

## EPHRATA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING

June 6, 2017

The Ephrata Township Supervisors met this date at 7:00 p.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  
Police: Chief Harvey  
Engineer: Jim Caldwell  
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 to close the public comment period was made by Ty Zerbe. The motion was seconded by John Weber and carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clark Stauffer stated that the motion to approve the minutes at the May 16, 2017 meeting should be corrected because of an incorrect date as follows: "A motion was made by John Weber to dispense with the reading of the May 2, 2017 Supervisors' minutes and to approve them as presented. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously".

A motion was made by John Weber to dispense with the reading of the May 16, 2017 Supervisors' minutes and to approve them as corrected. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

### STAFF REPORTS

#### Police Report – Chief Harvey.

- **Reports.** Chief Harvey gave a summary of the calls for service totaling 139 within Ephrata Township for the month of May. The monthly report will be provided to the Township and will be kept on file in the office.
- **Lancaster County Police Officer of the Year.** Chief Harvey was pleased to announce that Detective Brandon Bartholomew received the Lancaster County Police Officer of the year award.

#### Manager Steve Sawyer

- **Illicit Discharge Ordinance.** Manager Sawyer explained that when the Township adopted the current storm water ordinance in 2014, Ephrata Township

Ordinance 199, which controls illicit discharges into the storm water system was repealed. The current storm water ordinance includes a section on prohibited discharges which replaces Ordinance 199. The Board was given a copy of Ordinance 199 and a copy of the Section 505 of the current stormwater ordinance. Manager Sawyer explained that the Township is receiving complaints that residents are mowing their grass into the streets and placing grass clippings and other yard waste along stream banks which could potentially pollute streams and clog storm water drains. Grass clippings are high in nitrogen and phosphorus. The Township's MS4 program is designed to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus from the waterways in the Township. Manager Sawyer requested the Board of Supervisors allow staff to review and update the current ordinance because the current language is not as clear and inclusive as the language in the former Ordinance 199.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe directing staff to move forward with amending the current Stormwater Ordinance to improve the language for staff to be able to enforce illicit discharges into the Township's stormwater system and waterways. The Supervisors will review the recommended changes at a future meeting. The motion was seconded by John Weber and carried unanimously.

- **Trees – Mohler Church Road – Eastbrooke Drive Intersection.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that the Township has received complaints regarding trees that are growing in the Township's Right-of-Way at 3 Blackberry Lane. The trees are located 1-2 feet from the sidewalk along Mohler Church Road. Manager Sawyer provided the Supervisors with a current picture from this intersection. The homeowners planted these trees in 2015 and the Township sent a letter in August of 2015 because of the same concern. Since then the trees have grown out over the sidewalk. Manager Sawyer will be sending another letter to the homeowners informing them that if the tree limbs within the right-of-way are not trimmed they will be trimmed by Ephrata Township.
- **DTF – 2017 Township Cost.** Manager Sawyer provided the Board of Supervisors with a revised Wages and Benefits calculation sheet for the Drug Task Force Officer. An Ephrata police officer was assigned to the Lancaster County Drug Task Force on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Drug Task Force pays for the officer's wages but the municipality pays for the costs of benefits. The cost of the benefits for the officer will be shared by Ephrata Borough, Ephrata Township, West Cocalico Township and Adamstown Borough. The new calculation provided showed Ephrata Township's proportionate share of the cost is \$9,335.00 for 2017. The Township budgeted an extra \$3,137.00 for 2017 assuming the officer would be assigned to the drug task force on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Manager Sawyer suggested payment of the remaining budgeted monies to the Drug Task Force. Chief Harvey recommended waiting for the most recent calculations to be reviewed to be sure that they are completely accurate before sending payment to the Drug Task Force.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to fund the Drug Task Force the remaining 2017 budgeted money after the final calculations for the Drug Task Force Officer are

received from Ephrata Borough. The motion was seconded by John Weber and carried unanimously.

- **Oriole Drive – Request for Signage.** An email was received from a resident who lives on Oriole Drive requesting that a “No Outlet” and “Children at Play” signs be installed. The resident stated that there are many children who live in this area and cars are driving around the corner very fast and would like the signs placed for safety reasons. The Board of Supervisors was provided with different sign possibilities for their consideration.

A motion was made by John Weber to honor the request for the “No Outlet” sign to be placed on Oriole Drive but not the “Children at Play” sign at this time. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

- **Water Softener Quotes.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that the Township Building’s water softener is 24 years old and is no longer working properly. The Supervisors were provided with quotes from 3 different companies for their approval. The makes proposed were different from one another and also different by commercial/residential models. Manager Sawyer recommended the water softner quoted from Melron due to the unit coming with a five year warranty for the small difference in cost.

A motion was made by John Weber to approve the purchase of the water softner quoted by Melron Industries in the amount of \$2,115.16 with a five (5) year warranty. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

**Solicitor Tony Schimaneck**

Attorney Schimaneck stated that he did not have anything new to report at this time that has not already been discussed.

**Engineer Jim Caldwell** reported that there are 6 plans in the review process.

- David Martin - Final Land Development
- Mathew Landis – Revised Final Plan
- Signature Custom Cabinetry – Revised Final Plan
- Autumn Hills Phase 3 – Revised Final Plan
- Creek Corner Heights – Preliminary Land Development Plan
- Lloyd Zimmerman – SWM Plan

Rettew Associates has the Township’s Polution Reduction Plan prepared and will be giving a presentation at the Supervisors’ Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 7am.

**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.

*June 6, 2017 Supervisors' Meeting minutes continued*

A motion was made by John Weber to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

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Clark R. Stauffer

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John L. Weber

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J. Tyler Zerbe