

EPHRATA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING

July 17, 2018

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
Admin Assist: Jennifer Carvell
Engineer: Melissa Kelly

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Kirby Smith and Tom Sheaffer were in attendance. They are proposing a Christian Endeavor Veteran's Weekend Race. This year they are proposing a 5 mile run along the Warwick to Ephrata Rail Trail that would include sections in Ephrata Borough, Ephrata Township and Akron Borough. A summary of the race was provided to the Board of Supervisors. The event will be scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2018 and will be from 6:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. with the race beginning at 9:00 a.m. Temporary port-a-pots will be provided along with a tables and tents for refreshments at the end of the race in the Fulton Street Parking lot area. It was also discussed that crossing guards at intersections would be needed. The Board of Supervisors stated that only a limited portion of the race will be in Ephrata Township and they did not have any objection to the event but requested that after they meet with the other neighboring Municipalities, especially Ephrata Borough to report their decision. Manager Sawyer stated that the Rail Trail Committee has discussed coming up with a standard procedure for such requests for the future but has not finalized anything at this time. Manager Sawyer will discuss this with the rail trail committee at their next meeting on July 25, 2018.

Gerald Thompson and his son, Gabe Thompson were also present. Gabe is a boy scout and is working toward his merit badge. One of the requirements is to attend a Municipal Meeting and write a report about the meeting.

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 reading of the July 3, 2018 Supervisors' minutes and to approve them as presented. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Manager Steve Sawyer

- **Rail Trail Bridge-Bid Results.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that the bid opening took place and presented to the Board the bid results for their review prior to the meeting. As per the Supervisors request, an alternative bid was added to the bid to upgrade the connectors to stainless steel. Warwick Township was in favor of the alternate for the price difference of the lowest bidder. Manager Sawyer stated that the DCNR grant awarded is \$162,500.00 and the balance will be split equally between Ephrata Township and Warwick Township. Manager Sawyer recommended approving the bid to DESCO which was the lowest alternate bid in the amount of \$332,813.75. Wilson Consulting researched the company and stated that they were capable of doing the work. Ephrata Township would be responsible to pay \$85,156.00.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to approve staff's recommendation and partner with Warwick Township with awarding the Rail Trail Bridge Project to DESCO for the alternate bid in the amount of \$332,813.75. The motion was seconded by Tony Haws and carried unanimously.

- **ZHB Hearings – 7/17/18.** Manager Sawyer reviewed with the Board two (3) zoning hearing applications for the July meeting. There are two (2) home business requests and one (1) Shopping Center. After discussion, the Board of Supervisors did not feel that the Township should take a position or present testimony at any of the three (3) hearings.
- **Westview Drive – Pipe Replacement.** There are twelve (12) homes on Westview Drive located in Ephrata Township. There is a 30-year old storm water sewer pipe that is an 18" CMP Pipe that has rusted and no longer has a bottom. Manager Sawyer stated that this is a busy time of year for excavators but that he is currently calling around for estimates to replace this pipe. This project will qualify as a MS4 project and will be included in our annual report. The road crew will assist in this project. The Sewer Authority will be responsible for the replacement of the sewer manhole structure in the area. At this time, a quote from Zimmerman Excavating has been received in the amount of \$9,222.00. The Board directed Manager Sawyer to attempt to get two more quotes prior to the next meeting.
- **Seal Coating.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that the Seal Coating has been completed. Last year the roads that were scheduled to be completed were not done due to the contractor being behind schedule because of weather conditions. It was decided by the Township that the roads scheduled in 2017 would be completed in 2018. The roads with curb will be swept by Martin Paving in the next two weeks and the rural roadways will be swept by Ephrata Township road crew.
- **Fence Project – Community Park.** Manager Sawyer reported to the Board of Supervisors that the fence project has been completed by Agway.

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

Creekside Corner – Land Development Plan

Ephrata Crossing – Subdivision Plan

M.H. Eby – Land Development Plan

Rettew Associates is continuing to complete the MS4 – BMP Inspections on behalf of the Township.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Tony Haws to accept the list of checks written and to pay any bills pending. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe 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 7:58 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

Clark R. Stauffer

Anthony K. Haws

J. Tyler Zerbe