

West Earl Township Board of Supervisors, 157 West Metzler Road, Brownstown, PA 17508

In Attendance:

Chairman:	John Ford	Member:	Jennifer Prunoske
Vice Chairman:	Keith Kauffman	Manager/Secretary:	Jenna Seesholtz
Member:	Butch Keppley	Roadmaster:	Neil Stoltzfus
Member:	David Thornton	Township Engineer:	Josh Brengal, Lanc. Civil

Others present: Dale Peachey-136 Cornerstone Way, Brenden Curry-LNP News, Josh Stauffer-151 Pleasant Valley Road, Delton & Bridgett Good-172 S Farmersville Road, Bryan Martin-West Earl Fire Co., Mervin Zimmerman-Farmersville Fire Co., Ben Voran-West Earl Fire Co., Austin Rhodes-Trimble Surveyors, Ray Zimmerman-389 Millway Road, Nate Stoltzfus-50 Allen Road, Dean Weinhold-426 N Farmersville Road, Aaron Murray-Akron Fire Co., Timothy Hoffman-Akron Fire Co., Dwayne Zimmerman-Akron Fire Co., Dale Miller-Akron Fire Co., Tanner Murray-Akron Fire Co., Andrew Smith-Akron Fire Co., Josh Eberly-Akron Fire Co., Galen Fisher-Farmersville Fire Co., Nathan Shirk-276 Tobacco Road, Brian Brooks-West Earl Fire Co., Earl Good-Farmersville Fire Co.

Call to Order

Chairman Ford called the March 27, 2023 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- **February 27, 2023 meeting minutes** – Chairman Ford noted that under Special Business #1 Vice Chairman Ford should be changed to Chairman Ford. Moved by Vice Chairman Kauffman, second by Member Prunoske to approve the February 27, 2023 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Special Business

1. **Resolution 2023-16** – Assign first due response territory to volunteer Fire Companies. Timothy Hoffman, Chief of the Akron Volunteer Fire Company, read a statement to the Board members. Member Thornton thanked all the volunteer fire fighters for what they do. Member Thornton suggested including Akron in the quarterly fire company meetings. Chairman Ford said he's not ready to take action on the resolution tonight. Member Keppley asked what will change with or without adopting this resolution tonight and said he's in favor of voting on the resolution tonight. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Thornton to adopt Resolution 2023-16 with the addition of 4 addresses on South Ninth Street. Motion approved unanimously. Chairman Ford asked Manager Seesholtz to reach out to the 3 Fire Chiefs to set up the next meeting.

Subdivision/Land Development

1. **Delton Good Stormwater Management Plan** – Applicant proposes to add an additional 12,444 sq. ft. impervious to his property at 172 S Farmersville Road, Leola. Moved by Member Prunoske, second by Member Thornton to conditionally approve the Delton Good Stormwater Management Plan based on the March 23, 2023 review letter from the Township Engineer. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **James & Alma Martin Final Subdivision and Lot Add-on Plan**
  - **§155-9 Preliminary Plan waiver** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Vice Chairman Kauffman to grant a waiver of the preliminary plan requirements. Motion approved unanimously.
  - **§155-21.B Plan scale waiver** – Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Member Keppley to grant a waiver of the plan scale requirements. Motion approved unanimously.
  - **§155-21.C(8)(b) Boundary lines survey waiver** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Prunoske to grant a waiver of the boundary lines survey requirements. Motion approved unanimously.
  - **§155-21.C(20) Monuments and markers modification request** – Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Member Prunoske to grant a modification of 155-21.C(20) to require markers or monuments to be set on lots 1 and 2 but not require markers or monuments on the remaining lands. Motion approved

unanimously.

- **§155-23.C(1) Street widths deferral:**
  - Moved by Member Keppley, second by Vice Chairman Kauffman to deny the request to defer street widening. Motion approved unanimously.
  - Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Member Prunoske to require dedication of addition right-of-way width on Pool Road out to a total of 50'. Motion approved unanimously.
  - Moved by Member Prunoske, second by Chairman Ford to require widening of Pool Road, from the current cartway width of 22' to a total of 30', from the PennDot right-of-way north to the Tobacco Road intersection & to defer widening of Pool Road south of the PennDot right-of-way. Motion approved unanimously.
  - Moved by Member Prunoske, second by Member Keppley to defer street widening and dedication of additional right-of-way for the remaining lands along the south side of Tobacco Road & to defer the widening of Tobacco Road along lots 1 & 2. Motion approved unanimously.
- **§155-32.D(1) Sidewalks** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Keppley to grant a deferral of sidewalk requirements. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Conditional plan approval** – Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Member Thornton to grant conditional plan approval based upon the Township Engineer's review letter dated March 23, 2023 & the signing of a deferral agreement provided by the Township Solicitor. Motion approved unanimously.

#### New Business

1. **2022 Audit Approval** – Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Vice Chairman Kauffman to accept the 2022 Township audit. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Clean Water Grant budget revision** – The cost of the Turtle Hill Project came in at a lower cost than was expected. Moved by Member Prunoske, second by Member Thornton to sign the Clean Water Grant budget revision worksheet. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **Roadcrew employee new hire** – Will discuss at next meeting.
4. **Special Event Ordinance discussion** – Chairman Ford said the Board members can review the Ordinance and email questions to the Manager.
5. **Facility use request** – The Lancaster County High School Baseball Umpires Association has requested the use of the Township building large meeting room on April 30, 2023 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Moved by Member Thornton, second by Vice Chairman Kauffman to approve the request to use the large meeting room at the Township building for the Umpires Association. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Financials

1. **Payment of bills** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Keppley to pay the bills as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Budget vs Actual** – Provided for the Board's review.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Member Thornton to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Reports

1. **Zoning Officer's Report** – None
2. **Manager's Report** – Manager Seesholtz said she will be advertising the upcoming budget workshop.
3. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report** – Written report provided for the Board's review.
4. **Police Chief's Report** – None
5. **Roadmaster's Report** – Nothing additional to report.

#### Public Comment

**Dean Weinhold, 426 N Farmersville Road** – Mr. Weinhold asked what the Township is doing to protect farmers with the way the avian flu is right now. He said there is a big issue with backyard flocks. Chairman Ford said he would like to know what's going on around the State and asked the Manager to get a model ordinance for the Board to review.

**Galen Erb, 40 Kingston Road** – Mr. Erb thanked the Police Department & Chief Higgins for their help during the West

Earl Fire Company's annual sale.

**Ray Zimmerman, 389 Millway Road** – Mr. Zimmerman said he has been a member of all three fire companies and thanked the Board of Supervisors for their efforts. He said he looks forward to more communication.

Supervisors' Comments

None

Action Items

- Invite Akron Fire Co. to the joint Fire Companies meeting.
- Get a model ordinance that addresses chickens on residential properties.

Adjournment

Moved by Vice Chairman Kauffman, second by Member Thornton to adjourn the March 27, 2023 regular meeting at 9:39 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sara Service  
Zoning Officer