

March 6, 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), Kasey Aubel, Jane Moser, Ed Cockey, Jr., Butch Jackson, Fran Seitz, Jamie Donahue, Kerry McFatridge, Christopher Grube, Maddie Pasta, Glenda Channell, Bruce Channell, Alex Wilson, Linda Miller, Kody Krannebitter, Kris Krannebitter, Randy Robertson, Victor Grelli, Brandi Greeley, Chris Greeley, Lou Rao, Brian DeVoe, Amy Leisenring, Mike Dubel, David Trout, James Demer, Pam Trickett, Jodie Lawson, Amanda Rychwalski, Michael Rychwalski, Drew Doxzen, Caprice Turner, Dan Fowler, William Verbrugge, Regan Lehman, Michelle Tyson, Laura Vasold, Jennifer Green, Phyllis Fogle, and Lawrence Vasold.

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

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

Roy Hiller made a motion to approve the agenda for the March 6, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dean Miller. Todd Warner opposed. Motion carried. A discussion regarding setting a policy for when requests to be on the agenda should be submitted followed. Board members agreed that establishing a procedure would be discussed at the April meeting.

Todd Warner made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2024 meeting. Roy Hiller seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion to approve the minutes for the February 20, 2024 Work Session was made by Roy Hiller. Dean Miller seconded the motion. Todd Warner stated that he was not present at the meeting and abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Sealed bids were opened for a three-year lease of approximately 6 acres of Township owned farmland. Todd Warner II submitted a bid for \$180 per acre per year. Brian DeVoe submitted a bid of \$150 per acre for the first year, \$160 per acre for the second year, and \$170 per acre for the third year. Dean Miller submitted a bid for \$216 per acre per year. A motion was made by Todd Warner to award the lease to the highest bidder, Dean Miller. Roy Hiller seconded the motion. Dean Miller abstained from voting due to being one of the bidders. Motion carried.

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

Dean Miller called the meeting back to order.

The Municibid auction results for a Township owned 2002 Ford F450 Dump Truck were announced. The highest bid was \$12,600. Todd Warner made a motion to accept the highest bid and proceed with the sale. Dean Miller seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Roy Hiller made a motion for East Hopewell Township to participate in the York County Bridge Inspection Program. Todd Warner seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried. The participation form was signed by Dean Miller.

East Hopewell Township Secretary, Melissa Hiller, reported that a Costars Program Staff member had confirmed that East Hopewell Township does not have any commitments to purchase salt from previous contracts. After discussion, Todd Warner made a motion to Participate in the Statewide Costars Salt Contract for the August 2024-July 2025 season with an obligation for 200 tons of sodium chloride (road salt). The motion was seconded by Dean Miller. Motion unanimously carried.

Resident Harry Smith was not present to discuss his requested agenda item.

Roy Hiller made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01-2024, An Ordinance of East Hopewell Township Amending the East Hopewell Township Zoning Ordinance to Amend Section 508 Relating Keeping of Livestock, Small Animals, and/or Poultry, Section 203 Definitions, Section 801 B) (F) Relating to Use and Occupancy Permits, and Sections 303 and 304 Set Forth Herein. Todd Warner seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

A Roadmaster Report submitted by John Ricks, who was unavailable to attend the meeting, was read by Roy Hiller. The report noted that cold patch applied to Woods Road and Union Church Road broke up from the thaw & freezing cycle and he would be working with an LTAP engineer on a long-term plan to repair the roads. The report also referenced the work session that was held on February 20, 2024, vehicles/equipment serviced and a list of roads that pothole work had been conducted on. An upcoming meeting with PennDOT (regarding Township Roads) and a meeting regarding bridge inspection results were noted in the report. Roy Hiller made a motion to accept the Roadmaster report. Dean Miller seconded. Motion unanimously carried.

The Township Secretary asked the Board of Supervisors if they would consider establishing a permit process for companies that request opening a Township Road to do work. Such requests are typically made by utility companies. Attorney John Miller offered to send sample ordinances for the Board of Supervisors to review. A conversation about scheduling and advertising of future executive sessions took place. Dean Miller made a motion to approve the secretary's report. Roy Hiller seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Attorney John Miller had nothing to report.

During the public comment period Dan Fowler commended Laura Vasold for her hard work on the Livestock Ordinance and it was confirmed that the newly amended Ordinance would be published online. A brief follow-up conversation about scheduling of executive sessions also occurred. Jennifer Wilkens raised concerns about an abandoned property on Deer Lane. The impact of wildlife at the house, safety, and property values were discussed. Attorney John Miller suggested having a nuisance ordinance in place to address issues like this and agreed to send sample ordinances to the Board of Supervisors. Fran Seitz commented on snow removal of the February storms. Kasey Aubel requested clarification about nominations during the January meeting and stated her opinion that the Township should have 2 roadmasters. It was agreed that having an additional roadmaster will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the April meeting. William Verbrugge asked for clarification of who can be called in to operate equipment during a snowstorm. Ed Cockey stated that he saw the Township's grader being pressure washed for 3 days. Christopher Grube, a new resident, asked questions about recycling and trash collection. Attorney John Miller noted that Republic Services lowered the cost of an additional toter to \$60 per quarter. Butch Jackson inquired about hiring independent contractors for snow removal. It was confirmed that the Township has an active website and approved minutes are posted on there.

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

The following payments were issued from the General Fund from February 8, 2024 through March 6, 2024:

John Ricks III	\$1,771.44
Chris Kaltreider	\$1,567.90
Melissa Hiller	\$1,456.98
Met-Ed	\$121.00
Todd Warner	\$120.72
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$197.32
Internal Revenue Service	\$1,442.74
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$4.20
Internal Revenue Service	\$20.92
Melissa Hiller	\$1,456.98
Kevin Miller	\$63.57
John Ricks III	\$2,045.53
Chris Kaltreider	\$1,782.25
Stock and Leader	\$110.00
D.E, Gemmill, Inc	\$100.00
Dennis Tompkins	\$175.00

Suburban Propane	\$1,123.39
Highmark Benefits Group	\$9,790.00
Aero Energy	\$1,880.24
Moser Roofing Solutions	\$530.38
Yoe Parts & Equipment Co, Inc	\$37.06
DCCS	\$150.00
Verizon	\$295.98
Hopewell Heating & Air Conditioning	\$119.95
Bonnell Industries	\$59.42
john Deere Financial	\$170.66
Yoe Parts & Equipment Co, Inc	\$327.10
MPL Law firm	\$3,240.00
PSATS	\$70.00
United Concordia	\$221.55
Elan Financial Services	\$198.95
Dennis Tompkins	\$75.00
Dean Miller	\$137.93
Roy E Hiller III	\$137.93
Todd Warner	\$137.93
Dearborn Life Insurance Company	\$237.60
Star Printing Company	\$75.00

The following payments were issued from the State Fund from February 8, 2024 through March 6, 2024:

Kinsley Materials	\$1,072.12
Stewart & Tate	\$962.28
M&T Bank	\$30.58

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hiller
Secretary