



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 07, 2021

The Regular Meeting took place in the Township meeting room and also via an Authorized Telecommunication Device (GoToWebinar). Supervisors present included Marc Heppe (Chair), Betsy Fadem (Vice Chair) and Beth D'Antonio. Michael Wacey and Jim Oram attended virtually. Also in attendance were Eugene Briggs (Township Manager), Don Curley (Assistant Township Manager and Director of Public Works), Bill DeFeo (Finance Director), Dave Obzud (Chief, Easttown Police Department), James Dalton (Township Solicitor) and Sharon Norris, (Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager.)

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Heppe called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mr. Heppe announced that this meeting is being recorded and made brief remarks regarding meeting protocol.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Heppe led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Emergency Management Coordinator Storm Update** – Mr. Heppe began the discussion by recognizing Mr. Curley and the Public Works Department for their efforts in response to Hurricane Ida. Rob Schnorr, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave an overview of the storm damage and where affected residents could go to seek assistance. The Board asked questions of Mr. Schnorr and discussed the topic. Mr. Schnorr also updated the Board on the status of COVID in the County. Mr. Heppe asked for public comment. There was no public comment.
4. **Board Motions, Presentations and Resolutions**
 - A. **Consideration of 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pensions** - Mr. Briggs summarized the topic for the Board. David Reid of CBIZ Benefits and Insurance Services, the company that helps the Township manage its pension plans, was in attendance to answer questions. Mr. Heppe called for a motion. Vice Chair Fadem made a motion to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligations for both the non-uniformed and uniformed pension plans in the amount of \$1,039,696.00 for inclusion in the Township's 2022 Budget. The motion was seconded by Mrs. D'Antonio. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mr. Heppe called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.
 - B. **Consideration of 222 Exeter Road Tree Removal and Replacement Plan** – Mr. Curley summarized the plan and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Heppe called for a motion. Mr. Oram made a motion that the Board approve the removal of four (4) specimen trees and replace them with twelve (12) shade trees in accordance with the Tree Replacement Plan prepared by Chester Valley

Engineers, LLC dated June 11, 2021 last revised July 21, 2021 for 222 Exeter Road. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fadem. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mr. Heppe called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0. Mr. Briggs will verify the impervious coverage amount.

C. Consideration of 225 Bella Vista Road Tree Removal and Replacement

Plan – Mr. Curley summarized the plan and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Genesio, the property owner, was also in attendance to answer questions from the Board. Mr. Heppe made a motion that the Board of Supervisors approve the removal of two (2) specimen trees and replace them with six (6) shade trees in accordance with the Tree Replacement Plan prepared by Yohn Engineering, LLC dated June 21, 2021 last revised August 11, 2021 for 225 Bella Vista Road. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mr. Heppe called for the vote. The motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Wacey voting nay.

D. Consideration of 410 Lantern Lane Stormwater Management Plan Waivers –

Mr. Heppe recused himself from the discussion. Township Engineer, Bryan Kulakowsky, presented the plan and answered questions from the Board. Mrs. Fadem called for a motion. Mrs. D’Antonio made a motion that the Board of Supervisors grant waivers from Section 388-17 and Section 188-18 of the Easttown Township Stormwater Management Ordinance for 410 Lantern Lane to allow for stormwater management with no stormwater infiltration on the property and to allow the water quality runoff volume to be discharged from the site. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fadem. Mrs. Fadem called for public comment. Michael DeFlavia, 125 Bartholomew Road, commented on engineering data and the current ordinance. Mrs. Fadem called for the vote. The motion carried 3-1 with Mr. Wacey voting nay.

E. Consideration of Policy #136 Board of Supervisors Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair

– Mrs. Fadem called for a motion. Mrs. D’Antonio made a motion to approve Policy #136, Board of Supervisors Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Oram seconded the motion. Mrs. Fadem clarified the updates to this Policy from last month’s meeting. The Board discussed the Policy. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mr. Heppe called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

5. Departmental Reports

A. Manager Report – Mr. Briggs summarized his report and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. Kate Doms, 230 South Leopard Road, commented on term limits.

B. Public Works Report – Mr. Curley summarized his report and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was no public comment.

6. Regular Township Business

- A. Consideration of the August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes** – Mr. Heppe called for a motion. Mrs. Fadem made a motion to approve the minutes and Mrs. D’Antonio seconded the motion. Mrs. Fadem noted that the minutes should follow the pattern and numbering of the agenda. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mr. Heppe called for the vote. The motion to approve the minutes carried 4-0. (Mr. Oram was unavailable to vote.)
- B. Authorize the Payment of Bills:** \$421,474.84; a total of Warrants (\$270,658.88), and Payroll (\$150,815.96) date ending September 07, 2021. Mr. Heppe called for a motion. Mrs. Fadem made a motion to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Mrs. D’Antonio. The Board of Supervisors reviewed the bills with Mr. DeFeo and staff. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mr. Heppe called for the vote to approve the bills. The motion carried 5-0.

7. Other Business

- A. Stormwater Task Force** – Mrs. D’Antonio lead the discussion on the Township forming a citizens’ Stormwater Advisory Task Force to assist the Township in characterizing stormwater problems and recommending solutions. The Board discussed the topic at length and decided that Mr. Curley and Mrs. D’Antonio will meet to develop a plan for moving forward and return to the Board to discuss this topic at a future meeting. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. Michael DiAndrea, 131 Bartholomew Road, commented on the recent storm, flooding, inlets, outdated systems, snow plowing and the Police Department. Michael DeFlavia commented on the water on Waterloo Road. Ali Mazzeo, 127 Bartholomew Road, commented on procedures for dealing with flooding; John Mazzeo, 127 Bartholomew Road, commented on water issues. Joe Kohn, 240 Sugartown Road, commented on development and waivers.
- B. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Regional Streetlight Procurement Program (LED Lighting)** – Mr. Wacey led this discussion on converting the Township streetlights to LED lighting through a program offered by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). The Board discussed the topic and will ask the Environmental Advisory Council to look into it. Mr. Heppe called for public comment. There was no public comment.
- C. National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) Bridge Over State Route 252** – Mr. Wacey brought this topic to the Board for discussion. It was noted that although the location is not in Easttown, the backups created by the poor design affect Easttown’s back roads which are used to avoid this problem area. Mr. Briggs will contact Tredyffrin Township Manager, Bill Martin, to convey Easttown’s support should Tredyffrin begin a dialogue with PennDOT and Amtrak.

8. Announcements

Mr. Heppe read the following announcements:

The following meetings are scheduled and will be held in the Township meeting room with an option to attend the meeting virtually. Please visit the Township website at www.easttown.org to find information on how to view and participate in each of the meetings and for up to date information on all Township activities.

- Historical Commission Meeting, September 8th at 7:00 PM
- Planning Commission, September 9th at 7:00 PM preceded by a Workshop meeting beginning at 6:30 PM
- Easttown Citizens Advisory Committee, September 13th at 6:15 PM
- Easttown Municipal Authority, September 14th at 7:00 PM
- Board of Supervisors, September 20th at 7:00 PM

9. Public Comment

Mr. Heppe called for public comment. Kate Doms, of the Environmental Advisory Council, requested that the Board of Supervisors approve a lecture they would like to host entitled, “The Impacts of Single Use Plastics on the Environment and What Communities are Doing about Them” by Maurice Sampson, Eastern PA Director, Clean Water Action on October 6th at the Easttown Library. There is no cost associated with this lecture. Mrs. Fadem made a motion to approve this lecture and Mrs. D’Antonio seconded the motion. Mr. Heppe called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 9:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sharon Norris

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