

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

In Attendance:

Chairman:	John Ford	Manager/Secretary:	Jenna Seesholtz
Member:	Butch Keppley	Roadmaster:	Neil Stoltzfus
Member:	David Thornton	Police Chief:	Chief Eric Higgins
Member:	Jennifer Prunoske		

Vice Chairman Keith Kauffman was absent.

Others present: Dale Peachey-136 Cornerstone Way, John Stauffer-151 Pleasant Valley Road, Brenden Curry-LNP.

Call to Order

Chairman Ford called the May 22, 2023 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

**May 8, 2023 Meeting minutes** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Keppley to approve the May 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment

**Brenden Curry, LNP** – Mr. Curry asked if there was a reason why chickens aren't on the agenda. Chairman Ford said that Code Enforcement Officer and the Township's attorney are working on drafting an ordinance for the Board to review.

Special Business

**None**

Subdivision/Land Development

1. **James & Alma Martin Final Subdivision and Lot Add-on Plan: Road Widening Requirement** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Keppley to table the James & Alma Martin Plan until the next meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

1. **Act 172 Volunteer Service Credit** – Manager Seesholtz contacted municipalities in Lancaster County to ask about Act 172 and whether those municipalities offered EIT credit to their volunteer emergency personnel. She said there were some who offered an EIT credit of \$200-\$300, and there were some who are considering implementing this credit. She said if the Board is in favor of this the next step would be to get an ordinance and resolution put together. There was a consensus of the Board to authorize the Manager to work with the Township's Solicitor to draft an ordinance and resolution for Act 172.

New Business

1. **Copier** – Manager Seesholtz submitted quotes for a new copier for the Board's review. Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Keppley to authorize option #4 to lease a Kyocera copier from Executive Image. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **Lancaster Bicycle Club Fire Police Request** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Prunoske to authorize the use of the West Earl & Farmersville Fire Police for the Lancaster Bicycle Club Covered Bridge Classic on Sunday, August 20, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **Blessings of Hope Special Event road closure** – Member Keppley asked if they requested Fire Police during the event. Manager Seesholtz stated no. Member Keppley said he's in favor of the road closure as long as the Fire Police are helping with traffic control. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Prunoske to authorize the use of the West Earl & Farmersville Fire Police during the iCare Fundraiser 5K on Saturday, June 3, 2023 and to approve the closure of Diamond Station Road contingent upon Blessings of Hope submitting a request to use the Fire Police. Motion approved unanimously.

4. **Turtle Hill Well** – Replacement of sodium hypo feed pump. Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Member Thornton to authorize the purchase of a new sodium hypo feed pump for the Turtle Hill well. Motion approved unanimously.
5. **Paver sealed bid advertising approval** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Prunoske to approve the sealed bid advertisement for purchasing a new paver. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Financials

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

#### Reports

1. **Zoning Officer's Report** – Written report provided for the Board's review. The Zoning Officer updated the Board on the current Zoning Enforcement notices.
2. **Manager's Report** – Manager Seesholtz reported that the industrial and commercial water customers were not billed the new water rate since the beginning of the year. The bills are being recalculated and sent out to the 99 industrial and commercial customers.
3. **Code Enforcement Officer's Report** – Written report provided for the Board's review.
4. **Police Chief's Report** – Chief Higgins reported that the on-site assessment for accreditation will be on July 12 & 13.
5. **Roadmaster's Report** – Nothing additional to report.

#### Public Comment

**John Stauffer, 157 Pleasant Valley Road** - Mr. Stauffer said there was some interest from residents for the Township to install a pickle ball court.

#### Supervisors' Comments

##### **David Thornton**

- Need to schedule the first date for Police negotiations.
- The Board needs to decide where the ARPA funds will be spent and decide if any will go to LASA.
- Member Thornton attended a food truck even in Lititz. He said the Township could do something like this at one of the Township parks.

#### Action Items

- Ask the Township's Solicitor to draft an ordinance and resolution for Act 172.

#### Adjournment

Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Prunoske to adjourn the May 22, 2023 regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sara Service  
Zoning Officer