

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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TUESDAY, June 6, 2023
DRAFT 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; Zoning Officer Duane Brady; 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 7:01pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike called for a moment of silence for first responders and those who are on the front lines to maintain our safety and security.

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.

The Marydell Pond ribbon cutting was held with Michele and Mike in attendance, along with residents. Jason Lang also attended and stayed for the Camp Out. The Bow Tree Pond is next. Michele added the Camp Out was a huge success and with no incidents. Michele thanked the Fire Department for making sure the camp fires were maintained and contained.

Emergency Services Reports:

Grant Everhart presented Goshen Fire April 2023 report and year-to-date figures showing a 20% increase over last year, primarily EMS calls. Michele thanked WEGO and Grant for the professional crew who responded to her family's emergency.

John asked about how to stop all the false alarms on Grant's report. Grant commented that in the U.S., we are reactionary and it comes down to liability. In other areas of the world there is much more verification done by the alarm company before it gets to the Fire Company.

Derek presented Malvern and Good Fellowship April 2023 report.

Public Hearing: None

Financial Report:

Dave presented April 2023 financial report.

1 John asked about Bond Fund expenses. Dave responded that payment was made for West
2 Goshen Sewer Treatment Plant.

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4 **Approval of Minutes:**

5 Cody made a motion to approve the minutes of May 2, 2023.

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7 Mike seconded.

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9 Motion carried 5-0.

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11 **Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

12 Dave Ware presented the June 1, 2023 Treasurer's Report.

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14 Cody made a motion to accept the receipts and approve the expenditures as presented in
15 the Expenditure Register and as summarized in the June 1, 2023 Treasurer's Report.

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17 Michele seconded.

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19 Motion carried 5-0.

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21 **Old Business:**

22 **Stormwater Ordinance Update.**

23 Derek reviewed the background and details of this topic and presented in his memo to the
24 Board. This is a mandated update through the County and the Commonwealth. At a
25 previous Board meeting, the Board voted to advertise.

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27 Discussion only tonight. New ordinance to be presented at the July 18, 2023 Board
28 meeting.

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30 Michele asked if we need to sunset the Stormwater Appeals Board or if Derek can see
31 how it was formed. Derek will look into this in preparation for the July 18th meeting.

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33 John asked about the recent Supreme Court ruling on wetlands. Attorney Thompson
34 responded this involves the Clean Water Act regulation of wetlands. This Act won't
35 affect the Stormwater Ordinance discussed.

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37 **New Business:**

38 **Pension Ordinance Update for Goshen Fire Company.**

39 Dave stated there was discussion with the actuary and Grant. This is part of the Collective
40 Bargaining Agreement. Dave explained the details as presented in his memo to the
41 Board, which was included in tonight's agenda.

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43 Michele made a motion to advertise the Pension Ordinance for Goshen Fire Company
44 DROP program.

45 Cody seconded.

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47 Motion carried 5-0.

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49 **Sewer Rate Review and Recommendation.**

1 Dave explained in order to be communicative with residents and get information out to
2 residents early, he prepared a 10 year plan that evaluates current projects, complete sewer
3 treatment plant and pump stations inventory and incorporates discussion with the
4 Municipal Authority and Public Works Director Mark Miller. This does not include any
5 unexpected projects, such as the recent Hershey's Mill Estate sewer failure. There is no
6 vote required tonight. Dave reviewed multiple scenarios for sewer rates. Dave feels that a
7 quarterly sewer bill increase of \$20 effective January 2024 would be sufficient through
8 2028.

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10 Mike questioned if these projections are to cover capital, not necessarily to cover routine
11 operations. Dave clarified the projections include both.

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13 Michele asked about the West Goshen facility projection. Dave stated this is his
14 projection. Michele asked if Dave could reach out to West Goshen for their projection.
15 Dave responded their Sewer Authority does not have a financial person.

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17 David reiterated that Dave's long-range sewer plan does not include unforeseen projects
18 in our aging sewer infrastructure. David asked if we have the results of how many miles
19 of sewer lines we televised and what the condition was of those lines. Mike responded
20 that about 12-15% of the sewer lines are televised each year.

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22 Cody thanked Dave for his work on this projection. Cody requested confirmation that if
23 the \$20/qtr. rate increase is implemented in January 2024, it would cover expenses until
24 2028, with the exception of unexpected sewer failures. Cody asked about the trash
25 contract. Dave responded the trash contract is effective until 2026, so trash rates are set at
26 current rate until then. Cody would like sewer rate information included in the Newsletter
27 so residents are informed.

