

EPHRATA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING

July 5, 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
Manager: Steve Sawyer
Engineer: Kara Kalupson
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 Clark Stauffer and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to dispense with the reading of the June 7, 2022 Supervisors' minutes and to approve the minutes with one correction – page 3 under "Ephrata Township Community Park Signage" delete the first "someone" in the first sentence. The motion was seconded by Clark Stauffer and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Manager Steve Sawyer

- **Storm Water Ordinance Amendment.** Manager Sawyer stated the DEP MS4 Permit requires municipalities to update their Storm Water Management Ordinance per the 2022 DEP model ordinance by September 30, 2022. In addition to the DEP required revisions, staff is recommending amending the loading ratio section by adding the sentence "A higher ratio would be acceptable if proper justification is submitted and approved". Staff is recommending this change to eliminate the need for a waiver if the Township is in support of a higher loading ratio.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to authorize advertising the ordinance as presented for consideration of adoption at the August 2, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Clark Stauffer and carried unanimously.

- **Alan Martin – DEP Planning Module.** Manager Sawyer informed the Board that Alan Martin is proposing to construct a second dwelling unit on his farm located at 197 Martindale Road. A land development plan, prepared by Red Barn, has been

submitted for the project and is currently being reviewed by Rettew Associates. Red Barn has requested that the Township act on the DEP Sewage Planning Module before the land development plan so that it can be sent to DEP for approval. The existing dwelling is serviced by an existing modern well with an existing modern septic system. A replacement area for the existing dwelling was located and reserved by the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer.

The proposed individual on-lot sewer system for the new dwelling will include a grey water / black water system with a two-compartment septic tank, a holding tank, a pump tank, and an above ground absorption area to renovate the septic effluent. The Township SEO, Dale High, has approved and signed the DEP Planning Module.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to approve the DEP Sewage Planning Module for the Alan Martin project. The motion was seconded by Clark Stauffer and carried unanimously.

- **Weaver SWM Plan (Black Diamond Road) – Financial Security Release.** Manager Sawyer recommended tabling action on this request until Rettew Associates can complete a final inspection to verify that the site is completely stabilized.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to table action on the request for a release of financial security until a final inspection is completed by Rettew Associates. The motion was seconded by Clark Stauffer and carried unanimously.

- **Cocalico Creek Restoration Project.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board that the Township has received the official paperwork that DCNR has approved an additional \$150,000 of grant funds for the Cocalico Creek Restoration project. The original DCNR grant for the project was \$195,980 and with the additional \$150,000 the total DCNR grant is now \$345,980. The Township also received a Lancaster County Clean Water Implementation Grant for the project in the amount of \$145,300. The total project cost is \$798,720 and Ephrata Township will fund the remaining \$307,440 with the Township's American Recover Plan funds.
- **Mohler Church Road Bridge – March 2022 Truck Accident.** At a prior meeting a request was made by the trucking company for a payment plan to pay off the \$11,122.00 damage caused to the bridge by accident. The Board rejected the payment plan offered by the trucking company. Manager Sawyer reported that last week the Township received a check for the total amount of the damage so this matter is now closed.
- **Snakehead Fishing Event Report.** Manager Sawyer provided the Board with a copy of an email from Michael Petroski that provided a report of the event held on June 25th. There were three participants and there were several snakehead bites, but there were no snakehead fish landed.
- **Community Park – Pavilion Project.** At a prior meeting the Board discussed the possibility of adding a small pavilion at the Community Park. Manager

Sawyer provided the Board with a plan showing the proposed location of a 25' x 25' pavilion next to the pond at the Community Park. Staff will gather additional information concerning the type of construction and the estimated cost for discussion at a future meeting.

Township Engineer – Kara Kalupson reported that the following plans/projects are in the review process:

- MS4 Services
- Mohler Church Road Bridge – Marking for Line Painting
- Comcast – Street Restoration Observation
- Ephrata Crossing – Construction Observation
- East Mohler Church Subdivision Plan
- Martin Energy - Land Development Plan
- Weaver Precast – As-built Plan/Financial Security Reduction
- Tommy's Carwash/Mavis Tire – Construction Observation
- Springville Mennonite School Subdivision Plan
- 515 North Reading Road – Revised Land Development Plan

Township Solicitor – Tony Schimanek reported that his office has been working on the Storm Water Management Ordinance Amendment previously discussed and he did not have anything else to report.

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 Clark Stauffer and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no additional information reported.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. The motion was seconded by Clark Stauffer and carried unanimously.

Clark R. Stauffer

Anthony K. Haws

J. Tyler Zerbe