August 2, 2023

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 Roy Hiller III and William Rinas. Also in attendance was John Miller (MPL Law Firm), Victor Grelli, Fran Seitz, Todd Warner, Eric Minor, Sharon Minor, Ed Cockey, Butch Jackson, Janet McElwain, Wayne McElwain, Stephen Freeman, Chase Coble, Jane Moser, Jodie Lawson, Kasey Aubel, Dillon Demers, Michelle Tyson and Brian McCleary.

William Rinas opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag.

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

A motion was made by Roy Hiller III and seconded by William Rinas to approve the agenda for the August 2, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Roy Hiller III and seconded by William Rinas to approve the minutes for the July 5, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Roy Hiller III and seconded by William Rinas to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2023 Special Meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Kevin Hertzog, owner of Dependable Construction Code Services (DCCS), announced that they can offer zoning enforcement services to East Hopewell Township. DCCS currently provides building enforcement services to the township. The Board of Supervisors reviewed DCCS’s fee schedule. Mr. Hertzog confirmed that auxiliary personnel would be available to ensure prompt response times and consistent communication. Roy Hiller III made a motion to adopt Resolution 04-2023, revoking the appointment of South Penn Code Consultants, LLC and appointing Dependable Construction Code Services, LLC to administer and enforce the East Hopewell Township zoning ordinances and setting fees. William Rinas seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Mason-Dixon Library Treasurer, Janet McElwain, provided an update of the library’s financial status. Mrs. McElwain provided an overview of the library’s operations, staffing and fundraising campaigns. She thanked East Hopewell Township for supporting the library. Stephen Freeman, Library Board President, noted that the library serves as a community center and emphasized the need for continued financial support.

A final subdivision plan for Manifold Farm was submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The plan was approved by the East Hopewell Township Planning Commission on July 13, 2023 with the note that monuments are to be placed to mark property lines as required by the subdivision ordinance. A motion was made by Roy Hiller III to approve the subdivision plan. William Rinas seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

East Hopewell Township received a tax forgiveness request from Cathy Hyson, Session Elder for Hopewell Presbyterian Church. The request is for 2022 and 2023 municipal tax. Roy Hiller III made a motion to exonerate the taxes. William Rinas seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

Attorney Miller noted that Comcast has requested a letter of support to apply for grants for the Broadband Expansion project that is being funded by Pennsylvania State and the United States Government. Attorney Miller explained to meeting participants that although Comcast does not currently service our township, internet providers will want to offer their services in the area due to the funding that will be available through grants.

A secretary report was given by Melissa Hiller. It was announced that the Board of Supervisors will hold an Executive Session on August 10, 2023 at 12:00pm to discuss Health Care Benefits. A Board of Supervisors Special Meeting to open Road Resurfacing bids on August 10, 2023 at 1:00pm was also announced. There was discussion regarding recent complaints about 2 township properties that are not being maintained. The properties are located at intersections where the overgrowth of vegetation creates line of sight issues. Attorney Miller noted that the Township does not have an ordinance in place to address noxious weeds or overgrowth, but the line of site at the intersections can and should be maintained by the Township. It was clarified that the line of sight at one of the properties has been addressed. The complaint for the second property was received on the day of this meeting and will be addressed by the road crew on August 3, 2023. Residents and Board members commented that crops can also cause line of sight issues.

Attorney Miller reported that the bid notices for the Waste Hauler Contract will be advertised in August. It is expected that a contract will be awarded at the September Board of Supervisor’s meeting.

During the public comment period, residents urged the township to mow the roads again. Resident Butch Jackson suggested that township employees place flags or stakes at intersections where crops may impede the line of sight. This would help landowners identify areas they should avoid planting. Resident Brian McCleary advocated for the township to develop a transparent plan for township roads. Resident Todd Warner asked questions regarding plans and the budget to tar and chip township roads. Attorney Miller provided residents with information regarding the average amount per property the township collects in taxes. Resident Michelle Tyson angrily questioned grandfathering of the livestock ordinance for a neighboring property that has horses. Attorney Miller attempted to explain how the property in question was impacted by the livestock ordinance when it was put into place. Repeated attempts to explain the ordinance were unsuccessful as Ms. Tyson’s expression of anger continued to escalate while she lamented that the livestock ordinance restricted her ability keep an emotional support horse on her property. Discussion ensued about the recent proposal to change the livestock ordinance submitted by Laura Vasold. Solicitor Miller explained that Mrs. Vasold has withdrawn the original proposal and the Board is awaiting a new proposal from her.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Roy Hiller III and seconded by Bill Rinas. The motion unanimously carried.

The following checks were issued from the General Fund:

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| **Check Number** | **Payee** | **Amount** |
| 15407 | John Ricks III | $1,679.36 |
| 15408 | Chris Kaltreider | $1,546.56 |
| 15409 | Melissa Hiller | $1,456.98 |
| 15410 | Verizon | $303.63 |
| 15411 | Harold Schnetzka | $19.07 |
| 15412 | John Ricks III | $1,682.93 |
| 15413 | Chris Kaltreider | $1,542.62 |
| 15414 | Melissa Hiller | $1,456.98 |
| 15415 | Shrewsbury True Value Plus | $979.82 |
| 15416 | MPL Law Firm | $5,959.50 |
| 15417 | James R Holley & Assoc., Inc | $338.00 |
| 15418 | Met Ed | $91.91 |
| 15419 | United Concordia | $221.55 |
| 15420 | PA One Call System | $125.00 |
| 15421 | Penn Kleen | $33.10 |
| 15422 | Highmark | $9,061.41 |
| 15423 | Elan Financial Services | $488.92 |
| 15424 | McKeon Associates, Inc | $8,030.00 |
| 15425 | South Penn Code Consultants | $4,418.35 |
| ACH | IRS Tax Payment | $1,445.51 |
| ACH | Commonwealth of PA | $189.90 |
| ACH | IRS Tax Payment | $1,398.25 |
| ACH | Commonwealth of PA | $180.36 |
| ACH | York Adams Tax Bureau | $498.13 |
| ACH | PA Department of Revenue | $247.88 |

The following checks were issued from the Sate Fund:

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| **Check Number** | **Payee** | **Amount** |
| 907 | Robert Tompkins | $250.00 |
| 908 | Stephenson Equipment, Inc | $2,268.96 |
| 909 | Stephenson Equipment, Inc | $761.55 |
| 910 | Groff Tractor & Equipment | $495.19 |
| 911 | Kinsley Materials | $1,802.14 |
| 912 | Stewart & Tate, Inc | $947.16 |
| 913 | Kinsley Materials | $1,987.07 |
| 914 | Groff Tractor & Equipment | $21.72 |
| 915 | Slatefield Equipment, LLC | $1,025.00 |
| 916 | Atlantic Tractor | $407.22 |

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Hiller

Secretary