

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 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, David Shuey; Township Manager Derek Davis; Finance Director Dave Ware; Senior Staff Accountant Chris Boylan; Erich Meyer (Conservancy); Christi Marshall (Sustainability Advisory Committee).

**Absent:** Mike Lynch

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:**

Michele Truitt called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

David asked for a moment of silence for families in America impacted by gun violence in our country and the 4,700 civilians, including 272 children, who have lost their lives in Ukraine as a result of the war.

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 and legal matters.
- Community Day will take place on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 5:00 PM until Fireworks. Rain date Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Chester County Commissioners awarded a \$60,063 grant to East Goshen Township for park improvements.

**Public Hearings:** None

**Emergency Services Reports:** None

**Financial Report:** None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Cody made a motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2022 & May 24, 2022.

John seconded.

David noted a spelling correction on the May 3, 2022 minutes.

Motion carried 4-0.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Dave explained the interest rates on current debt service; 2003 General Fund 4.3%, retires in 2023; 2017 General Fund Bonds 2.7%, retires in 2037; 2008 Sewer 4%, retires in 2032; 2013 Sewer 3.1% retires 2033; and 2017 Sewer GO Bonds 2.7 %, retires in 2037. John asked Dave if he looked into refunding this debt. Dave responded.

Dave Ware presented the June 2, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

David made a motion to accept the receipts and approve the expenditures as presented in the Expenditure Register and as summarized in the June 2, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

John seconded.

Michele asked about an expenditure for Cohen Law Group, \$2,640. Dave responded this is the second out of three payments to redo Comcast. Michele noted Brandywine SPCA expense was \$1,564 for 13 stray animals picked up in the month. Dave added that we received reimbursement for two return-to-owner strays.

Motion carried 4-0.

**Old Business:**

**Discussion of possible noise and nuisance ordinance changes.**

Derek stated the Board discussed this in the past and it was decided to now hone in on particular areas, specifically the timeframe that construction is permitted. The recommendation is to remove the noise standards from zoning ordinance and prepare a noise/nuisance ordinance to be presented at the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Attorney Christman added details regarding the current provisions and zoning ordinance.

John asked for clarification on Attorney Christman's proposal. Attorney Christman responded.

David accepts pulling the noise ordinance out of the zoning ordinance and is in favor of overhauling the noise ordinance. David spoke about vibration and measurements, what and how they are enforced, and feels the criteria for enforcement should be specified, along with the definition of a nuisance, and the allowable time for noise. Derek suggested 7AM – 7PM on weekdays and 9AM – 5PM on Saturdays and nothing on Sundays,

John asked if we have nuisance in the ordinance now. Attorney Christman read the specific wording. John suggested pulling out the noise and noise/vibration wording out of the zoning ordinance and defer to the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB). Derek disputed this because it would be administratively enforced. Christman explained the ZHB is not experts in nuisance. John explained ZHB has three attorneys and one alternate attorney on it and feels they can handle it. David made a motion to authorize staff and solicitor to move forward with a draft of the following three ordinance changes: Chapter 156 Noise, with changes pertaining to noise levels

and specific times of day and general review of the ordinance language, Chapter 240 Zoning, to remove noise standards from this chapter, and a new nuisance ordinance that would regulate disturbances beyond noise

John seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

**New Business:**

**Discussion of the Sustainability Advisory Committee's (SAC) possible transition to an Environmental Advisory Council (EAC).**

Derek invited Christi Marshall to speak on this topic and thanked her for the research that she did on this possible transition. Ms. Marshall thanked the Board for inviting her to participate in the next stage. She consulted with WeConservePA to clarify if it would be ok to be called an EAC/SAC. They confirmed there is nothing in the law to prohibit this. Ms. Marshall will send wording for ordinance to Derek.

David feels a combined name is excellent idea. Attorney Christman gave his opinion. Michele thanked Ms. Marshall for researching this topic.

David made a motion to authorize staff and solicitor to move forward with a draft ordinance to develop an ESAC.

Cody seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

**Consider request for shoring equipment by Public Works.**

Michele stated this is a safety issue, this equipment would stabilize the walls, and the cost is fully budgeted.

David made a motion to approve the purchase of a new waler system for trench shoring.

John seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

**Consider appointment of Derek Davis as Zoning Officer.**

Derek stated that Mark Gordon resigned and his last day is this Friday. Derek wished Mark well in his future endeavors.

