

EPHRATA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING

June 7, 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
	Tony Haws
	Ty Zerbe
Manager:	Steve Sawyer
Admin. Assist.:	Jennifer Carvell
Engineer:	Jim Caldwell

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 to close the public comment period was made by Ty Zerbe. 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 May 17, 2022 Supervisors' Minutes and to approve them as presented. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Manager Steve Sawyer

- **Garden Spot / 272 Traffic Signal Upgrades.** The Board of Supervisors were provided with an email dated May 23, 2022 from Mike Hession, acting Manager of East Cocalico Township. At a May East Cocalico Township Board of Supervisors meeting, the Supervisors discussed adding emergency pre-emption to the traffic signal at Route 897 and Route 272. Emergency service personnel present at the meeting also informed the Board that the traffic signal at Garden Spot Road and Route 272 also does not have emergency pre-emption and should be upgraded as well. This traffic signal is shared by East Cocalico Township and Ephrata Township. All the costs and maintenance of this signal are split 50/50 between the two municipalities. Mike Hession notified the Township that East Cocalico Township has approved the upgrade as requested by Emergency Service Staff for both signals. The total cost of the upgrades at the Garden Spot/272 Traffic Signal is \$17,700.00. East Cocalico Township is requesting that Ephrata Township pay for half of the cost which totals \$8,850.00. Manager Sawyer stated that he is recommending that the Board approve paying half of the cost because he agrees with the decision to add emergency pre-emption to the signal.

However, he recommended that the Township notify East Cocalico Township that in the future we should receive advanced notice of any proposed projects at this signal so that we can provide input and budget for the proposed improvements.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe approving the Township paying one half of the cost of the improvements to the Garden Spot/272 Traffic Signal in the amount of \$8,850.00 and directed staff to notify East Cocalico Township that in the future Ephrata Township should receive advanced notice of any proposed improvements at this traffic signal so that we can provide input and budget for the project. The motion was seconded by Tony Haws and carried unanimously.

- **Hoover DEP Planning Module.** Manager Sawyer presented the DEP Sewage Planning Module for the Hoover Subdivision Plan. A narrative explaining the project was provided to the Board of Supervisors for their review prior to the meeting. The Township Sewage Enforcement Officer and the Township Engineer have recommended approval of the Planning Module.

A motion was made by Tony Haws to approve the DEP Planning Module for Mervin and Lucy Hoover property located at 1723 Diamond Station Road as presented. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

- **Cocalico Bridge Classic Bicycle Ride.** Ephrata Township received a letter dated May, 17 2022 from the Lancaster Bicycle Club notifying the Township of the Lancaster Bicycle Club Annual Covered Bridge Classic Ride that is scheduled for August 21, 2022. The ride would use several Ephrata Township roads. Manager Sawyer forwarded the information to the Ephrata Police Department and Lt. McKim did not have any objections or concerns over the bicycle ride.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to not object to the Lancaster Bicycle Club Annual Covered Bridge Ride using the proposed roads within the Township for their ride scheduled for August 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Tony Haws and carried unanimously.

- **Cocalico Creek Restoration Project - Update.** Manager Sawyer received notice that the Fish and Boat Commission has removed the restriction of construction in the summer months for the Cocalico Creek Restoration Project. Jim Caldwell stated that the contractor was notified and they did not anticipate being able to start the project until the fall due to their current schedule. In addition, Jim Caldwell stated that after a recent site inspection he will be recommending a change to the location of the walking trail to relocate the trail to a higher elevation a little farther from the creek. Rettew will be doing additional research and will prepare a draft plan for review by the Board at a future meeting.
- **Mohler Church Road Truck Accident – March 2022.** Manager Sawyer stated that TMT Trucking, LLC is the owner of the truck that caused damage to the Mohler Church Road Bridge in March of 2022. An invoice for the damage was sent to TMT's insurance company. The Township was notified by the insurance company that TMT's deductible was higher than the invoice amount of \$11,122.00. The invoice was forwarded to TMT Trucking, LLC and they sent an

email requesting that the Township approve a twelve-month payment plan for the \$11,122.00 damage cost.

A motion was made by Tony Haws rejecting the proposed payment plan offered by TMT Trucking, LLC. The invoice shall be paid in full within thirty days or the Township will file a civil complaint against the driver and TMT Trucking, LLC. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

- **Ephrata Township Community Park – Sandbox.** The Township Road Superintendent and cleaning personnel reported that once again there was sand scattered throughout the pavilion area, bathrooms, and playground area. At a prior meeting, this same problem was discussed and the Board of Supervisors directed the Maintenance Department to post signage reminding parents that the sand is to remain in the sand box and if the problem continues the sandbox will be removed. Staff is recommending removing the sandbox.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to direct the Maintenance Department to remove the sandbox from the Ephrata Township Community Park when time permits. The motion was seconded by Tony Haws and carried unanimously.

- **East Main & Pleasant Valley Traffic Signal.** Manager Sawyer reported that he received formal approval from PennDOT for the proposed changes to the signal to allow more protected/permissive left turns at the intersection. Manager Sawyer has notified the Township's signal maintenance contractor, CM High, to schedule the programming changes to the signal.
- **Diversion Diamond Interchange.** Manager Sawyer contacted PennDOT inquiring on a completion date for the Diversion Diamond Project. PennDOT stated that a final inspection is scheduled for June 17, 2022.

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

MS4 Permit Renewal Permit – SWM Ordinance Amendment
Ephrata Crossing East Phase 4-SWM
Autumn Hills – Water Line Repair/Comcast Damage
Hoover Subdivision Plan
Tommy's Carwash/Mavis Tire – Site Inspections
Keystone Mills – SWM Plan
Lincoln Heights Avenue – Sketch Plan
Concept Excavating – Retaining Wall/SWM Plan
Martin Energy – Revised Final Plan

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

Tony Haws stated that there was no additional correspondence that has not already been discussed.

A motion was made by Tony Haws to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

Clark R. Stauffer

J. Tyler Zerbe

Anthony Haws