

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
FINAL MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Michele Truitt; Members: Mike Lynch, Cody Bright, David Shuey; Township Manager Derek Davis; Finance Director Dave Ware; Senior Staff Accountant Chris Boylan; Public Works Director Mark Miller; Goshen Fire Executive Director Grant Everhart.

Absent: John Hertzog

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 first responders and acknowledged the Queen's passing.

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 personnel matters.
- Township Yard Sale is Saturday September 17th. A map can be picked up at the Township building or downloaded from the website a few days prior to the sale.
- The Pipeline Task Force and Futurists Committees are seeking new members. Please contact Township Manager Derek Davis or fill out an "ABC Volunteer Form" located on the "Forms and Applications" page of our website.

Public Hearings: None

Emergency Services Reports: None

Financial Report: None

Approval of Minutes: None

Treasurer's Report: None

Old Business: None

Standing Issues/Projects:

Hershey's Mill Dam Project – Derek stated the punch list items are still being addressed. David asked how we will manage the grass growing. Derek responded that he and Mark Miller will

receive a maintenance schedule from the landscape architect by the end of September. Mike asked if Pennoni is evaluating the wall structure that was a recent resident's concern. Derek responded that the wall was not touched during this project. Mark Miller will install a post rail fence along the ramp to prevent residents from walking along private property.

Milltown Dam Project – Michele expressed disappointment regarding the delay.

New Business:

2023 Preliminary General Fund Budget presentation.

Dave Ware presented the 2023 preliminary General Fund Budget.

Mike noted a 47.27% aggregate increase in inflation since the 2004 tax implementation, which has remained the same since then.

Michele would like to see user-defined fees assessed rather than increasing taxes for all residents.

Mike noted interest earnings and questioned if the 2022 projection and 2023 budget are aggressive. Dave replied he is comfortable with the figures.

Mike added there is a WEGO finance committee meeting on Thursday to review their budget. The current proposed WEGO budget is up 8.47%, including 3 new officers and 1 new office staff position. East Goshen Township's contribution to volunteer fire companies is up 22%.

Michele commented that she received WEGO's budget request and provided it to Dave. He will distribute to all Board members with supporting documentation from the Chief for the budget requests. Cody asked for Dave to include what the Chief requested in prior years. Michele noted the budget request includes a new evidence shed for \$30K, but Westtown Township has setback requirements, so the building will not be as big as the Chief desires or cost as much as anticipated.

The Board reviewed and discussed Dave's conclusions and options to consider to balance the budget.

Grant Everhart spoke about the Goshen Fire Company budget projections and management of equipment and capital issues.

Each Board member gave their view on the state of the 2023 budget.

Derek thanked Dave for this incredible presentation. David commended Dave and acknowledged that this is the best budget package he has seen. Mike concurred.

Any Other Matter: Michele stated that a resident inquired about the Marydell Pond ribbon cutting. Mike expressed kudos to Mark Miller for the work completed there. Derek stated he would speak with Jason to arrange a ribbon cutting.

Public Comment: None

Liaison Reports: None

Correspondence, Reports of Interest: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Cody made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

David seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Boylan
Recording Secretary