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29 Russ Frank, 451 Gateswood, commended Dave on his presentation as "one of the best".
30 Mr. Frank asked what the cut-off is where we say we can't maintain this sewer and have
31 to sell to a company like AQUA, like other townships have done. Mike responded that it
32 becomes a discretionary point for the municipality in conjunction with the Municipal
33 Authority. Mike added that he doesn't feel any sense from the Municipal Authority that
34 there is anything but a future with East Goshen Township overseeing the sewer system.

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36 John stated he is proud of the entire Board for taking the position of keeping the sewer
37 system in-house. Mr. Frank asked how something dramatic, like the TND proposal, might
38 affect this projection. David responded the TND proposal, at its maximum possibility,
39 would have minimal affect.

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41 Mr. Frank asked how this message will be communicated to residents. Dave responded
42 he is open to ideas but we have the newsletter, the website, we could prepare a video
43 explaining the proposition, meeting with HOAs.

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45 Discussion item only, no action taken.

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47 **ESAC Resignation – Alice Lenthe.**

48 Derek explained that Ms. Lenthe is moving out of East Goshen Township and is
49 resigning as member and vice-chair of ESAC effective immediately.

1 Michele made a motion to accept Alice Lenthe's resignation.

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3 David seconded and thanked Alice for her service on this committee. She was a valuable
4 member and David wanted to publicly thank her.

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6 Motion carried 5-0.

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8 **Standing Issues/Projects:**

9 Milltown Dam Project – Derek stated that an update letter was mailed to residents today.
10 Bidding is posted live on PennBid online now. pre-bid meetings to be held on Thursday,
11 June 8. Bids accepted through July 10, 2023.

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13 Milltown Pocket Park – Pennoni completed the ground survey. The total anticipated
14 expense for delivery, equipment and installation is \$32-33K, significantly less than
15 original budget expectation. Ground needs to be prepped before manufacturer can do the
16 install. Anticipated early Fall.

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18 Bow Tree Pond – Derek had no update but Dave added that Public Works is purchasing
19 the dewatering bags and Mark wanted to go on-site to another municipality to see how
20 they are handling a similar project.

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22 **Any Other Matter:**

23 David asked if we are required by any ordinance or law to do an Emergency Services
24 Report at every Board meeting. Derek will look into this.

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26 John asked why we don't have a Memorial Day ceremony.

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28 **Public Comment:** None

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30 **Liaison Reports:** None

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32 **Correspondence:** None

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34 **Adjournment:**

35 There being no further business, Cody motioned to adjourn at 8:18PM.

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37 Michele seconded.

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39 Motion carried 5-0.

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41 Respectfully submitted,

42 *Derek Davis*

43 *Township Manager*

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45 Attached: June 1, 2023 Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT		April 27, 2023 - June 1, 2023	
RECEIPTS AND BILLS			
GENERAL FUND			
Real Estate Tax	\$140,471.22	Accounts Payable	\$628,402.94
Earned Income Tax	\$1,239,607.75	Electronic Pmts:	
Local Service Tax	\$74,022.89	Debt Service	\$1,389.98
Transfer Tax	\$35,547.05	Payroll	\$411,318.54
General Fund Interest Earned	\$22,984.05		
Total Other Revenue	\$227,077.31		
Total General Fund Receipts:	\$1,739,710.27	Total Expenditures:	\$1,041,111.46
STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$1,300.56		
Total State Liquid Fuels Receipts:	\$1,300.56	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$71,921.68
Interest Earned	\$18,184.35		
Total Capital Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$18,184.35	Total Expenditures:	\$71,921.68
TRANSPORTATION FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$1,929.27		
Total Transportation Fund Receipts:	\$1,929.27	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
SEWER OPERATING FUND			
Receipts	\$658,979.91	Accounts Payable	\$296,674.64
Interest Earned	\$3,038.88	Electronic Pmts:	
		Debt Service	\$20,656.39
Total Sewer Operating Fund Receipts:	\$662,018.79	Total Expenditures:	\$317,331.03
REFUSE FUND			
Receipts	\$197,309.44	Accounts Payable	\$120,546.89
Interest Earned	\$830.13		
Total Refuse Fund Receipts:	\$198,139.57	Total Expenditures:	\$120,546.89
BOND FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$2,542.85
Interest Earned	\$7,337.95		
Total Bond Fund Receipts:	\$7,337.95	Total Expenditures:	\$2,542.85
SEWER CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$7,790.56		
Total Sewer Capital Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$7,790.56	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
OPERATING RESERVE FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$6,412.80		
Total Operating Reserve Fund Receipts:	\$6,412.80	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$6,640.67		
Total Infrastructure Sustainability Fund Receipts:	\$6,640.67	Total Expenditures:	\$0.00
ARPA - COVID RELIEF FUND			
Receipts	\$0.00	Accounts Payable	\$276,949.08
Interest Earned	\$1,251.09		
Total ARPA - COVID Relief Fund Receipts:	\$1,251.09	Total Expenditures:	\$276,949.08