

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
1580 PAOLI PIKE  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022  
FINAL MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Michele Truitt; Vice Chairman John Hertzog; 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.

**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 everywhere.

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.
- The Pipeline Task Force, Futurists Committee, and Conservancy Board 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.
- Michele commented we had a terrific Art Walk this week. Kudos to Jason, Jess, and Mark Miller and staff.

**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 reported that we are waiting on the landscape maintenance plan and the as-builts.

Milltown Dam Project – Michele reported that we received the project permit. Derek will send out a letter to residents nearby. Staff is working on bid documents and the intent is to capture the required core work and options in order to prepare the most accurate bid documents. Estimated groundbreaking in Spring 2023. A town hall will be conducted after a contractor is selected and before groundbreaking begins.

**New Business:**

**2023 Preliminary Budget presentation – Major Capital Projects and All Other Funds**

Dave Ware presented the 2023 preliminary Capital Projects and All Other Funds Budget.

Dave explained the separate Funds, the requirements for handling, and how each Fund is funded.

David noted that Township debt for the next 10 years is flat-lined. Mike commented we have a \$1.4M Sewer debt obligation through 2032. There is a long time between now and 2032 and if we didn't receive ARPA funds, there could have been a potential to borrow. There is a lot of sewer infrastructure to maintain in the meantime.

John asked how the Milltown Dam project will be funded. Dave responded that \$915K is grant money and \$2M would have to come out of Capital Reserve. Mike added thoughts on how to handle, but stated we need to wait to see bid responses. Derek added that we need to be aware of grant money and the requirements needed to comply with the grant guidelines.

Cody asked what will be left in the 2017 Bond after the Milltown and WGSTP allocation. Dave responded, unless we are under budget on Hershey's Mill project, there will be no 2017 Bond funds remaining.

Mike commented that the Board might want to prioritize the projects to focus on. Michele stated that the Milltown Dam project should be a priority because we just received the permit.

Cody asked how often we must upgrade the sewer infrastructure. Mark Miller responded that the DEP imposes requirements when the permit is renewed and we have about 12 years remaining on the permit. Mike elaborated on the aging sewer infrastructure the unknown costs associated with any repairs to it.

Mike discussed the Operating Reserve Fund and the purpose of same. Mike explained the Capital Reserve is funded by the General Fund. The Infrastructure Sustainability Fund was established for unanticipated infrastructure expense. Michele stated these are all Funds that came from taxpayers. We should be looking at reigning in expense before considering a tax increase.

Michele asked if the lidded toters are budgeted in the Refuse Fund. Dave confirmed.

**Any Other Matter:** None

**Public Comment:**

Marianne Lipton, 1680 E. Strasburg, asked if the Board looks at each line item and determine wants versus needs. She doesn't see the need for Paoli Pike Trail and doesn't see anyone use it.

Michele asked if the Trail can be closed during winter. Mark Miller responded. Cody added that the Paoli Pike Trail is not budgeted in 2023. Ms. Lipton asked what the purpose of the trail is. Mike responded.

Russele Viloski, 1319 Park, asked when construction on Milltown will begin. Derek responded. Michele commented there was a two year delay from DEP. Mike added the Army Core of Engineers required the Township to lower the dam. David added there was also storm water management mandates from the State.

Jim Douglas, 1405 Grand Oak, commented regarding Paoli Pike Trail and asked if we have to finish the trail with the grants. David responded. Mr. Douglas questioned increasing millage during a recession when we have reserves. David responded that when developments were being built, fees were paid, which makes up some of the Fund balance. Cody asked how much of an increase is due to Emergency Services. Dave responded that budget is anticipated to increase \$400K next year. David commented expenses are going up, and so are the Township costs. Cody commented that a ½ mill increase is about \$10 month increase.

Gerry Ruffenach, 200 Reservoir, stated we don't need to build the Paoli Pike Trail.

Joe Buonanno, 1606 Herron, would like to know the total spent on the Paoli Pike Trail. Dave responded. He asked for the West Goshen Sewer Treatment Plant costs. Dave responded. Mark Miller added information regarding the flows. Mr. Buonanno asked if a cost accounting can be done. Michele responded.

**Liaison Reports:** None

**Correspondence, Reports of Interest:** None

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Cody made a motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

John seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Chris Boylan*  
*Recording Secretary*