



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 07, 2022

The Regular Meeting took place in the Township meeting room and also via an Authorized Telecommunication Device (ZOOM). Supervisors present included Beth D'Antonio (Chair), Michael Wacey (Vice Chair), Alex Bosco, Erik Unger and Betsy Fadem. Also in attendance were Eugene Briggs (Township Manager), Don Curley (Assistant Township Manager and Director of Public Works), Dave Obzud (Chief, Easttown Police Department), James Dalton (Township Solicitor) and Sharon Norris (Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager).

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman D'Antonio called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Mrs. D'Antonio lead the Pledge of Allegiance and reviewed meeting protocol.
3. **Emergency Management Coordinator Update** – Rob Schnorr, the Township EMC, was not in attendance but provided a written report for the Board's review. Michael Baskin, Berwyn EMS Captain, answered questions regarding the recent closure of the Jennersville and Brandywine Hospitals and the effect that has had on wait times at area hospitals. He noted that Lancaster General is the closest hospital designated for Radiological Emergency Preparedness now that Brandywine Hospital is closed. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment.
4. **Consent Agenda**

Mrs. D'Antonio called for any changes to the Consent Agenda items. Mrs. D'Antonio called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 4A (the January 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes) and 4B, the payment of the bills. Mrs. Fadem made the motion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wacey. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

5. Board Motions, Presentations, and Resolutions

- A. **Consideration to Hire David Fiorenza as the Finance Director and Appoint as Assistant Treasurer** – Mrs. D'Antonio called for a motion to hire David Fiorenza as the new Finance Director and appoint him as Assistant Treasurer. Mrs. Fadem made the motion and Mr. Unger seconded the motion. The Board members welcomed Mr. Fiorenza who was in the audience. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public

comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

- B. Consideration to Appoint Nicholas Deenis as a Zoning Hearing Board Alternate Member with a Term Expiring December 31, 2023** – Mrs. D'Antonio called for a motion to appoint Nicholas Deenis as a Zoning Hearing Board Alternate to a term to expire on December 31, 2023. Mr. Bosco made the motion. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. The Board briefly discussed the appointment. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.
- C. Consideration to Appoint Steven Harper as a Zoning Hearing Board Alternate Member with a Term Expiring December 31, 2024** – Mrs. D'Antonio called for a motion to appoint Stephen Harper as a Zoning Hearing Board Alternate to a term expiring on December 31, 2024. Mrs. Fadem made the motion. Mrs. D'Antonio seconded the motion. After the initial terms are served, volunteers serve a 3-year term. The Board noted how fortunate the Township is to have so many qualified volunteers. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.
- D. Consideration of Zoning Permit Application for Demolition of Class 1 Historic Resource at 226 Exeter Road** – Mrs. D'Antonio made a motion that the Board of Supervisors approve the permit application and authorize the Zoning Officer to issue a zoning permit for the demolition as proposed. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Matt Lubitz, Township Zoning Officer, presented this application and answered questions from the Board, noting that both the Historical Commission and the Planning Commission reviewed the application and recommended approval. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.
- E. Consideration of Zoning Permit Application for Demolition of Class 1 Historic Resource at 422 South Waterloo Road** – Mrs. D'Antonio made a motion that the Board of Supervisors approve the permit application and authorize the Zoning Officer to issue a zoning permit for the demolition as proposed. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. Matt Lubitz, Township Zoning Officer, presented this application and answered questions from the Board, noting that both the Historical Commission and the Planning Commission reviewed the application and recommended approval. Ted Babi, the applicant, commented that he was in attendance virtually to answer any questions. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.
- F. Consideration of Zoning Permit Application for Demolition of Class 1 Historic Resource at 435 Beaumont Road** – Mrs. D'Antonio made a motion that the Board of Supervisors approve the permit application and authorize the Zoning Officer to issue a zoning permit for the demolition as proposed. Mr. Bosco seconded the motion. Matt Lubitz, Township Zoning Officer, presented this application and answered questions from the Board, noting that both the Historical Commission and the Planning Commission reviewed the application and recommended approval. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.
- G. Consideration to Ratify the Authorization to Participate in the Chester County Opioid Settlement** – Solicitor Dalton summarized this agenda item for the Board. Mrs. D'Antonio made a motion that the Board ratify the prior authorization

and submission of Easttown's participation documents dated January 21, 2022 to assist Chester County in receiving additional local funding relating to specific statewide opioid settlements. Mrs. Fadem seconded the motion. The Board discussed the settlement. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. There was no public comment. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

H. Consideration of a Petition to Intervene on AQUA's Application to Acquire the Willistown Township Sewer System – Mr. Curley summarized this agenda item. The Board asked questions of Mr. Curley. It was determined that all unresolved items are resolvable outside of a Petition to Intervene at the PA PUC and that no action is required. The Board took no action.

