

## EPHRATA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING

May 16, 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  
Engineer: Jim Caldwell

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Stauffer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Manager Sawyer presented to the Board of Supervisors a letter from Rettew Associates dated May 15, 2017 for the Lawrence and Susanna Leid Storm Water Management Plan. Alan Love of Site Design Services was present on behalf of the Leids to present the plan. Lawrence and Susanna Leid reside at 192 Slate Road. Jim Caldwell recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors subject to his engineer letter dated May 15, 2017.

A motion was made by John Weber to approve the Lawrence Leid Storm Water Management Plan subject to the conditions in Rettew Associate's letter dated May 15, 2017. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

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 April 4, 2017 Supervisors' minutes and to approve them as corrected. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

### STAFF REPORTS

#### Manager Steve Sawyer

- **Soccer Shots Program – Request to Use Township Park.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that an Application was received by the Township from Keith Fogel of Soccer Shots requesting to hold soccer clinics for ages 2 to 8 years of age one evening a week from 5:30p to 7:00p at the Township Park. The group size is estimated to be 6 to 12 children. Manager Sawyer stated that the Township allowed this activity a few years prior and there was no problem due to the size of the group. Ty Zerbe questioned that on the application

it noted that there would be no admission fee charged which is normally not the case for this type of activity.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to approve the Township Park Application as presented by Soccer Shots subject to the maximum number of participants being 12 unless future approval is received by the Township and clarification is received in regards to a participation fee. The motion was seconded by John Weber and carried unanimously.

- **Dean Putt – Firework Display.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors of a request that he received from Dean Putt to hold a neighborhood firework display at his home over the fourth of July weekend again this year. A plot plan of the area was provided. Mr. Putt is licensed and also provided the Township with the required liability insurance certificate.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe stating that since Ephrata Township does not have any local ordinances that regulate fireworks, the Township does not object to Dean Putt's request to set off fireworks at his residence on Buch Mill Road. Mr. Putt is responsible to ensure that his event will comply with all state and/or federal laws. The motion was seconded by John Weber and carried unanimously.

- **Parade of Homes – Ridge Avenue Home.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that a letter dated April 21, 2017 from Building Industry Association of Lancaster County was received requesting the placement of Parade of Homes signs for the County's Annual Parade of Homes. The home in Ephrata Township is located at 51 Black Diamond Road. The dates of the Parade are June 17-25 2017 and the requested signage will be installed June 8<sup>th</sup> and removed June 29, 2017. Manager Sawyer will regulate the directional signs.
- **Insurance Refunds – Benecon and MRM Trust.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that insurance refunds from Benecon and MRM Trust have been received for the surplus received based on performance. The dividend received from MRM Trust Property & Liability Trust is in the amount of \$5,193.64 and \$3,453.00 from Benecon for the 2016 Health Insurance plan year.
- **Speeding Complaint - Ridge Avenue.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that the Township received a letter from David S. Young of 464 Ridge Avenue dated May 10, 2017. The purpose of the letter is to inform the Township that he is concerned with the speeding on Ridge Avenue from Mohler Church Road intersection heading toward Ephrata. The Youngs have a multiple handicapped son and he is concerned that he will be hit by a speeder in front of their home. He also stated that there are other small children that live in the area. Manager Sawyer recommended forwarding the letter to the Ephrata Police Department and request that a speed box be placed in this area of Ridge Avenue. Manager Sawyer will report back to the Supervisors the results of the speed box and the Police Departments recommendations.
- **Hahnstown Road Traffic Signal Complaint.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that he received a complaint regarding the traffic signal at Hahnstown Road and Route 322. The concern was that the Northbound Traffic exiting 222 and the Hahnstown Road at route 322 traffic receive a green light at

the same time. Manager Sawyer forwarded this complaint to John Schick, Rettew Associate's Traffic Engineer for his review and comment. An email from John Schick dated May 9, 2017 was presented to the Board of Supervisors for their review prior to the meeting. Manager Sawyer explained that because there are two (2) lanes available this is not a traffic violation according to PennDot. It was discussed that the traffic concerns are because of the cars heading 322 West from Hahnstown Road that want to make their way to the turning lane to go onto the Southbound lane of Route 222. There is no additional signing nor a green light delay or timing change permissible by PennDot therefore no further action was recommended by John Schick. Manager Sawyer stated that PennDot is working on improvements to the 222/322 on and off ramps as one of their future projects.

- **WERT Railroad Bridge Restoration Project Grant.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that DCED is offering a grant through the Green Ways Trails & Recreation Program that could help fund this project. This is a 25% matching grant and it would be in addition to the other grant previously submitted jointly with Warwick Township. Manager Sawyer recommended applying for the additional grant with Warwick Township.

A motion was made by John Weber to approve the submittal of the DCED grant application for the WERT Railroad Bridge Restoration Project jointly with Warwick Township.

- **Mother's Day Convoy.** Manager Sawyer reported that Chief Harvey notified him that the Convoy that took place on Mother's Day, May 14, 2017 was incident free and no problems were reported.

**Engineer Jim Caldwell** reported one new plan in the review project.  
Leroy Zimmerman - Storm Water Management Plan

Jim Caldwell also reported that Rettew Associates is still actively working on the Township's MS4 Plan to meet all of the permit requirements.

#### **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.

Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that an Ephrata Police Officer is now currently with the Lancaster County Drug Task Force and the Borough Police will be replacing that officer. The Township approved \$12,472.00 for this participation for the 2017 budget. It was decided at that time that the Township was going to opt out of the \$1.00 per capita invoice requested by the Lancaster County Drug Task Force because of the additional cost for the participating officer. Because the Ephrata Police Officer only began working for the Drug Task Force in May of 2017 the amount owed will be less than originally budgeted. All municipalities policed by Ephrata Borough have agreed to

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pay a percentage of the cost to have the officer participate. Manager Sawyer will provide the Board of Supervisors a revised cost sheet as soon as it is available. Manager Sawyer also recommended consideration of payment to the Drug Task Force for the portion of the year that the Ephrata Police Officer was not being employed by the Drug Task Force.

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.

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Clark R. Stauffer

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John L. Weber

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