

EPHRATA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING

March 21, 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
Engineer: Jim Caldwell
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

George DiIlio, newly appointed President of the Ephrata Public Library was present. Mr. DiIlio stated that in 2016 the Ephrata Public Library circulated 562,000 items which was #1 in Lancaster County. Mr. DiIlio wanted to thank the Township for the donation they received for 2017 and provided the Board of Supervisors with an information booklet and also presented the Township with a Certificate of Appreciation.

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

A motion was made by John Weber to dispense with the reading of the March 7, 2017 Supervisors' minutes and to approve them as presented. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

ANDREW BOLLINGER – WEST MEADOW VALLEY ROAD – STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Andrew Bollinger was present to present his proposed Storm Water Management Plan prepared by Red Barn Consulting, Inc. to the Board of Supervisors. The Board was also given a review letter from Rettew Associate's dated March 15, 2017. Andrew Bollinger explained that he has an existing dairy operation with approximately 400 milking cows and is proposing to build a manure pit and add driveway to the access the manure pit. One modification is being requested by Mr. Bollinger and staff recommended approval of the modification and the storm water management plan.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to approve the modification request for Section 407.24 – Minimum Swale Slope based upon the alternative and justification provided. The motion was seconded by John Weber and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Weber to approve the Andrew Bollinger Storm Water Management Plan subject to Rettew's letter dated March 15, 2017. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

RORY MCGLASSON, WALSH GRANITE JV (CONTRACTOR) / PENN DOT PROJECT – MIDDLE CREEK ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - DETOUR

Walsh Granite JV is the contractor that has been hired by PennDot to replace the bridge on Middle Creek Road between Brubaker Road and Church Road. Manager Sawyer received a request from Rory McGlasson of Walsh Granite to use Brubaker Road for the detour during construction. The original detour plan was designed to use all state roads but there is a weight restriction on the bridge on Meadow Valley Road. If the Township approves the use of Brubaker Road, the road would be videotaped before and after the project is completed and PennDot will be responsible if any damages occur to the roadway as a result of the detour.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to approve the request to use Brubaker Road as a detour road during the Middle Creek Road Bridge Replacement Project based on the justification provided. The motion was seconded by John Weber and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Manager Steve Sawyer

- **MOU – Penn Dot 222 Bridge Repairs – Detours Using Twp. Roads.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors at the last Supervisors' Meeting of three (3) different PennDot bridge projects on Route 222 that will require detours on Township roads. The construction is projected to begin in the spring of 2018 and has an estimated eight (8) month construction timeframe. Manager Sawyer discussed with the Board of Supervisors the detours proposed by PennDot. The detour proposed for the Mohler Church Road Bridge over Route 222 concerned Manager Sawyer and therefore he contacted PennDot requesting an amended detour for this bridge project. It was discussed that Ridge Avenue was not the best detour route for large trucks due to the width of the roadway and sharp turns. PennDot reviewed the Township's requested change and submitted a revised Memorandum of Understanding for Township approval.

A motion was made by John Weber to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with PennDot as presented. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

- **Update – Route 322 / Pleasant Valley Signal – No Turn on Red Restriction.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that since the last meeting John Schick of Rettew prepared the information required by PennDot and submitted the information for their consideration of the removal of the "No Turn on Red" restriction. Hopefully a reply from PennDot will be received in the near future.
- **Burning Ordinance & SWM Plan Presentation – April 4, 2017.** At the last meeting, the Board made a motion authorizing staff to publish a legal notice in the

Ephrata Review that the Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the Burning Ordinance at their April 4, 2017 meeting. The Burning Ordinance and Public Notice have been advertised in the Ephrata Review. In addition, staff also advertised a public notice regarding a Storm Water Management Plan Presentation by Rettew Associates at the April 4, 2017 meeting.

- **Mobilitie, LLC – Permit Application Submission.** Manager Sawyer provided a letter dated November 12, 2016 to the Board of Supervisors for their review. Manager Sawyer explained that Attorney Jason Hess from MHCK reviewed the request and provided the Township with a sample Ordinance to review and consider adopting. Manager Sawyer explained that at this time the Township does not have provisions in our Zoning Ordinance for communication antennas or equipment within the street right-of-way. Jim Caldwell read over the sample Ordinance and suggested adding language that would restrict the clear zone and the size within a right of way. The Board agreed with Mr. Caldwell's input and authorized staff to continue working on a draft of an Ordinance.

Engineer Jim Caldwell reported that there is one new plan in the review process:
Lawrence Leid Storm Water Management Plan

Jim Caldwell updated the Board of Supervisors on the work being done with the Township's MS4 Program.

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 7:57 a.m. The motion was seconded by John Weber and carried unanimously.

Clark R. Stauffer

John L. Weber

J. Tyler Zerbe