I. Consideration to Create a Stormwater Management Advisory Committee – Mr. Briggs presented this agenda item. Mrs. D'Antonio made a motion that the Board authorize the staff to proceed with the adoption process for this code amendment to create a Stormwater Management Advisory Committee (SMAC). Mr. Bosco seconded the motion. The Board discussed the proposed amendment. Mrs. Fadem suggested adding language in Section C, that members of the SMAC be Easttown residents. The Board also discussed making the qualifications less specific but decided to leave them as is. After their initial staggered terms, the members shall serve 3-year terms. Mrs. D'Antonio called for public comment. Michael DeFlavia, 125 Bartholomew Road, commented on volunteer qualifications. Mrs. D'Antonio called for the vote. The motion carried 5-0.

6. Departmental Reports

A. Manager – Mr. Briggs summarized highlights from his report and answered questions from the Board.

B. Public Works – Mr. Curley presented his report and answered questions from the Board. He indicated the need to extend the Paving contract through April 30, 2023 and the Snow and Ice Removal contract through June 30, 2023 and that unless the BOS objected, he would provide the appropriate notice to the contractors. There were no objections.

7. Regular Township Business – Since there was nothing pulled from the consent agenda, there was no regular Township business to discuss.

8. Other Business

A. Annual Stream Cleanup – Mr. Briggs and Cara Rash, the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Chairperson, presented this agenda item. Each spring since 1984, the Darby Creek Valley Association (DVCA) hosts a watershed-wide clean up event focusing on removing trash, tires, and other debris from regional waterways. During this event, volunteers clean up sites located throughout the watershed. Easttown was asked to participate and be an Official Sponsor. DVCA provides all supplies. There are 3 locations in the Township identified for this cleanup: Hilltop Park, behind Historic Waynesborough and off Beaumont Road. The EAC chose Earth day, April 23rd as the day the Township would like to participate. The Board agreed to fund this event at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

- B. Beaumont Elementary School Newtown Road Crosswalk** – Mr. Briggs began the discussion touching on the history of this stretch of road that has been a discussion topic in year’s past. He noted that the last time the Township brought this issue to PennDOT and the School District’s attention, it was determined that the crosswalk and road were PennDOT’s and the School District’s responsibility and that the crosswalk was not a good idea as it crosses right at the blind spot on Newtown Road. The Board asked questions of Mr. Briggs and opened up the floor to public comment. Mike Hopkins, 1036 Tenby Road, brought this situation back to the Board’s attention as the crosswalk is being used with increasing frequency. He commented on safety issues. Cara Rash, 1524 Greenhill Road, commented on safety issues and the school car line backup. Oswaldo Bracco, 1005 Derwydd Lane commented on the same safety issues and walkability throughout the township. Richard Hudak, 1054 Derwydd, commented on those same safety issues, and his children’s new bus stop. Marian Schneider, 1041 Derwydd Lane also commented on safety issues. The discussion continued as the Board asked questions of the residents as they commented. Chief Obzud commented on providing a Police presence at this location. It was suggested that Mr. Hudak contact the school. Mr. Briggs commented that he is organizing a meeting with the Township, PennDOT and the School District as a first step.
- C. Stormwater Management Report Scope of Work** – Mr. Curley presented the draft Scope of Work which identifies stormwater management interventions for adverse stormwater flow, stormwater related flow and flooding and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Curley will work with the Consultant to begin the project and expects to have a report for the Board’s review in approximately 90 days.
- D. Revisit Reducing Multifamily Building Density for the Village of Berwyn Zoning Districts** – At the Township’s request to review density in the Village Business (VB) and Village Transition (VT) Zoning Districts, the Township Planner, Tom Comitta, recommended a reduction to the density from 28 to 16 dwelling units per acre of net lot area in the VB District and 16 to 12 dwelling units per acre of net lot area in the VT District. The majority of the Board members are in favor of these changes. Mr. Briggs will begin the process to revise the ordinance. Mrs. D’Antonio called for public comment. Michael DeFlavia commented on the density.
- E. Snow/Ice Removal from Park Sidewalks and Trails** – this discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

9. Announcements

Mrs. D’Antonio read the following announcements. The following meetings are scheduled and will be held in the Township meeting room with an option to attend the meeting virtually. Please visit the Township website at www.easttown.org to find information on how to view and participate in each of the meetings and for up to date information on all Township activities.

- Municipal Authority, February 8th at 7:00 PM
- Historical Commission, February 9th at 7:00 PM

- Easttown Citizen’s Advisory Committee, February 14th at 6:15 PM
- Parks and Recreation Board, February 15th at 7:00 PM
- Zoning Hearing Board, February 17th at 7:00 PM
- Board of Supervisors Meeting, Tuesday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM

10. Public Comment – Michael DeFlavia commented on street light outages at 516 and 530 Midland. Mr. Curley will look into this. Cheryl Harper, 214 Pheasant Hill Drive, commented on volunteer skill sets, sharing volunteer openings on the Patch and other publications, seeing the participant list at Zoom meetings, and providing a Police Blotter. Chief Obzud commented on the Police Blotter question.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sharon Norris

Sharon Norris
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