David made a motion to appoint Derek Davis as Interim Zoning Officer.

Cody seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

**Standing Issues/Projects:**

Hershey's Mill Dam Project – Derek stated that its progressing, should be done by end of summer. Dave added that we received \$250K in grant funding and the total cost is \$1.765M total cost.

Milltown Dam Project – no update on permit. David commented that we made efforts with contacting legislators to move this along. There is no reason for DEP to hold this up. David will reach out to Carolyn Comitta.

**Any Other Matter:** None

**Public Comment:**

Russ Frank, 451 Gateswood, asked if the live Board meetings were taken off YouTube. Derek responded. Mr. Frank stated that the Township website calendar of events does not have a link to the agenda. Derek will look into this. Mr. Frank asked if he could see the Paoli Pike Trail total expenses. Dave responded that the total expense is \$5,482,593. Just over \$3M was grant money and the remaining \$2,410,844 as of now. Michele asked how much over budget this project is. Dave responded that it is \$2M over the original budget. Feeder trails are not in the budget. Mr. Frank asked if we are misleading the Futurist Committee regarding feeder trails. Michele commented the Futurist Committee understands clearly about the feeder trails and that the feeder trails are not budgeted, regardless of what was asked in the survey. Taking out Segments A&B (that was budgeted together) since we haven't done Segment B, Dave added that we are really only \$500K over the original budget. This does not account for Segment A as Dave does not have a direct comparison for Segment A as a stand-alone. Mr. Frank asked if the alternate routes will add to the over budget amount. Dave stated going the cheapest alternate route would put the project on budget. John confirmed the feeder trails were something to be considered at a later date. David commented due to permitting, easements, engineering and other work needed, this process takes a lot of time.

**Liaison Reports:** None

**Correspondence, Reports of Interest:** None

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Cody made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm.

John seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Chris Boylan*  
*Recording Secretary*

Attached: June 2, 2022 Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT		May 17, 2022 - June 2, 2022	
<b>RECEIPTS AND BILLS</b>			
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
Real Estate Tax	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$514,384.23
Earned Income Tax	\$265,800.00	Electronic Pmts:	
Local Service Tax	\$16,200.00	Credit Card	\$15,605.01
Transfer Tax	\$0.00	Postage	\$0.00
General Fund Interest Earned	\$1,317.56	Debt Service	\$2,726.08
Total Other Revenue	\$240,400.09	Payroll	\$237,267.43
<b>Total General Fund Receipts:</b>	<b>\$523,717.65</b>	<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$769,982.75</b>
<b>STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND</b>			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.36		
<b>Total State Liquid Fuels Receipts:</b>	<b>\$0.36</b>	<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</b>			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$84,226.34
Interest Earned	\$178.50	Credit Card	\$0.00
<b>Total Capital Reserve Fund Receipts:</b>	<b>\$178.50</b>	<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$84,226.34</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION FUND</b>			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.01		
<b>Total Transportation Fund Receipts:</b>	<b>\$0.01</b>	<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SEWER OPERATING FUND</b>			
Receipts	\$352,349.97	Accounts Payable	\$34,570.42
Interest Earned	\$251.10	Electronic Pmts:	
		Credit Card	\$1,291.37
		Debt Service	\$22,290.16
<b>Total Sewer Operating Fund Receipts:</b>	<b>\$352,601.07</b>	<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$58,151.95</b>
<b>REFUSE FUND</b>			
Receipts	\$137,456.70	Accounts Payable	\$1,869.57
Interest Earned	\$125.52	Credit Card	\$12,757.47
<b>Total Refuse Fund Receipts:</b>	<b>\$137,582.22</b>	<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$14,627.04</b>
<b>BOND FUND</b>			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$196.79		
<b>Total Bond Fund Receipts:</b>	<b>\$196.79</b>	<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</b>			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$11.57		
<b>Total Sewer Capital Reserve Fund Receipts:</b>	<b>\$11.57</b>	<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>OPERATING RESERVE FUND</b>			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.13		
<b>Total Operating Reserve Fund Receipts:</b>	<b>\$0.13</b>	<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY FUND</b>			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.08		
<b>Total Infrastructure Sustainability Fund Receipts:</b>	<b>\$0.08</b>	<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>ARPA - COVID RELIEF FUND</b>			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$47.90		
<b>Total ARPA - COVID Relief Fund Receipts:</b>	<b>\$47.90</b>	<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>