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**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
1580 PAOLI PIKE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

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

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

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

John Hertzog called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mike led the Pledge of Allegiance.

David asked for a moment of silence for first responders.

John stated the meeting is being recorded via Zoom and will be available on the Township website.

Chairman's Report:

John announced the 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. Also, 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.

Derek correct the Date for the Township Yard Sale is Saturday September 16th.

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 it was approved at the last weeks Board of Supervisors meeting.

Milltown Dam Project – Derek stated this is planned for the fall.

Bow Tree Pond – Derek stated the work will begin in October.

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New Business:

Dutt's Mill HOA and a 2024 stream bank project - Derek provided a brief overview of what is happening at Dutt's Mill and wanted the Board of Supervisors involved in the decision. There is erosion along the stream bank going through the Dutt's Mill property that needs to be repaired. There is a section of the bank that needs to be addressed but is not clear on maps who owns the property.

Linda, 205 Dutts Mill East, agreed with Derek's overview. She is asking for assistance in fixing the erosion near the bridge so the HOA can then repair the stream bank on their property. She has provided the township maps of the property.

Shawn, 223, Dutts Mill East, is in agreement with Linda and wants stone installed near the bridge to help with the erosion.

The Board all agreed for Derek to proceed with contacting the solicitor for a legal opinion of who owns the property and if warranted to discuss with the engineer.

2024 Preliminary General Fund Budget presentation.

Dave Ware presented the 2024 preliminary General Fund Budget.

Mike noted the \$500,000 increase in the budget for emergency services as well as the increase in the sewer wages and stormwater.

John asked about infrastructure in the budget and the long range plan to not go upside down and have to increase taxes again.

Mike asked for an explanation of the 2023 tax increase and the relationship to the 2023 budget projection, draft of the 2024 budget and the ten year plan.

Michele commented that there is a WEGO finance committee meeting coming up to review their budget. Once that is done they can discuss the WEGO requests.

Grant Everhart spoke about the Goshen Fire Company budget increases for salaries, apparatus and building expenses.

Mike is concerned that the increase in wages is going to be an annual thing and will not be sustainable.

Michele is concerned about the rumors of Goshen Fire Company becoming an ASL Department.

Grant stated there are no ALS cost in this budget.

Cody asked for what grants the Goshen Fire Company has been awarded in the last five years. Each Board member gave their view on the state of the 2024 budget.

1 Derek suggested for every board member to go through the line item budget and to be prepared
2 to discuss in detail in October.

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4 **Any Other Matter:** None

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6 **Public Comment:** None

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8 **Liaison Reports:** None

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10 **Correspondence, Reports of Interest:** None

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12 **Adjournment:**

13 There being no further business, Michele made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

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15 David seconded.

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17 Motion carried 5-0.

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19 Respectfully submitted,

20 *Jessica Wilhelmy*

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