

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
1580 PAOLI PIKE
TUESDAY, April 18, 2023
FINAL MINUTES**

Note: This meeting was held in person at the East Goshen Township Board Room.

Present: Chairman John Hertzog; Vice Chairman Mike Lynch; Members: Cody Bright, David Shuey, Michele Truitt; Township Manager Derek Davis; Finance Director Dave Ware; Senior Staff Accountant Chris Boylan; WEGO Chief Brenda Bernot; Goshen Fire Company Executive Director Grant Everhart; Attorney Mark Thompson, Lamb McErlane; Erich Meyer (Conservancy).

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

John called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michele called for a moment of silence for first responders, all hospital personnel, WEGO and Goshen Fire Company.

John announced that the meeting is being livestreamed on YouTube.

Chairman's Report:

The board met in executive session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Keep East Goshen Beautiful will take place this Saturday, April 22, 2023. Meet at the township building at 8:00 AM to get a location to pick up litter. Call 610-692-7171 to register.

April 22nd will also be our Arbor Day Celebration immediately following *Keep East Goshen Beautiful Day* & will start by 11:00 AM. The location will be Clymer's Wood where there will be a tree planting.

Emergency Services Reports:

WEGO – Chief Brenda Bernot presented March 2023 activities in East Goshen Township.

Grant Everhart presented Goshen Fire March 2023 report. Flower sale was a huge success.

Derek presented Malvern and Good Fellowship March 2023 report.

Public Hearing: None

Financial Report:

Dave presented March 2023 financial report.

Approval of Minutes:

Michele made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7 and 21, 2023.

Cody seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Dave Ware presented the April 13, 2023 Treasurer's Report.

Cody made a motion to accept the receipts and approve the expenditures as presented in the Expenditure Register and as summarized in the April 13, 2023 Treasurer's Report.

Michele seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

Consider passage of Ordinance No. 129-C-2023, allowing for earned income and real estate tax credits for volunteer first responders.

Derek explained the Board discussed this topic at previous meeting. Derek also reviewed the details of this Ordinance and the following Resolution.

Cody made a motion to approve Ordinance no. 129-C-2023, amending Chapter 211 of the East Goshen Code to add a new article allowing for earned income and real estate tax credits for qualifying first responder volunteers.

Michele seconded.

David asked if any East Goshen residents volunteer with Malvern and questioned the less stringent qualification criteria. Derek explained. Grant added specifics regarding the Goshen Fire Co.

Cody requested if an amendment can be made to this Ordinance. David is not supportive of this due to the criteria differences between Goshen Fire and Malvern Fire. Michele would like to remove Malvern Fire portion of this Ordinance in order to review further.

Further discussion evolved.

John moved to table this topic.

Mike seconded.

Discussion occurred relative to achieving parity. Derek will discuss with Malvern Fire and Grant.

Attorney Thompson added this Ordinance was advertised and stated the Board could pass the Ordinance and refrain on the Resolution until the language is modified appropriately.

John withdrew his motion to table.

Cody's original motion is up for consideration. Michele originally seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Consider passage of Resolution 2023-07, specifying eligibility criteria and credit amounts for Ordinance No. 129-C-2023.

David made a motion to table Resolution 2023-07, establishing eligibility criteria for first responder volunteer organizations as well as the specific value of said credits.

Mike seconded.

Motion carried 5-0 to table.

Consider passage of Ordinance No. 129-D-2023, allowing volunteer fire companies to seek reimbursement for hazardous abatement incidents.

Derek explained the Board discussed this topic at the previous meeting. Derek detailed the intention of this Ordinance, specifically that fire companies within the jurisdiction of East Goshen Township would be authorized to seek reimbursement from insurance companies.

David made a motion to approve Ordinance no. 129-D-2023, authorizing volunteer fire companies within the jurisdiction of East Goshen Township to seek reimbursement for hazardous abatement incidents, environmental incidents, and fire and rescue responses.

Michele seconded.

Mike asked Attorney Thompson that with adoption of this Ordinance, does it place any unintentional obligations on the Township. Attorney Thompson confirmed no.

Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

Presentation of Tree City, U.S.A plaque by Michele Truitt on behalf of Conservancy Committee.

East Goshen was named a Tree City, U.S.A by the Arbor Day Foundation. Michele presented a plaque to commemorate this occasion to Board Chair John Hertzog. Tree planting will be on Saturday. John acknowledged all the hard work by the Conservancy

Board and their liaison and thanked them for their work. Derek gave a shout out to Ashley for her work on this as well.

Consider approval of initial surveying and engineering costs for the Milltown Pocket Park on School Lane.

Mike made a motion to authorize the initial surveying and engineering costs for the Milltown Pocket Park Project for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Michele seconded.

Derek stated staff and Pennoni met at this location to review. This is a budgeted project. This would be the next step for the development of the Milltown Pocket Park.

Cody thanked Michele, John, Mike and David for their work on this project.

Motion carried 5-0.

Acceptance of resignation of Edward Decker from the Planning Commission. .

Cody made a motion to accept the resignation of Edward Decker from the East Goshen Planning Commission for a term that originally expired at the end of 2025.

Michele seconded. Michele thanked Ed for his contribution to East Goshen Township. John stated this is an important position that needs to be filled. Derek added that he has a resume from someone who was interested last year Derek said we are soliciting resumes for Planning Commission, the sooner the better.

