

EPHRATA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING

July 19, 2022

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

Present were Supervisors: Clark Stauffer
Ty Zerbe
Tony Haws
Manager: Steve Sawyer
Admin Assist: Jennifer Carvell
Engineer: Melissa Kelly
Police: Chief John Petrick

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 July 5, 2022 Supervisors' minutes and to approve them as presented. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Department – Monthly Report.

Chief John Petrick provided the Supervisors with a summary of the calls for service within Ephrata Township for the month of June totaling 361 incidents. There were 10 arrests and 7 traffic citations.

Manager Steve Sawyer

- **ARP Funds.** Manager Sawyer provided the Board of Supervisors with a Memorandum dated June 15, 2022 regarding the American Rescue Plan Funds. Ephrata Township will receive a total of \$1,094,108.00 of federal funding. To date the Township has received \$547,054.00 and the remaining \$547,054.00 is scheduled to be distributed in July of 2022, but has not been received to date. The ARP Funds must be spent by December 31, 2024. The Township Auditors have recommended that the monies be expended over multiple years because a single Audit will be required if the Township spends more than \$750,000.00 in a single

year. Ephrata Township recently opened bids for the restoration of the Cocalico Creek Project. The total project cost is \$798,720. The Township has been awarded a DCNR grant in the amount of \$345,980 and a Lancaster County Clean Water Implementation Grant for the project in the amount of \$145,300. Ephrata Township will use 307,440 American Recovery Plan funds for the project. In addition, the Board of Supervisors authorized the purchase of a new Freightliner dump truck at a cost of \$160,000.00 with the intent of using the ARP Funds. The Board of Supervisors has also discussed using some of the ARP funds for donations to the volunteer fire companies. A report prepared by Jerry Ozog, a consultant hired by Ephrata Borough, included a sample funding allocation formula that could be used by the Township for allocating fire company contributions. Pioneer, Lincoln and Akron Fire Companies cover approximately 90% of the Township. The funding allocation formula in the Ozog report uses assessment, population, and number of calls. Using this formula, 48% of the total contribution would go to Ephrata Pioneer Fire Company, 39% to Lincoln Fire Company and 13% to Akron Fire Company. Action was tabled at the last meeting until such time all three (3) Supervisors were in attendance. Richard Gehman Chief of Lincoln Fire Company sent an email to the Township dated July 18, 2022 for review prior to the meeting and was also present at the meeting to answer any questions. Manager Sawyer stated that the Township makes annual contributions from the General Fund each year and Pioneer and Lincoln each receive 41% Akron receives 18%.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to allocate a one-time contribution totaling \$200,000.00 to the local Pioneer, Lincoln, and Akron Volunteer Fire Companies from the ARP Funds. The motion was seconded by Tony Haws and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tony Haws to allocate \$200,000 of the ARP Funds to the three (3) fire companies at the same %'s used by the Township for the annual general fund contributions. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

- **Weaver Residence (Black Diamond Road) – Financial Security Release.** Manager Sawyer stated that due to the steep slopes and potential for erosion from this property, he requested that Rettew Associates due a site inspection to verify that the storm water facilities and stabilization of the site have been completed correctly prior to releasing the financial security. Rettew Associates completed the inspection and verified that all of the improvements and stabilization have been completed per the plan. Manager Sawyer recommended releasing the remainder of the Financial Security for the Weaver Storm Water Management Plan.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to approve the full release of the Financial Security for the Weaver Storm Water Management Plan. The motion was seconded by Tony Haws and carried unanimously.

- **Mohler Church Road Bridge Resolution.** Manager Sawyer stated that there are four (4) Lancaster County bridges on the 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Ephrata Township Mohler Church Road Bridge is one of the four bridges. Manager Sawyer stated that 95% of the entire project cost including engineering and design fees are funded through federal and state funds, but the remaining 5% is the responsibility of the Township. If the Township would like to move forward with the project, a Resolution is required supporting inclusion of the Mohler church Road bridge on the TIP and a commitment of Ephrata Township funding 5% of the project. A total cost of the project has not yet been determined.

A motion was made by Tony Haws to approve a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Ephrata Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in support of inclusion of the Mohler Church Road Bridge on the 2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and a Commitment of Ephrata Township Paying the 5% Local Match Requirement for the Project. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

- **Ridge Avenue Paving Project.** Manager Sawyer reported that the project began this morning and should be completed by the end of the day Thursday. In addition, the Seal Coating projects have also been completed by Martin Paving. The Township has responded to two (2) written complaints from residents concerning the seal coating.
- **Community Park Pavilion Plan.** Manager Sawyer stated that he contacted Don Good and was provided with plans for a new pavilion to be installed by the small pond at the Ephrata Township Community Park. A copy of the plans were provided to the Board of Supervisors for their review and comment prior to the meeting. The Board of Supervisors directed staff to get a cost estimate for the project.

Township Engineer Melissa Kelly reported that the following plans/projects are in the review process:

Weaver SWMP – As-built Plan/Financial Security Reduction
East Mohler Church Subdivision Plan
Martin Energy - Land Development Plan
Springville Mennonite School
Mervin Hoover Subdivision Pan
Alan Martin - Land Development 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

There was no additional information reported.

July 19, 2022 Supervisors' Meeting minutes continued

A motion was made by Tony Haws to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 A.M. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

Clark R. Stauffer

Anthony K. Haws

J. Tyler Zerbe