

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 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: Mike Lynch, Cody Bright, David Shuey; Township Manager Derek Davis; Finance Director Dave Ware; Public Works Director Mark Miller; Senior Staff Accountant Chris Boylan; WEGO Chief Brenda Bernot; Goshen Fire Executive Director Grant Everhart; 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.

Cody asked for a moment of silence for police, law enforcement, and those who serve overseas for us.

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

Chairman's Report:

Michele announced:

- The Board met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss real estate and legal matters.
- The office will be closed Monday, September 6th, in recognition of the Labor Day holiday.
- Because of Labor Day, there will be no yard waste pickup on Wednesday, September 7th.

Public Hearings: None

Emergency Services Reports:

Chief Bernot presented WEGO July 2022 activities in East Goshen Township. David asked the Chief if there are any trends. Chief responded that retail thefts are overall up in all three townships. David asked the Chief for her thoughts on BolaWrap®. Chief replied this is a promising technology but until there is more information, we should remain hesitant about implementing this technology. Chief commented that WEGO participated in the West Chester National Night Out. Michele suggested that WEGO hold an East Goshen Night Out because it is important for residents to see police in a positive light. Chief responded that Community Outreach Programs will resume soon. Cody congratulated the Chief on being one of fourteen police departments state-wide who donated vests to Ukraine. Cody also congratulated the Chief on the accreditation. Chief added that only 9% of law enforcement in PA are accredited.

Grant Everhart presented the Goshen Fire Company July 2022 monthly report. Mike asked if we did not have the third ambulance, who would respond to the additional calls for service. Grant

responded the calls would be passed to the mutual aid departments, Good Fellowship or Malvern.

Derek presented Malvern Fire Company June and July 2022 reports. Mike acknowledged the monthly detail provided by Malvern Fire Company. Derek presented the Good Fellowship July 2022 report.

New Business:

Good Fellowship update and presentation on 2023 budget.

Kim Holman, Executive Director, and Chas Brogan, Chief of Operations, presented information regarding their operations and their proposed 2023 funding request.

Financial Report:

Dave Ware presented the July, 2022 financial report.

Cody asked about the Portnoff collection status. Dave responded 23.4%, or \$34K, collected since utilizing Portnoff's service and this costs nothing to the Township.

Approval of Minutes: None

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Ware presented the July August 11, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Mike made a motion to accept the receipts and approve the expenditures as presented in the Expenditure Register and as summarized in the August 11, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Cody seconded.

Mike noted that the contracted annual cost for WEGO police services is \$4.1M per year. Mike stated that East Goshen Township pays their own sewer bill. Michele mentioned AQUA hydrant costs seem higher than usual. Dave will look into this and report back to the Board. The Community Day expenditures totaled \$27K and this amount will be requested from Friends of East Goshen. FOEG relies on donations from the community and provides 100% financial support of this event, therefore, it costs nothing for the Township.

Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

Continued discussion of noise and nuisance ordinance changes.

Derek and Attorney Christman provided additional information and edits on specific issues regarding the noise and nuisance ordinance following discussion at prior Board meetings.

Michele asked Attorney Christman to review all changes. Attorney Christman stated the red-lined version is the document for the Board to follow along. Discussion ensued regarding the end time for noise. Attorney Christman elaborated. Michele stated normally we would not allow public input, however Michele will allow residents to be heard.

Bill Geyer, 1560 Tanglewood, stated the purpose is not to accommodate particular residents impeding on the rights of other residents. Mr. Geyer asked the Board what members have attended the concert in his neighborhood. Each responded. Mr. Geyer reviewed the temporary permit issued for an event. Mr. Geyer played recordings, from inside his home, of a recent performance at his neighbor's home. David attended this event, recorded the decibels during the event, and reported the findings.

Derek stated the Chief and Zoning Officer requested to review this ordinance prior to advertising. The final ordinance will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

Appointment of Auditor and update on Vacancy Chair.

Derek explained this was discussed at prior Board meeting and Attorney Christman advised that the same individual cannot hold a position on the ZHB and be the Vacancy Chair. As a result, Mr. Proctor is keeping his ZHB Alternate position and resigning from Vacancy Chair. The Board will need to appoint someone to the Vacancy Chair position.

