

Eden Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of the May 13, 2024 Meeting
489 Stony Hill Road, Quarryville, PA 17566

Call-to-Order: Supervisor Joseph Rineer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Supervisors Joseph Rineer, David Rineer and Lawrence Stoltzfus; JD Shaubach and Szilvia Troutman. Also, the following members of the public: Glenn Morrison, Aversa Morrison, Peggy Gordon, Rick Ely, Jason Skonberg, Omar F. Esh, Brian Masterson, Jeremy Graham, Sean Smith, James R. Muckel, Marcella Peyre-Ferry (LNP), Jon Deutschlander, Craig Tomison and Keton Konzelman.

Public Participation:

Peggy Gordon gave an update on the Quarryville Library's user statistics and budget.

Brian Masterson (Regester Assoc.) presented a DEP Sewage Planning Module for approval for Ammon H. Stoltzfus at 3083 White Oak Rd. On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus, the Supervisors approved the Planning Module under **Resolution #2024-05-13-01**. Motion carried unanimously.

Sean Smith (Sticks & Stones Trailco LLC) presented a proposal to build a bike park off the Enola Low Grade. There are existing trails adjacent to Quarryville Borough that have been used by bikers for years. Providence Twp already granted approval for a bike park for the section of the trail they own in Quarryville Borough (they are awaiting the Borough's zoning approval). The project would be done by volunteers and would take 2-3 years to complete. The Berks Trail Association is expected to give their support and would add the Township to their insurance policy. On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus, the Supervisors approved the bike park proposal. Motion carried unanimously. The Board asked for an update next May and recommended to start the Trail Association's involvement at that time. Hunting in the vicinity of the bike park and night riding may need to be addressed in the future. JD will act as the Township contact person.

Supervisors Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the April 8, 2024 Supervisors meeting were reviewed. Joseph Rineer motioned, David Rineer seconded to approve the minutes; motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for April 2024, in the amount of \$909,911.22 (attached), was approved on a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus; motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills: The list of bills to be paid in May 2024, in the amount of \$37,604.94 (attached), was approved on a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by David Rineer; motion carried unanimously.

SEO Report: The SEO report listed activity of \$2,140.00 for the month of April 2024.

Tax Collector's Report: The Tax Collector's report listed activity in the amount of \$105,291.97 for the month of April 2024.

Zoning Officer's Report: The Zoning Officer's report listed activity in the amount of \$1,549.35 for the month of April 2024 plus \$5,500.00 in stormwater escrow.

Road Work Report: The Road Work report of activity in April 2024 was reviewed.

Solanco Public Safety Committee: No report.

Emergency Management Jason and Rick attended a recent LEPC meeting and the PSATS conference. The Farm Safety Day was a huge success and broke LGH records. The car seat event was also very successful. The Twp Hazard Mitigation Strategy goals were reviewed. Rick emphasized the ongoing risk of avian flu and mentioned that the disease had been found in humans and cows. He obtained copies of the Horse & Buggy Driving Manual to be distributed to the Amish community. National Night Out (August 6) has been cancelled in Quarryville Borough.

Southern Lancaster County Inter-Municipal Council: No report.

Correspondence: Received correspondence was reviewed and disseminated.

Old Business:

Rail Trail MOU: No update.

Rail Trail Improvement Project Update: The project is proposed to be completed by mid-June. The gutters at the Groff Rd Trailhead are very deep and may create potential safety and maintenance issues – the design may be improved by final grading.

Updated Municipal Building Plans: The updated building plans were reviewed. The quotes provided to JD estimated the cost of construction at ca. \$120-140/sq ft.

Asphalt Industries Rejected Sealcoat Bid Update: Asphalt Industries is continuing to pursue the issue that their low bid was rejected by Colerain and Eden Townships. They contacted the PA Association of Asphalt Material Applicators (PAAMA). PAAMA is proposing a meeting with Township officials and PennDot. The Supervisors recommended handling future communications through the Twp Solicitor.

New Business:

USDA Invitation for Full Application: USDA completed the review of the Township's pre-application and has issued an invitation for a full application. The Supervisors agreed to proceed with a full application and have the Twp Engineer and Twp Solicitor complete the required documentation. The submission may go into 2025. In the meantime, the Township will look into applying for a RAC-P grant and re-allocating the remaining ARPA funding (which must be contracted or spent by the end of 2024).

Worker's Compensation Coverage: W/C coverage has been provided by the State Worker's Insurance Fund at a cost of over \$14,000/year. A quote of \$5,762 from Encova Insurance was provided by a new insurance broker (EHD). On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus, the Supervisors approved switching coverage to Encova. Motion carried unanimously.

Return of SW Escrow – John S. Fisher (25 Hess Rd): On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by David Rineer, the Supervisors approved returning \$3,300 held in SW escrow to John S. Fisher at 25 Hess Rd. Motion carried unanimously.

Belt Loader Co-Op: It was decided that David Rineer and JD Shaubach would attend a meeting in early June requested by Paradise Twp to discuss any necessary updates to the Co-Op rules.

New Legislation re. Twp Auditor Compensation (Act 10 of 2024): The Supervisors agreed to have a resolution drawn up to raise Twp Auditor compensation to \$18/hr.

SEO Fee Schedule: The sewage enforcement fees charged by Solanco Engineering vs. Septic Solutions LLC will be discussed at the June meeting.

Public Participation: None.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joseph Rineer and seconded by David Rineer; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Szilvia Troutman

Joseph L. Rineer

David G. Rineer

Lawrence M. Stoltzfus