuse Fund. Dave responded.

David made a motion to accept the receipts and approve the expenditures as presented in the Expenditure Register and as summarized in the May 17, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Mike seconded.

Michele commented that we paid the remaining \$16K to Maillie for the 2021 audit report and the report is available on our website.

Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

Consider approval of Resolution 2022-12 pertaining to the East Whiteland Act 537 Special Study.

Attorney Joe McGrory, solicitor for East Whiteland Township, and he introduced Chuck Faulkner from Pennoni Associates. Attorney McGrory explained that East Whiteland is selling their sewer operations to AQUA and this resolution is a requirement as a neighboring municipality to East Whiteland.

David made a motion to adopt resolution 2022-12 approving the Act 537 Special Study and forward it to East Whiteland Township along with Component 4A of the Sewage Facilities Planning Module.

David commented this has been reviewed by staff and our Municipal Authority.

Cody seconded.

Mike asked Attorney McGrory how the residents are accepting this sale. Attorney McGrory replied there was very minimal comment from residents.

Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

Consider Pickleball Court construction grant application.

Derek explained that this was presented earlier this year, and this is a follow up to apply for the grants. Expenses for this will be incurred in 2023 as a capital project.

Cody made a motion authorize a DCED Greenways Trails and Recreation Program application to support the Pickleball/Tennis Court renovation project and up to \$60,064 in local match.

David seconded.

Mike asked if the rates will be the same as presented here. Mike commented that the grant is very important or if not received, we may need to scale back this project. David asked about the cost of materials. Derek responded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Continued discussion on Authorities, Boards, and Commissions (ABCs) and possible structure changes.

Derek explained that this topic was discussed at the 4/19/22 Board Meeting and he would like the Board to finalize the discussion. Mike commented that Derek's summary is very good and he is in agreement with quite a number of points. Mike shared his perspective. David shared that he had discussion with the Pipeline Task Force (PTF) and they were pleased the Board is amenable to keeping this committee. David would like to see the PTF change to Pipeline Committee or Commission. He gave his opinion regarding the Sustainability Committee. There is push back from some committees to take their own minutes. Mike supports David's comments. Cody thanked the Board and the staff for all their efforts and he thanked the residents who are involved

with these committees. John is in agreement with most of the bullet points but is unsure about the PTF. John feels everyone on a committee should have a term limit. Further discussion evolved.

David made a motion to direct staff and solicitor to draft an ordinance to consider establishing an EAC.

John seconded.

Michele added that it was her hope to bring the number of committees more in line with other townships in the Commonwealth by reducing the number of evening commitments for staff and Board members. However, with restructuring considerations, it will alleviate some of the pressures for staff and Board members.

Christi Marshall thanked the Board for their support of the Sustainability Expo. Christi presented information on other municipalities EAC's. Derek asked Christi for additional information regarding an ordinance.

Erich Meyer gave his opposition to the change in ABCs minute takers and feels a staff liaison is important at ABC meetings. Michele, David, and Derek responded.

Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

Review of East Goshen Resident Survey by the Futurist Committee sent out in Q1 of 2022.

Brandon Groff presented the recent survey results. John Hertzog appreciates the efforts in preparing the survey however, his concern is the costs associated with some of the ideas. David suggested, with 5G coming, have the utility company install light posts with 5G and incur the costs. Michele explained the trail access is dusk to dawn and questioned whether installing lights is a good idea. Further dialogue regarding conducting surveys continued. Jeff XXX suggests that the Board could look at the responses and figure out how to address the common ideas expressed by residents. John suggested that the Futurist Committee could possibly look into this. Michele requested the survey executive summary from Tom Kilburn prior to it being reported in the upcoming newsletter. Tom commented that open space is an important topic that wasn't touched on tonight. Michele requested that Derek send the Trail alternate plans to the Futurist Committee for their perspective as it pertains to some of the items in the survey and make recommendations.

Consider support of Westtown Township's minor text and map amendment to their comprehensive plan.

Cody made a motion in support of Westtown Township's efforts to amend their Future Land Use Plan and Map within their Comprehensive plan and authorize the Township Manager to send a letter to that effect.

John seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Standing Issues/Projects:

Hershey's Mill Dam Project – Derek stated this is moving along nicely and on budget. Completion anticipated soon.

Milltown Dam Project – still in holding pattern, waiting for status update from Gannett Fleming. Michele asked Derek to reach out to Pennoni for assistance.

Any Other Matter:

Dave Ware presented Paoli Pike Trail to date expenses and anticipated expenses for alternate trails.

Michele expressed the tragic loss of a WEGO officer's young child. East Goshen Township will contribute towards the funeral expenses. The funds will come from the surplus in the WEGO budget line item.

Public Comment: None

Liaison Reports: None

Correspondence, Reports of Interest: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Cody made a motion to adjourn at 8:57 pm.

David seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Davis

Township Manager

Attached: May 17, 2022 Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT		April 13, 2022 - May 17, 2022	
RECEIPTS AND BILLS			
GENERAL FUND			
Real Estate Tax	\$1,494,836.36	Accounts Payable	\$616,820.81
Earned Income Tax	\$1,055,487.83	Electronic Pmts:	
Local Service Tax	\$59,617.87	Credit Card	\$12,829.25
Transfer Tax	\$42,885.18	Postage	\$0.00
General Fund Interest Earned	\$1,599.18	Debt Service	\$73,576.08
Total Other Revenue	\$137,843.61	Payroll	\$344,868.92
Total General Fund Receipts:	\$2,792,270.03	Total Expenditures:	\$1,048,095.06
STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$78.25		
Total State Liquid Fuels Receipts:	\$78.25	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$141,352.84
Interest Earned	\$514.29	Credit Card	\$0.00
Total Capital Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$514.29	Total Expenditures:	\$141,352.84
TRANSPORTATION FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$1.40		
Total Transportation Fund Receipts:	\$1.40	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
SEWER OPERATING FUND			
Receipts	\$484,119.52	Accounts Payable	\$233,578.53
Interest Earned	\$152.40	Electronic Pmts:	
		Credit Card	\$1,443.21
Total Sewer Operating Fund Receipts:	\$484,271.92	Debt Service	\$55,684.54
		Total Expenditures:	\$290,706.28
REFUSE FUND			
Receipts	\$166,125.69	Accounts Payable	\$13,967.56
Interest Earned	\$35.65	Credit Card	\$89,567.83
Total Refuse Fund Receipts:	\$166,161.34	Total Expenditures:	\$103,535.39
BOND FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$22,453.20
Interest Earned	\$223.90		
Total Bond Fund Receipts:	\$223.90	Total Expenditures:	\$22,453.20
SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$7,969.00
Interest Earned	\$211.03		
Total Sewer Capital Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$211.03	Total Expenditures:	\$7,969.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$206.85		
Total Operating Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$206.85	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$9.64		
Total Infrastructure Sustainability Fund Receipts:	\$9.64	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
ARPA - COVID RELIEF FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$9.87		
Total ARPA - COVID Relief Fund Receipts:	\$9.87	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00