David made a motion to appoint Peter Reilly to the position of Township Auditor through the next municipal election cycle and the term expiration at the end of 2023.

Cody seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Michele commented that the Vacancy Chair position will be addressed at the next Board meeting.

New Business:

Consider passing the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for township pensions for the 2023 budget year.

Derek explained municipalities must contribute annually to the pension plans which is calculated actuarially.

Cody made a motion to pass Resolution 2022-16 establishing the Minimum Municipal Obligations for the four pension plans: Fire Pension Plan \$132, 074, Non-Uniformed Defined Benefits Plan \$0, Non-Uniformed Defined Contribution \$125,700, Non-Uniformed Defined Contribution (WEGO Administration) \$15,400.

John seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Consider passage of Resolution 2022-15, allowing staff to obtain Workers Compensation coverage through Delaware Valley Workers Compensation Trust (D VWCT).

Derek explained that he and Dave explored transitioning to DVWCT for long term benefits, while reducing expenses. Dave added specific cases relative to MRM customer service. Dave also commented that this change would save \$25K in one year.

Cody made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-15, authorizing the participation of East Goshen Township in the DVWCT in accordance with the Pennsylvania Workers Compensation Act and the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Law.

John seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Mike commented that this savings will be reflected in the 2023 budget.

Standing Issues/Projects:

Hershey's Mill Dam Project – Derek stated the punch list and as-builts are being addressed now. Derek and Mark Miller visited the site to review the project. John added that he was there last week and the Boardwalk was not slippery. John asked for updated pictures to be posted to the website. Mike added that he spoke to Mark Miller and suggested the name of this area be known as something other than a 'Park'. Michele suggested branding this area differently, instead of changing the name.

Milltown Dam Project – Michele called DEP again today and will reconnect with Acting Chief of Dam Safety to inquire about the permit.

Dave added that to date, we have spent \$1,530,072 on Hershey's Mill Dam and \$529,175 on Milltown Dam.

Any Other Matter: None

Public Comment: None

Liaison Reports: None

Correspondence, Reports of Interest: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Cody made a motion to adjourn at 9:15pm.

John seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Boylan

Recording Secretary

Attached: August 11, 2022 Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT		July 28 2022 - August 11, 2022	
RECEIPTS AND BILLS			
GENERAL FUND			
Real Estate Tax	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$432,885.09
Earned Income Tax	\$621,912.85	Electronic Pmts:	
Local Service Tax	\$46,073.60	Credit Card	\$1,900.93
Transfer Tax	\$0.00	Postage	\$0.00
General Fund Interest Earned	\$4,291.38	Debt Service	\$0.00
Total Other Revenue	\$98,705.07	Payroll	\$82,626.68
Total General Fund Receipts:	\$770,982.90	Total Expenditures:	\$517,412.70
STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.75		
Total State Liquid Fuels Receipts:	\$0.75	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$26,967.96
Interest Earned	\$353.59	Credit Card	\$0.00
Total Capital Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$353.59	Total Expenditures:	\$26,967.96
TRANSPORTATION FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.42		
Total Transportation Fund Receipts:	\$0.42	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
SEWER OPERATING FUND			
Receipts	\$332,979.54	Accounts Payable	\$22,820.79
Interest Earned	\$429.98	Electronic Pmts:	
		Credit Card	\$514.65
		Debt Service	\$0.00
Total Sewer Operating Fund Receipts:	\$333,409.52	Total Expenditures:	\$23,335.44
REFUSE FUND			
Receipts	\$95,244.53	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$190.11	Credit Card	\$6,423.26
Total Refuse Fund Receipts:	\$95,434.64	Total Expenditures:	\$6,423.26
BOND FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$5,388.05
Interest Earned	\$484.80		
Total Bond Fund Receipts:	\$484.80	Total Expenditures:	\$5,388.05
SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$21.85		
Total Sewer Capital Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$21.85	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.28		
Total Operating Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$0.28	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.13		
Total Infrastructure Sustainability Fund Receipts:	\$0.13	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
ARPA - COVID RELIEF FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$292.24		
Total ARPA - COVID Relief Fund Receipts:	\$292.24	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00