

**EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chad Leese called the Tuesday, April 2, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:10 PM in the meeting room of the Township, 8848 Jonestown Road, Grantville, PA followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. An Executive Session was held tonight beginning at 6:30 PM until 7:08 PM to discuss potential litigation.

Chairman Leese stated that the meetings are audio taped. The tapes are strictly for the use of the Recording Secretary for clarification during preparation of the minutes. The Public Guidelines of Decorum require all individuals wishing to make public comments do so at the microphone and state their name and address.

IN ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS:

Chad Leese, Chairman
Rebecca Oller, Vice-Chairperson
Tina Hastie
Keith Espenshade

ALSO PRESENT:

Nicholas Yingst, Township Manager
E. Lee Stinnett, Township Solicitor-Salzman Hughes
Bryan Ziegler, Public Works Director
Sharon Umberger, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 19, 2024

The motion to approve the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes from March 19, 2024 was tabled until the April 16, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting since Chairman Leese and Keith Espenshade abstained from the vote having not attended the meeting.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Lower Dauphin Communities That Care Report

Angela Durantine and Jim Hazen provided an overview of a few of the LDCTC programs which include Books on Board bookmobile, Preschool Literacy Outreach, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Club Ophelia, DTRT (Do the Right Thing) award program and WOW (Wellness on Wheels) with Penn State Health.

Release of contributions for Lower Dauphin Communities That Care

Mrs. Oller made a motion to authorize a \$2,500 contribution to LDCTC. Mrs. Hastie seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

DARE Program Report

Sergeant Eugene Spencer and Officer Josh Martin of the Hummelstown Borough Police Department shared the information on the School Resource Officer assigned to the Lower Dauphin School District and the DARE program.

Release of contributions for DARE Program

Mrs. Oller made a motion to authorize a \$2,000 contribution to the Borough of Hummelstown for the DARE program. Mrs. Hastie seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Invoices due and paid 03/20/24-03/27/24	03/27/24 Invoices for Consideration on 04/02/24
General Fund	\$ 52,832.62	\$ 44,328.63
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 28,657.90	\$ 26,933.88
Stormwater Fund	\$ 0	\$ 26,420.24
Total	\$ 81,490.52	\$ 97,682.75
Total Checks Written	03/20/24-04/02/24	\$ 179,173.27

Approval of Invoices: Mrs. Hastie made a motion to approve the invoices as presented from March 20, 2024 through April 2, 2024. Mrs. Oller seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Approval of Fund Transfers:

Mrs. Hastie made a motion to approve the transfer of \$200,000 from JBT Liquid Fuels checking account to the PLGIT Liquid Fuels account. Mrs. Oller seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Mrs. Hastie made a motion to approve the transfer of \$350,000 from JBT Stormwater checking account to the PLGIT Stormwater account. Mrs. Oller seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

A Notice from Dauphin County Board of Assessment Appeals about an Assessment Appeal/Exemption Request for Property ID 25-011-056-000-0000 seeking exemption as a House of Worship was received.

REPORTS:

Public Works Report: Mr. Ziegler shared that he contacted LTAP about placement of speed limit signs at the entrance of the Fairfield development and there is no speed study required. The amphitheater foundation is curing and the building should arrive by May 1st. He asked that the Board hold off making any decisions about the Furnace Road Bridge until a definite answer is received about a potential third round of funding through the Dauphin County Bridge Bundling Program.

Manager's Report: Mr. Yingst shared that Michael Wetten's first day of work as our new Wastewater Treatment Facilities Operator was March 25th and he is training side-by-side with Curt Cassel and Doug Spotz. HB 2055 (regarding the swap of Bow Creek Road and Canal Road) was unanimously reported out of the House Transportation Committee earlier this month. Representative Mehaffie anticipates it will be considered as an omnibus bill before both houses later this year. Mr. Yingst also worked on coordinating the process for identifying and submitting delinquent sewer and stormwater balances to Portnoff Law Associates for collection.

Solicitor's Report: The Solicitor had no standalone report.

Grantville Volunteer Fire Company Report: Grant Garland, GVFC President, shared that the MOU is near completion and should be provided by the end of the month. The Jonestown Road property has been listed with NAI CIR and will be receiving offers on the property. Chief Saul Schmolitz submitted the GVFC monthly reports. He shared that there have been 80 calls for the year and still averaging 7 plus members a call. An approval was given to Equity Roofing to move ahead with replacing the USPS office roof.

Fort Indiantown Gap: The schedule of major training events for April 2024 are Artillery Firing (8 AM to 10 PM) on April 1-4 and on April 18-21 and Helicopter Door Gunnery (1 PM to 11:59 PM) on April 22-24.

South Central Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Jason Campbell, Chief and CEO of SCEMS, was not present but provided a written report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proposal for Jonestown Road vehicle length restriction signage in West Hanover Township

Solicitor Stinnett reported that West Hanover is fine with East Hanover proceeding with this project. The BOS tabled discussion until its next meeting in two weeks when the Township Engineer is present to recap any changes and ensure there is Board consensus to move forward with the new signage based on anticipated costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ratifying CapCOG award for 2024 paving and other projects

Mrs. Oller made a motion ratifying CapCOG's 2024-2025 cooperative bidding awards and approving the paving award to Pennsy Supply according to the bidding documents at a cost of \$952,853.50. Mrs. Hastie seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Zoning Hearing Board variance application for property at 173 Ridge Road

Mr. Yingst shared an item informing the Board of Supervisors of the variance application submitted by Michael and Michelle Gundy for their property at 173 Ridge Road and it is before the Zoning Hearing Board for consideration in May. The applicant desires to place a garage roughly 3-4 feet outside of the right-of-way and 10-11 feet from the edge of the paved cartway. The BOS agreed to discuss this further at its next meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Sarah Barnabas-283 Pine Road-She wondered if there is any recourse should the solar farm not comply with the court order. No permits have been issued for work to begin.

Richard Shirk-125 Shirks Lane-He wondered if there was a legal agreement in place and whether Sarah Barnabas was given a copy of it, and Solicitor confirmed she was provided with a copy of the document.

BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS:


Rebecca Oller-She shared from the PSATS Legislative Update about legislation affecting townships that are under consideration by the General Assembly. HB 1976 Statewide zoning changes-affordable housing would require municipalities over a population of 5,000 to allow multi-family housing and mixed-use housing in areas that are zoned commercial and have a will-serve letter from both a municipal water and sewer system. HB 2045 Multifamily housing-affordable housing zoning preemption would require a municipality over a population of 5,000 to allow duplex, triplex, or quadplex housing on a lot where single-family residences are permitted. HB 2071 PennDOT installation and maintenance of traffic lights on state roads.

Chairman Leese-Thanked Parks and Rec, the GVFC, and the VFW for the successful Easter Egg Hunt last weekend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Hastie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Oller. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Umberger, Recording Secretary