

EPHRATA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING

April 18, 2017

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

Present were Supervisors: Clark Stauffer
John Weber
Ty Zerbe
Manager: Steve Sawyer
Admin. Asst.: Jennifer Carvell

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 John Weber and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Stauffer pointed out a clarification on page two under Eugene Martin, 140 E. Mohler Church Road – Request for Second Driveway. The second sentence beginning on the third line should be changed to read, “A plot plan was provided showing the existing driveway and the proposed second driveway which would be placed in an area reserved for a future street if further development of the Martin property occurs in the future”.

A motion was made by John Weber to dispense with the reading of the April 4, 2017 Supervisors' minutes and to approve them as corrected. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

2016 EPHRATA TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT – MEGAN SENKOWSKI, CPA – TROUT EBERSOLE AND GROFF

Megan Senkowski and Krista Showers, of Trout Ebersole and Groff were present. Megan prepared a presentation that gave an overview of the highlights of the 2016 Financial Statements. The Financial Statements will be kept on file at the Township Office. The Supervisors commended Megan on her presentation and also staff for keeping the Township within budget in 2016. Megan thanked the Township for their business and stated it was a pleasure working with Township staff again this year.

STAFF REPORTS

Manager Steve Sawyer

- **ALDI – Indemnity Agreement.** At the April 4th Supervisors' Meeting, Manager Sawyer presented to the Board an Indemnity Agreement prepared by ALDI's Attorney for their review. Manager Sawyer explained to the Board of Supervisors

that Attorney Bob Sisko from MHCK recommended the Indemnity Agreement to protect the Township from potential costs of future litigation between the parties to a private storm water agreement and a private access agreement. Attorney Sisko recommended that the Township approve the Agreement as prepared.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to approve and execute the Indemnity Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by John Weber and carried unanimously.

- **Ephrata Public Library – Go Ephrata Program**. Manager Sawyer received a letter dated April 10, 2017 from Joy Ashley, Director of Development of the Ephrata Public Library requesting the use of the Ephrata Township Park for the Go Ephrata program again this year. The 2017 program is entitled “Go and Build a Better World”. The Library is requesting the Township allow two (2) wooden posts be placed in the Ephrata Township Park. A unique etching plate would be secured to the slanted board and participants would use crayons or colored pencils to “rub” an etching of the picture into their program guide. Supervisor Zerbe stated that this program is geared toward younger children that would be supervised by adults and there were no significant issues in the past. The program will run from June 3rd until mid-August.

A motion was made by John Weber to approve the use of the Township Park for the Go Ephrata Program as requested by the Ephrata Public Library’s letter dated April 10, 2017. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

- **2017 Seal Coating and Line Painting Bids**. The Joint Municipal Road Bids were awarded by Earl Township on April 3, 2017. A copy of the bid tabulation was prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors for their review and approval. Manager Sawyer was very pleased with the pricing that was received and felt that the joint bidding process reduced the cost for the participating municipalities. Manager Sawyer stated that the Township participated in Chip Seal Coating and Line Painting this year and recommended that the Board of Supervisors’ approve the lowest bidder for both items.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to award the 2017 Chip Seal Coat bid in the amount \$66,480.22 to Stewart and Tate. The motion was seconded by John Weber and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Weber to award the 2017 Line Painting to Midlantic Marking, Inc. in the amount of \$16,815.00 for 50,000 linear feet of 4” single white lines and 155,000 linear feet of 4” double yellow lines. The motion was seconded by John Weber and carried unanimously.

- **Schoeneck Road / Stevens Road Intersection - Request for Engine Retarder Restrictions**. A letter was received by Ephrata Township from Scott Sweigart of Schoeneck Road notifying the Board of Supervisors that large trucks are frequently using engine retarders at the four way intersection of Schoeneck Road and Stevens Road. He is requesting that the Township post signs prohibiting the use of engine retarders in this area. Manager Sawyer notified the Board of

Supervisors that Schoeneck Road is a State Road. Manager Sawyer stated PennDot approval is required to erect any signs on a State road. Manager Sawyer also stated that the Township does not have any signs of this nature anywhere in the Township. After discussion, the Board of Supervisors directed Manager Sawyer to contact Scott Sweigart and request that he make a list of the businesses that have truck traffic in this area so that the Township can send a letter to the businesses requesting that their drivers limit their use of engine retarders in this area.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

John Weber reported that there was no additional correspondence to report at this time.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 a.m. The motion was seconded by John Weber and carried unanimously.

Clark R. Stauffer

John L. Weber

J. Tyler Zerbe