

February 7, 2024

The East Hopewell Township Board of Supervisors met at the Municipal Building, 8916 Hickory Road, Felton, PA at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Dean Miller, Roy Hiller III, and Todd Warner. Also in attendance was John Miller (MPL Law Firm), John Ricks, Alex Wilson, Fran Seitz, Mike Chipps, Nancy Chipps, Kasey Aibel, Anddy Waran, Maddie Pasta, Bruce Channell, Glenda Channell, Don Runkle, Sharon Runkle, Victor Grelli, Butch Jackson, Randy Doxzon, Emily Doxzon, Dan Fowler, Cindy Ness, Gary Swope, Linda Miller, Jeremy Wilson, Karen Long, Tammy Kwiatkowski, Ed Cockey, Laura Vasold, Jane Moser, Emily Coble, Dillon Demers, Lawrence Vasold, William Verbrugge, Pamela Trickett, Gordon Mueller, Michelle Tyson, Stephanie Havelin, Regan Lehman and Phyllis Fogle.

Dean Miller opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

Attendees were notified that an audio recorder was being utilized for the meeting.

Todd Warner made a motion to approve the agenda for the February 7, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Roy Hiller. Motion unanimously carried.

Todd Warner made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2024 meeting. Roy Hiller seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A request was made by Todd Warner to note in the minutes that the Supervisor's wage was set at \$27.35 per hour and temporary/seasonal employees wages were set at \$18 by the Auditors at their January 3, 2024 meeting.

Andrew Warntz from Republic Services attended the meeting to discuss issues with trash collection and recycling in January. Mr. Warntz noted that 2 snow events in January created many challenges for trash collection and residential recycling bin pick up. He explained that East Hopewell Township being in a rural area impacts the pricing. An interactive conversation with Mr. Warntz, the Supervisors and residents took place regarding communication, recycling, pricing, and pick-up issues. Due to resident feedback regarding ease of use of recycling dumpsters, Roy Hiller made a motion to approve a purchase of up to \$150.00 for magnetic "Full" signs to be used on the dumpsters to indicate which dumpsters have available space. Todd Warner seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. Alex Wilson addressed the issues he experienced with poor customer service with Mr. Warntz. A conversation regarding the cost of additional containers ensued. Residents expressed that they felt misled by the wording in the bid that Republic Services submitted in August.

The Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Dean Miller called the meeting back to order.

Todd Warner made a motion to appoint Paul Anderson as East Hopewell Township's representative to the York County Tax Collection Committee. Roy Hiller seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Todd Warner nominated himself for Roadmaster. No second was made.

Roy Hiller nominated John Ricks to serve as the Roadmaster. Dean Miller seconded the nomination. A vote was called. Roy Hiller and Dean Miller approved. Todd Warner opposed. The appointment carried.

In response to a written request by Melissa Hiller to be assigned a work supervisor to report to, Roy Hiller nominated Dean Miller to be her work supervisor. John Miller asked if there was a second. Dean Miller asked Attorney Miller if he could second. John Miller stated that he could. Todd Warner disagreed. John Miller responded that Dean Miller did not make the nomination and that he could second it. Roy Hiller agreed. A vote was called. Roy Hiller and Dean Miller approved. Todd Warner opposed. The assignment carried.

Resident Alex Wilson reported on the poor customer service he experienced with Republic Services. Mr. Wilson stated he would address those issues further with Mr. Warntz and no further discussion was needed at this time.

A discussion regarding plans for Pleasant Valley Road and other township roads in need of repair took place. After much discussion and input from residents, it was agreed that further action and in-depth consideration should be given to assess roads and address financial considerations. The Board of Supervisors opted to schedule a public work session to discuss future road projects. While discussing a mutually agreeable date for the meeting, John Ricks noted that there was a meeting scheduled with a Conservation District Representative on February 22. Four times, Todd Warner voiced that he was cancelling that meeting. Roy requested to know why he was cancelling it. Todd Warner answered, "because you have to let the roadmaster decide what to do". The secretary noted that the roadmaster may want to keep the appointment. Todd Warner replied, "if you want to keep it, go ahead and keep it". The work session was scheduled for February 20, 2024 at 1:00pm. Invitations to attend the work session will be extended to PennDOT staff and their road/bridges engineer along with other local subject matter experts.

The secretary reported that at their January 11, 2024 meeting, the East Hopewell Planning Commission made the decision not to recommend the proposal to change the Livestock Ordinance that was submitted to the Board of Supervisors by Laura Vasold on November 1, 2023. Laura Vasold presented and submitted a revised proposal to change East Hopewell Township's Livestock Ordinance. A discussion regarding the new proposal ensued. Residents expressed frustration with how long the review process takes. Interactions between the residents became intense and interactions between Board members and residents were contentious. To move forward with the newest proposal, Roy Hiller made a motion to deny the November 1, 2024 proposal. The motion was seconded by Dean Miller. Motion unanimously carried. Todd Warner made a motion to have Attorney John Miller draft an Ordinance for adoption at the March 6, 2024 meeting, in accordance Mrs. Vasold's proposal. Dean Miller seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. The proposal will not be sent for review by the York County Planning Commission or the East Hopewell Township Planning Commission. A recent complaint that resulted in a violation letter being sent to a resident with chickens on a less than 5-acre lot was brought up by Township residents. Attorney Miller will follow up with Dependable Construction Code Services to review and stop the violation actions due to the pending change to the Livestock Ordinance.

Todd Warner made a motion to accept sealed bids for a 3-year lease of approximately 6 acres of Township owned farmland. Roy Hiller seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. The bid notice will be advertised as required. The sealed bids will be accepted until 1:00pm on March 6, 2024 and opened at the Board of Supervisor's meeting.

