

## **EPHRATA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**May 2, 2023**

The Ephrata Township Supervisors met this date at 7:00 p.m. at the Ephrata Township Office Building, 265 Akron Road, Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

Present were Supervisors:	Clark Stauffer Tony Haws Ty Zerbe
Manager:	Steve Sawyer
Solicitor:	Anthony Schimaneck
Admin. Assist.	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

A motion to close the public comment period was made by Ty Zerbe. 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 April 18, 2023 Supervisors' Minutes and to approve them as presented. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

### MITCH MERKEL – MIDDLE CREEK SEARCH AND RESCUE

The Board of Supervisors were given an email dated March 14, 2023 from Mitch Merkel of Middle Creek Search and Rescue requesting approval to conduct a K9 Training Session at the Ephrata Township Community Park. Mitch was in attendance to answer any questions from the Board of Supervisors. Manager Sawyer suggested holding the training at dusk when the park is closed to the public. It was also recommended to require a Certificate of Insurance and signage be placed at the park entrance so that the public and neighboring property owners will be aware of why there is activity at the park after hours. Chief McKim was in attendance and stated that the police department was in support of the training and have worked with this organization in the past.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to allow Middle Creek Search and Rescue to use the community park for a training event when the park is closed to the public conditional upon MCSR providing a Certificate of Insurance, installing signage of the training event at the entrance to the park and notifying the Ephrata Police Department after a date has been established. The motion was seconded by Tony Haws and carried unanimously.

NOAH STAUFFER – WAIVER OF LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SWM PLAN

There was no one in attendance. Manager Sawyer stated that Randall Hoover of Team Ag is representing Noah Stauffer and was unable to attend. Mr. Hoover is requesting to be on the Supervisors' Agenda on May 16, 2023.

A motion was made by Ty Zerbe to table the request for the Waiver of Land Development and Storm Water Management Plan for Noah Stauffer until the next Supervisors Meeting. The motion was seconded by Tony Haws and carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Police – Chief McKim

Chief McKim has recently accepted the Police Chief position at Ephrata Borough and wanted to visit the Township. He stated that the monthly report will be provided by Sgt. Matt Randolph at the next meeting as scheduled. Chief McKim updated the Township with some new training and recent incidents within the Township. In addition, the Borough is currently interviewing in hopes to add three (3) new officers to the department.

Manager Steve Sawyer

- **Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Short Term Rental.** The Board of Supervisors were provided with a draft of the Short-Term Rental Zoning Ordinance Amendment for their review prior to the meeting. The Board was also given a copy of the Lancaster County Planning Commission and Ephrata Township Planning Commission reviews and recommendations. Manager Sawyer stated that he has worked with the Township Solicitor to draft the proposed amendment and recommended that the Board authorize advertising for a Public Hearing on June 6, 2023.

A motion was made by Tony Haws authorizing staff to advertise the Short-Term Rental Zoning Ordinance Amendment as presented. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

- **Cocalico Creek Restoration Project - Update.** Manager Sawyer provided the Board of Supervisors with an email from Peter Hartman of Flyway Excavating dated May 2, 2023 summarizing the status of the project. Manager Sawyer stated that one more small change order has been requested to extend the existing water and sewer laterals out of the access drive.
- **CB Burkholder Project – Proposed Road Closure.** Manager Sawyer notified the Board of Supervisors that the Township received an email from Nicholas Bevan of Fidelity Contracting of a proposed road closure and detour route for a sewer extension on West Mohler Church Road and North State Street. Approvals will also be needed from Ephrata Borough and East Cocalico Township. Staff has not completed a review of the road closure/detour request but has notified Fidelity contracting that more detailed plans will be required. Manager Sawyer stated that he expects to have more information from Fidelity Contracting by the next meeting.

**Solicitor – Tony Schimaneck**

Solicitor Schimaneck informed the Board that he did not have any additional information to report at this time.

**Manager Sawyer for Jim Caldwell, Engineer**

Manager Sawyer stated that Jim Caldwell provided a list of plans/projects that Rettew Associates is currently working on:

- 501 Alexander Drive
- Caring Acres – Sketch Plan
- Joe Burkholder – Waiver of Land Development & SWM Plan
- CB Burkholder Detour Plan

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Tony Haws stated that there was no additional correspondence that has not already been discussed.

A motion was made by Tony Haws to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ty Zerbe and carried unanimously.

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Clark R. Stauffer

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J. Tyler Zerbe

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Anthony Haws