

EPHRATA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING

December 6, 2022

The Ephrata Township Supervisors met this date at 7:00 p.m. at the Ephrata Township Office Building, 265 Akron Road, Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

Present were Supervisors: Clark Stauffer
Ty Zerbe
Anthony Zerbe
Manager: Steve Sawyer
Admin. Asst.: Jennifer Carvell
Engineer: Jim Caldwell
Solicitor: Tony Schimaneck

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Stauffer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to close the Public Comment Period. The motion was seconded by Tony Haws and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tony Haws to dispense with the reading of the November 15, 2022 Supervisors' minutes and to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that the proposed Traffic Ordinance has been advertised in the Ephrata Review as required and can be adopted by the Board at this time. Attorney Schimaneck stated that a Hearing was not required and there was no one in attendance to offer any public comment. Manager Sawyer gave a brief summary of the proposed Traffic Ordinance and the Supervisors were given a draft for their review prior to the meeting. The ordinance will consolidate the original Ephrata Township Traffic Ordinance adopted in 1981 with all of the amendments that have been adopted over the past 40 plus years. Manager Sawyer stated that the Ephrata Police Department will receive a copy of the new ordinance that will be less paperwork and easier for them to use and reference than the multiple ordinances that currently exist.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to approve the Ordinance enacting an updated and restated traffic ordinance in the Township and providing penalties for the violations. The motion was seconded by Tony Haws and carried unanimously.

The ordinance will be in effect in five (5) days.

2023 EPHRATA TOWNSHIP BUDGET

The Board of Supervisors held a budget work session on October 18, 2022. The Board approved the preliminary budget at this meeting and authorized Manager Sawyer to advertise that the preliminary budget was available for review by the public. The proposed budget does not include a real estate tax increase. The milage rate will remain at 1.27 mills.

A motion was made by Tony Haws to approve the 2023 Ephrata Township Final Budget as presented and recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Manager Steve Sawyer

- **Lancaster Clean Water Partners – CAP Implementation Grant Cocalico Creek Restoration Project.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors he recently received an email from the Lancaster Clean Water Partners notifying the Township that we have been awarded an additional \$100,000 of grant funding for the Cocalico Creek Restoration project. The total grant funding for the \$798,720 project is \$591,280 (DCNR - \$345,980 and LCWP - \$\$245,300). The grant funding equals 74% of the cost of the project. The Township will use ARP funds to pay for the remaining 26% or \$207,440.
- **Cocalico Creek Restoration Project – Construction Schedule.** Manager Sawyer provided the Board of Supervisors with a Construction Schedule prepared by Flyway Construction for the Cocalico Creek Restoration Project.
- **PennDOT Letter – Mohler Church Road Bridge.** At the last meeting the Board of Supervisors approved the execution of the Agreement that allows PennDOT to select the consultant to design the bridge and to oversee the construction of the new Mohler Church Road Bridge. This will include the bidding process and environmental clearances/permits needed for the project. Manager Sawyer provided the Board of Supervisors with a copy of a letter that was sent to PennDOT requesting that they consider incorporating a pedestrian trail crossing into the design of the new bridge that would provide for a future extension of the Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail.
- **Accessory Dwelling Agreement – Barbara Foster – 15 Market View Drive.** Manager Sawyer provided the Board of Supervisors with an Accessory Dwelling Agreement that was prepared by the Township Solicitor for a proposed addition to 15 Market View Drive to be used as ECHO housing. This Agreement, if

approved, will be recorded so that any future owners are aware that the proposed accessory dwelling unit cannot be rented out and used as a separate dwelling unit. Any future owner that would like to continue the ECHO housing use would be required to enter into a new Accessory Dwelling Agreement with the Township.

A motion was made by Tony Haws to approve the execution of the Accessory Dwelling Unit Agreement as presented for 15 Market View Drive. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

- **December 20, 2022 ZHB Application – Short-Term Rental.** Manager Sawyer reviewed with the Board a zoning hearing application for the December meeting. Daniel Gallagher is seeking approval for a short-term rental at 1107 Hammon Avenue. After discussion, the Board of Supervisors did not feel that the Township should take a position or present testimony at the hearing.
- **Purchase of F250 Ford Truck.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that the Township just received notice that the Ford F250 that was ordered in the fall of 2021 will be delivered the first week of January 2023.

Solicitor – Tony Schimaneck Solicitor Schimaneck informed the Board that he did not have anything additional information to report at this time.

Township Engineer – Jim Caldwell reported that the following plans/projects are in the review process:

- Cocalico Creek Restoration Project – Site Work
- Alan Martin – Land Development Plan
- East Mohler Church Subdivision – Site Inspections
- Ephrata Mennonite School – Site Inspections
- Concept Excavating – Field Work
- Greg Wilson – Waiver of Land Development
- East Mohler Church – Waiver of Land Development

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to accept the list of checks written and to pay any bills pending. The motion was seconded by Tony Haws and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no additional information reported.

December 6, 2022 Supervisors' Meeting minutes continued

A motion was made by Tony Haws to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

Clark R. Stauffer

Anthony K. Haws

J. Tyler Zerbe