

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
PENSION COMMITTEE MEETING
East Goshen Township Building
October 8, 2024, 10am**

Present: Bill Smith, Michele Truitt (Chair of Board of EGT Supervisors), David Shuey, Dave Ware, and Mark Miller. Non-members Derek Davis (Township Manager) as staff liaison was also present.

Bill called the meeting to order at 10:12am, led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked if anyone was recording the meeting. Mark made a motion to approve the June 2024 minutes and David seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Dave Ware provided a liaison report: Pension State aid for 2024 came in higher than anticipated. Working with Jim Kennedy and forecast payroll for 2024 (including 9 months actual), an additional \$25K deposit was made to the NUDC Trust. Dave explained the split between plans and that excess goes to the Goshen Fire Company NUDB plan. He also stated that by not using Police Trust funds the past two years and allowing the market to correct, the balance is now up \$300K or 32% higher than December 31, 2022.

Bill discussed market conditions and changes. He also shared that his current position involves municipalities and dealing w/ MMO's so he has seen the same issues that have caused the dramatic increase in them across Townships as the valuation cycle calculation now reflects the negative years experienced during and post-CoVid. While inflation has come down, the Federal Reserve has dropped the base interest rate (0.5%), but housing prices remain elevated and supply continues to be shallow. Brad Warner (CBIZ/InR) called in to discuss the portfolio performance – lower weighting of International in equity and focus on short-term bonds has helped EGT's portfolio to outperform the overall indexes. Valuation, rebalancing, and the assumed interest rate will be discussed/reviewed with the committee in January 2025.

Dave asked for input on the possibility of retaining additional State Funding for the NUDC plan versus passing excess to the FF NUDB plan. The group agreed it Dave should look into it as long as salaries don't project to outpace State Funding which would add Township financial liability that does not currently exist. Dave suggested 0.5% increase in the Township NUDC contribution (from 5.5% to 6.0%) but would look into it further to verify.

The Pension Committee agreed to January 7, 2025 at 10:00am as the next meeting. There being no further business, Bill adjourned the meeting at 10:52 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Ware, Director of Finance