

EPHRATA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING

July 16, 2019

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
Tony Haws
Ty Zerbe
Manager: Steve Sawyer
Engineer: Jim Caldwell
Admin Assist: 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 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 July 2, 2019 minutes and to approve them as presented. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Manager Steve Sawyer

- **Video Gaming Terminal – Opt-Out Resolution.** At the May 21, 2019 Supervisors' Meeting, Manager Sawyer presented to the Board of Supervisors a rough draft of the Video Gaming Terminal Ordinance prepared by the Township's Solicitor for their review and comment. Manager Sawyer stated that Act 42, which allows municipalities in Lancaster County to prohibit video gaming terminals was recently approved by the legislature and signed by Governor Wolf. Attorney Jason Hess, from MHCK has prepared a Resolution for the Township to prohibit video gaming terminals within the Township. If a municipality wants to prohibit video gaming terminals, a Resolution must be adopted and delivered to the Gaming Control Board by Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to approve the Resolution as presented prohibiting the location of video gaming terminals within Ephrata Township. The motion was seconded by Tony Haws and carried unanimously.

- **General Recreation – Repair of Playground Safety Surface.** Manager Sawyer presented the Board of Supervisors with a proposal from General Recreation, Inc. for rubber surfacing repairs needed at the playground at the Ephrata Township Community Park. General Recreation has exclusive rights with Safety Turf Inc. who is the company that originally installed the safety surface at the playground. The proposal of \$5,655.00 for the repair is under a Pennsylvania Co-Stars contract. The proposal does not include site preparation or site security while the surfacing is curing. The playground will need to be closed for approximately three (3) days.

A motion was made by Tony Haws to approve the proposal from General Recreation in the amount of \$5,655.00 to repair the safety surface at the playground at the Ephrata Township Community Park. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

- **Martin's Country Market – Community Yard Sale.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that he received a letter dated July 8, 2019 from Randy Eshleman of Martin's Country Market notifying the Township that they are planning to host their 4th annual community yard sale on Saturday, August 31, 2019 in the parking lot of their property at 1717 West Main Street, Ephrata. The Police Department has not had any concerns or objections to this event in the past and no incidents have been reported.

A motion was made by Tony Haws directing staff to notify Randy Eshleman of Martin's Country Market that the Township does not object to the proposed event as long as there is no impact to parking for their grocery store and furniture store customers. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

- **Ephrata Township EMC Stipend.** William Howard is currently Ephrata Township's Emergency Management Coordinator. He is also currently holding this position for West Earl and Upper Leacock Township. When he was appointed by the Township, he was working on an Intermunicipal Agreement but has decided not to move forward with such Agreement. Mr. Howard has completed the required courses and certifications needed for this position at no charge to Ephrata Township. Manager Sawyer shared an email from William Howard dated July 10, 2019. Mr. Howard is requesting \$600.00 per year for the Emergency Management Coordinator duties. Manager Sawyer stated that each Municipality is required to have an EMC and many municipalities have struggled to find a person to fill the position.

A motion was made by Tony Haws to approve the stipend of \$600.00 to William Howard for a period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 for the Emergency Management Coordinator duties. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

- **Ephrata Borough Solar Farm – FSR.** The Board of Supervisors received a letter from Rettew Associates dated July 12, 2019 regarding the financial security release request from the Ephrata Borough Solar Energy Farm project. Rettew Associates recommended full release of the financial security in the amount of \$172,886.00 with the condition of the Borough overseeing routine maintenance (mowing, reseeding as necessary and invasive species control) of vegetation at the solar farm.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe authorizing the full release of financial security in the amount of \$172,886.00 to the Ephrata Borough Solar Energy Farm subject to Rettew Associates Letter dated July 12, 2019. The motion was seconded by Tony Haws and carried unanimously.

- **Shane Weaver – New Hire Pay Increase.** Manager Sawyer stated that Shane Weaver's first day of employment was May 28, 2019. Since that date, Shane has obtained his CDL learner's permit on his own time and has passed the CDL license driver's test on July 15, 2019. In addition, the road crew staff are extremely happy with his performance to date. Manager Sawyer recommended to the board increasing his hourly rate to \$18.00 per hour.

A motion was made by Tony Haws to authorize the pay increase to Shane Weaver of \$1.50 increasing his hourly rate to \$18.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

Engineer Jim Caldwell reported that there are several plans in the review process.

Ephrata Crossing – Site Work – HOP
Ephrata Crossing East – Storm Water Management
MS4 Reduction Permit
Creek Corner Heights – Site Work
Glenwood Food
High Point Church – Storm Water Basin
Ephrata Mennonite School – Sketch Plan
Gary Weaver
Organic Poultry Land Development Plan
Meadow Valley Electric

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

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

Clark R. Stauffer

Anthony K. Haws

J. Tyler Zerbe