Motion carried 5-0.

Standing Issues/Projects:

Milltown Dam Project – Derek spoke to DCNR and Gannett Fleming. There is a 30-day review process. Gannett Fleming will begin uploading bid documents and discuss dates for pre-bid and bid timeframe, which should be open in about five weeks. However, the majority of 2023 will be consumed with dewatering of the dam in that area. John asked for an explanation on dewatering. Derek responded. Cody asked about timeline. Derek responded.

Hershey's Mill Estates Sewer Line Replacement – This project is complete and will be removed from future agendas. David reported as a resident in this area that it is looking good. Mark Miller is working with the HOA to determine tree placement.

Bow Tree - Dave commented that we set up a new account to receive the LSA grant funds Dave confirmed that as of March 16, 2023, the award date, we can begin incurring costs. Mark Miller reached out for pre and post dredging estimates. This will be paid out of Infrastructure Sustainability Fund and be paid back by grant.

Any Other Matter:

John asked David, as the Pipeline Task Force (PTF) liaison, about the emergency evacuation plan. David responded that the PTF was looking into how to have an evacuation plan and specifically for the unique population of East Goshen Township. The Task Force acknowledged that they don't have the skillset to write our own plan. Then the County awarded their plan and, in their plan, they are including an evacuation and hazard mitigation plan for each Township. The County has had two meetings already and the PTF members attended and hopes in the future to provide input on the unique Township characteristics. Derek added there was a third meeting just with staff level and he and Ashley attended.

Michele brought up that, a couple of years ago, she was liaison with the Sustainability Committee and brought up the topic of a metal recycling plan. Michele would like to hold a metal recycling event to reduce tonnage put in landfills. Michele would like the Township to educate residents. David, as ESAC liaison, will bring this up to ESAC for consideration. Mike wants to make sure that Blosenski has an opportunity, within our contract, to support this type of effort. John would like the Committees to be more active and do this type of work so as not to impose this on staff. Derek added his thoughts.

Peter Hicks, 1325 Paoli Pike, asked why the Township wouldn't have a dumpster at the Township Building for this. Michele responded that residents might put unqualified items in there. John added that is possible that we have a dumpster and someone man it to monitor what is put in it. Derek explained how West Goshen Township handled this.

Dave commented that the Township currently incurs a fee from Paymentus for each residents who pays their utility bills on the East Goshen Township website. Coming soon, we will implement a new software system and Dave suggested the fee be incurred by residents who use this service. The Board commented favorably to this idea. The Township will continue to offer a free utility bill electronic payment program for residents who wish to enroll.

Public Comment: None

Liaison Reports:

David, as the PTF liaison, suggested residents pay attention to the Greater Philadelphia Mach One project, which is the hydrogen generation and hydrogen transport that is going to be proposed. Mach One is made up of Mariner, Williams, and Texas Eastern, and all of the oil companies. The idea is to generate blue hydrogen, which is made from methane gas, and is another use of the fracked gas coming from Utica and Marcellus. Blue hydrogen is not as clean as green hydrogen. The issue is transportation, this hydrogen needs to be under high pressure (over 2,100 psi) to liquefy it. The NGLs coming through East Goshen Township are tested at 2,100 psi and run about 1,200 at the pumping stations. There is a possible recommendation to put in new pipelines to carry hydrogen. East Goshen Township does have a pipeline saturation ordinance restricting more pipelines without Board permission.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Cody motioned to adjourn at 8:09PM.

Michele seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Boylan
Recording Secretary

Attached: April 13, 2023 Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT		March 30, 2023 - April 13, 2023	
RECEIPTS AND BILLS			
GENERAL FUND			
Real Estate Tax	\$3,763.96	Accounts Payable	\$622,953.29
Earned Income Tax	\$30,346.03	Electronic Pmts:	
Local Service Tax	\$548.58	Debt Service	\$0.00
Transfer Tax	\$46,184.11	Payroll	\$164,588.86
General Fund Interest Earned	\$18,390.44		
Total Other Revenue	\$834,811.52		
Total General Fund Receipts:	\$934,044.64	Total Expenditures:	\$787,542.15
STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$11.68		
Total State Liquid Fuels Receipts:	\$11.68	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$17,960.88		
Total Capital Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$17,960.88	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
TRANSPORTATION FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$1,921.97		
Total Transportation Fund Receipts:	\$1,921.97	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
SEWER OPERATING FUND			
Receipts	\$24,814.98	Accounts Payable	\$324,021.23
Interest Earned	\$2,465.86	Electronic Pmts:	
		Debt Service	\$0.00
Total Sewer Operating Fund Receipts:	\$27,280.84	Total Expenditures:	\$324,021.23
REFUSE FUND			
Receipts	\$5,194.71	Accounts Payable	\$118,445.57
Interest Earned	\$774.97		
Total Refuse Fund Receipts:	\$5,969.68	Total Expenditures:	\$118,445.57
BOND FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$7,279.88		
Total Bond Fund Receipts:	\$7,279.88	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$7,668.13		
Total Sewer Capital Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$7,668.13	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$6,388.57		
Total Operating Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$6,388.57	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$6,528.76		
Total Infrastructure Sustainability Fund Receipts:	\$6,528.76	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
ARPA - COVID RELIEF FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$1,782.14		
Total ARPA - COVID Relief Fund Receipts:	\$1,782.14	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00