EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING 1580 PAOLI PIKE TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024 FINAL MINUTES

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

<u>Present</u>: Chairman Michele Truitt; John Hertzog, Cody Bright, Peter Hicks, Barbara Emery; Township Manager Derek Davis; Finance Director Dave Ware; Chief Brenda Bernot; Goshen Fire Chief Grant Everhart, Erich Meyer (Conservancy)

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Cody led the moment of silence for our first responders.

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

Chairman's Report:

Michele announced the township building will be closed Wednesday, June 19th in recognition of the Juneteenth holiday. She also reminded the board about East Goshen's Community Day is on Saturday, June 29th, at East Goshen Park.

Public Comment: None

Emergency Services Reports:

WEGO - Chief Brenda Bernot presented May 2024 activities in East Goshen Township.

Goshen Fire Co – Grant Everhart presented Goshen Fire May 2024 report. He also updated the board on the Mother's Day Flower sale and they are starting to prepare for the Goshen Fair. They also just applied for a Community Funding Grant.

Dave asked about their man hours year to date.

Derek stated there is no representative from Malvern Fire Company and Good Fellowship both reports for May 2024 are in the packet.

Public Hearings: None

Financial Report:

Dave presented the May 2024 report.

Minutes:

Cody and Derek provided an update to the minutes.

Cody made a motion to approve the minutes for May 7 and May 21 as amended.

Peter seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave Ware presented the May 16, 2024 to June 13, 2024 Treasurer's Report.

Cody asked how many mailbox reimbursement there were this year.

Dave answered there was one for a fifty dollar reimbursement and four for a twenty five dollar reimbursement.

John asked about the Verizon bill.

Dave answered the Verizon bill covers the cost of cell phones for administrative staff, board of supervisors and public works.

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

Michele seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

Highland Avenue ballot result for traffic calming measures.

Derek provided an overview of the ballot results.

John made a motion to authorize the Township Manager and Public Works Director to move forward with the new, three speed hump design set forth by our engineer and have it be incorporated into the Highland Avenue re-pavement project.

Peter seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

New Business:

Appointment of Daigle Law Group for WEGO study

Derek provided an overview of the WEGO study.

Cody made a motion to accept the Police Commission's recommendation to move forward with the Daigle Law Group on a study evaluating and analyzing the staffing model and structure of the WEGO police department for an amount not exceed \$50,000.

John seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion and possible vote on township sewer rate increase.

John asked Dave about the new numbers.

Dave answered.

Cody made a motion to approve a \$5.00 increase to the fixed rate and a \$2.30 increase to the variable rate to be implemented in the July 2024 quarterly billing.

Michele seconded.

Motion accepted 5-0.

Long-range budget planning/discussion.

Dave went over the long-range budget planning.

301 Reservoir Road (Timbermill) - Preliminary Plan passage.

Derek provided an overview of 301 Reservoir Road.

Cody made a motion to approve the 301 Reservoir Road/Timbermill Subdivision plan for preliminary plan approval. Based on the recommendation of the Township Planning Commission, Township Staff, and Township Engineer.

John seconded.

Motion accepted 5-0.

1143 N. Chester Road ZHB Application – Variance Request.

Derek provided an overview of the variance request.

James Schroeder gave details on why they are asking for the variance request.

Michele made a motion to vote in favor of the dimensional variance requested by the Schroeders to allow a six-foot solid fence to be placed within the required front yard to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Peter seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

ESAC resignation of Christi Marshall.

Derek provided an overview and thanked Christi for her service.

Barbara made a motion to accept the resignation of Christi Marshall from the Environmental & Sustainability Advisory Council.

Michele seconded.

Motion accepted 5-0.

Appointment of new Chair for ESAC:

Derek an overview on appointing a new chair.

Barbara made a motion to appoint Anthony Natale, current ESAC member, as the interim Chair of the East Goshen Environmental & Sustainability Advisory Council.

Peter seconded.

Motion accepted 5-0.

Resignation of David Shuey from Pipeline Task Force.

Derek provided an overview and thanked David for his service.

Barbara made a motion to accept David Shuey's resignation from East Goshen's Pipeline Task Force.

John seconded the motion.

Motion accepted 5-0.

2024-25 Deer Management Program.

Cody made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Deer Management Program resolution and the Deer Management Groups to participate in the 2024-2025 Township Archery Hunting Program.

John seconded.

Motion accepted 5-0.

Standing Issues/Projects:

Milltown Dam Project

Derek stated Public Works is still working on the trail. The Dam work is done and now they are working on the restoration.

John commented on the Hershey Mill Dam Project.

Any Other Matter

Michele announced that she attended the COG meeting. They are looking to create an Emergency Operation Plan for the surrounding municipalities.

Public Comment:

David Shuey, East Goshen Resident, expressed his opinion on the police expense and the new study.

Liaison Reports:

Barbara announced the Pipeline Task Force was acknowledged for their comments and responses to the Public Utility Commission in February 2022 issue about proposed bill making.

Cody announced there is a vacancy on the Conservancy Board. They are also applying for a tree grant from Giant.

Correspondence, Reports of Interest: None

<u>Adjournment:</u> There being no further business, Cody motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:01.

John seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Wilhelmy