

EPHRATA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING

October 3, 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: Lieutenant Shumaker

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

A motion was made by John Weber to dispense with the reading of the September 19, 2017 Supervisors' minutes and to approve them as presented. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

EPHRATA PUBLIC LIBRARY 2018 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST

Penny Talbert, Executive Director of the Ephrata Public Library presented the Library's 2018 funding request and usage information to the Board of Supervisors. The information presented included a breakdown of program attendance and total circulation of residents within Ephrata Township in 2016 and also January 1st through August 31st of 2017. In addition, the Library has teamed up with Rettew Associates to help with a storm water public education program which is a requirement of the MS4 Program. The Ephrata Library is requesting each Municipality within Ephrata Area School District to contribute \$.41 per circulation. The Township is currently contributing \$.38 per circulation. The total overall requested contribution from Ephrata Township is an increase from \$32,900.00 in 2017 to \$35,570.00 in 2018.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Report – Lieutenant Shumaker.

- **Reports.** Lieutenant Shumaker gave a summary of the calls for service totaling 118 within Ephrata Township for the month of September. The monthly report will be provided to the Township and will be kept on file in the office.
- **Aggressive Driving Program.** The Ephrata Police Department will be participating in the Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education

Project. PennDot is partnering with Pennsylvania State and Local Police Departments and will be providing funding to all participants.

Manager Steve Sawyer

- **LCPC Review – ETZO Building Height Amendment.** Manager Sawyer provided the Board of Supervisors with a copy of the Lancaster County Planning Commission's recommendations in regards to the proposed Building Height Zoning Ordinance Amendment. LCPC commended the Township for considering increasing the building height to allow 4 story buildings within the Commercial and Mixed-Use Zoning Districts within the Urban Growth Area. The Local Planning Commission will review the proposed amendment at their next meeting scheduled for October 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- **EIT Report.** Manager Sawyer provided the Board of Supervisors with information concerning the Township's 2017 Earned Income distributions. The Township is currently \$120,937.64 over the estimated amount through the end of September. A meeting will be held next week at the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau to discuss the 2018 estimated earned income distributions.
- **Ephrata Township Development List.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that last week he attended a quarterly meeting with the Ephrata Area School District and the 3 other municipalities located within Ephrata School District. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss development within each Municipality to help the school district with planning for upcoming student enrollment and future tax revenue. Manager Sawyer provided the Board of Supervisors with an updated Development List that he prepared for the Ephrata Area School District.
- **Request to Plant a Tree – Community Park.** Manager Sawyer received an email from a board member of the Moms Club of Ephrata requesting to donate a silver maple tree that would provide shade from the morning sun near the playground area at the Ephrata Township Community Park. Manager Sawyer provided a map of the park and recommended that if the Board approves the request, the Township should select the location. Manager Sawyer provided the Board of Supervisors with the map showing the general area of where they would like a tree to be planted.

A motion was made by John Weber authorizing staff to work with the Moms Club of Ephrata to determine the best location and type of tree to be planted. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

- **Rail Trail Committee Report.** The Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail Committee met last week. Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that Warwick Township informed the committee that the trail will be completed to Meadow Valley Road in the near future. Grant applications for the bridge rehabilitation project have been submitted to DCNR and DCED but there is concern that the current State budget situation will impact the timing and/or availability of the grants. If Ephrata Township and Warwick Township are awarded at least one of the grants before the end of 2017, bridge rehabilitation project should be completed in 2018. Clark Stauffer suggested that Warwick and Ephrata

Township's request that PennDOT lower the speed limit on Rothsville Road due to the proposed trail crossing. The Board of Supervisors directed staff to contact Warwick Township regarding a speed limit reduction as part of the proposed rail trail crossing.

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

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Weber and carried unanimously.

Clark R. Stauffer

John L. Weber

J. Tyler Zerbe