Roy Hiller made a motion to list a Township owned 2002 Ford F450 Dump Truck for sale via auction on the Municbids website. Todd Warner seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

The deadline for the Township to sign up for the COStars salt contract is March 15, 2024. There are questions regarding the Township's obligation to purchase salt from previous year's contracts that are pending a response. A motion was made by Todd Warner and seconded by Roy Hiller to table this issue until the March 2024 meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Roy Hiller made a motion to approve tax credits for Township residents that met the eligibility requirements of the Volunteer Tax Credit Program. Dean Miller seconded the motion. Todd Warner abstained. Motion carried.

Citizens Vol Fire Co- Donald Miller

Eureka- John Gray, Lori Gray, Keith McFatridge, John Perry, Todd Warner

North Hopewell-Winterstown Vol Fire Co- John Marsteller, Jr., Jeromey Marsteller, Heather Grove

The secretary requested approval to invest a portion of Township reserve funds into 6-month CDs from Traditions Bank. The Board of Supervisors agreed to invest in two (2) \$45,000 CDs with funds from the General Fund reserve account and one (1) \$5000 CD with funds from the State Fund reserve account. Todd Warner made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the CDs. Roy Hiller seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Todd Warner and seconded by Dean Miller to table IT contract discussions until the next meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

The secretary shared with the Board of Supervisors and the public that the 2024 Gas Tax rates have decreased. PSATs reported that this decrease should lead to a decrease in the 2025 Liquid Fuel Tax distribution that is made to Pennsylvania's municipalities.

Todd Warner made a motion that the laptop does not leave the Township building unless it is an emergency. There was no second to the motion.

Dean Miller made a motion to pay Todd Warner for helping with snow removal in January. Attorney Miller noted that moving forward, work should not be done without prior authorization/being called in. Roy Hiller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Miller had nothing to report.

During the public comment period. Alex Wilson inquired about covenants made for East Hopewell Manor that he believes are still enforceable. Attorney Miller advised that York County should have the covenant record. In response to an inquiry by Fran Sietz, it was confirmed that HR Holley & Associates will continue be the Township Engineers and there is no plan to stop working with them. Fran Seitz also brought forward a complaint on behalf of residents that were not able to stay for the meeting about clearing snow on Rock Jim Road. Todd Warner confirmed that he pushed the snow back three times on that road. Residents revisited the trash contract conversation.

Roy Hiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Warner seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

The following payments were issued from the General Fund from January 2, 2024 through February 7, 2024:

D.E. Gemmill, Inc	\$123.00
John Ricks III	\$150.00
Chris Kaltreider	\$150.00
Highmark Benefits Group	\$9,790.90
James R Holley & Assoc, Inc	\$218.00
Aero Energy	\$1,602.74
PSATS	\$17,590.00
Dean Miller	\$137.93
Roy E Hiller III	\$137.93
MPL Law firm	\$1,145.00
Melissa Hiller	\$1,456.98
John Ricks III	\$1,672.19
Chris Kaltreider	\$1,542.92
Elan Financial Services	\$575.33
Todd Warner	\$137.93
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$179.92
McKeon Associates, Inc	\$4,200.00
PSATS	\$946.00
Internal Revenue Service	\$1,394.41
Martha Miller	\$30.14
Eureka Consolidated	\$2,309.05
United Concordia	\$221.55
United States Treasury	\$231.14
Internal Revenue Service	\$47.58
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$9.60
York Adams Tax Bureau	\$424.22
PA Office of Unemployment Compensation	\$28.78
Melissa Hiller	\$1,456.98
John Ricks III	\$2,052.82
Chris Kaltreider	\$1,786.88
Verizon	\$295.98
Internal Revenue Service	\$1,574.15
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$207.87
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$179.92
John Ricks III	\$2,640.61
Chris Kaltreider	\$2,173.79
Kevin Miller	\$225.63
Melissa Hiller	\$1,456.98
Elan Financial Services	\$396.92
Highmark Benefits Group	\$9,790.90
Met-Ed	\$104.11
Internal Revenue Service	\$1,938.50
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$250.19
Suburban Propane	\$1,378.49
United Concordia	\$221.55

H.A. Thomson Co	\$519.00
DCCS	\$500.00
Star Printing Company	\$35.00
Blue Star Septic	\$220.00
BFPE International	\$750.46
Eureka Consolidated	\$28,376.23
Aero Energy	\$916.09
Crime Free Security	\$2,412.00
Mason Dixon Public Library	\$4,500.00
Stewartstown Historical Society	\$500.00
North Hopewell/Winterstown Vol Fire Co	\$750.00
Citizen Vol Fire Co of Fawn Grove	\$750.00
Stewartstown Area Senior Center	\$250.00
H.O.P.E	\$500.00
York County Quick Response Team	\$500.00
Stewartstown Food Pantry	\$250.00
Dean Miller	\$137.93
Roy E Hiller III	\$137.93
Todd Warner	\$137.93
MPL Law firm	\$1,780.00
John Ricks III	\$141.00
Chris Kaltreider	\$141.00
Melissa Hiller	\$141.00

The following payments were issued from the State Fund from January 2, 2024 through February 7, 2024:

Rhoadstar Retreading & Tire Center	\$1,415.00
Stewart & Tate	\$865.00
M&T Bank	\$94.34
D.E. Gemmill, Inc	\$1,090.00
Youngs Farm Service & Repair	\$607.28
Compass Minerals	\$5,657.08
Atlantic Tractor	\$170.66
Douglas Equipment & Supply Co	\$46.04

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Hiller  
Secretary