**Minutes for Regular Meeting of East Union Township Supervisors**

**Held on October 6th, 2022**

**Time Meeting called to order: 7:01pm**

**Supervisor’s Present at Meeting:** Chairperson - Jill Careyva, Vice-Chairperson - Jon Dettery, Supervisor - Kyle Mummey, Solicitor - Attorney Wallbillich, Engineer - William Everett, Secretary - Liza Verges, Treasurer - Michele Greenly, Zoning Officer – Jonathon Biros (Absent), Code Enforcement Officer - Michele Moyer (Absent)

**Supervisors Agenda:**

* Motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for September 2022 - made by Jon Dettery, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.

**Township Officer Reports:**

* Treasurer’s Report
* Motion to advertise and disseminate 2021 Audit – Attorney Wallbillich comments that this motion is necessary to advertise and disseminate the 2021 Audit produced by Moore & Associates. The summary prepared by Moore & Associates has to be condensed in order to advertise it in the newspaper and it has to be disseminated in accordance with the statue. He asks that the supervisors authorize him to work with the treasurer Michele Greenly to advertise and disseminate the 2021 Audit. Motion made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Motion to accept Treasurers Report for September 2022 – made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Motion to approve all bills for payment from September 2022 – made by Jon Dettery, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Solicitor’s Report
* Assessment Appeals Update – Attorney Wallbillich states he and Jill Careyva attended the hearing schedule for the 5 properties the Township had acquired. They asked the County’s Assessment board to consider the properties be exempt for the 2022 year and forward. Those properties should not pay any taxes. The tax bills that were paid in May after the passed allowed discounts; the township will try to recover at face value amount. The Township was successful on all appeals.
* Noise Ordinance Update – Attorney Wallbillich did not get any other additional sample ordinances to share with the board. He will get more information for the next meeting. Kyle Mummey believes that the draft Noise Ordinance from Minersville would work for East Union Township. Attorney Wallbillich informed Kyle Mummey that noises such as an ATV or any specific noises should be included before passing Ordinance.
* Motion to accept Solicitor’s Report for September 2022 – made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.
* Pam Hartz inquired an expense on the Treasurer’s report for Kelly Services. The payment was made to the service for finding the township’s new secretary.
* Pam Harts inquired about an expense for C.H. Waltz & Sons. The payment was made to C.H. Waltz & Sons for snow plows and hedge equipment maintenance.
* Pam Hartz inquired about Fire Escrow Ordinance Fund account in which Kyle Mummey informed her that when a property burns down, the insurance company will issue payment to township until the owner has the home demolished. It will stay in the account until demolition is complete and then be refunded to the owner. If the owner fails to complete demolition the township has the right to have the home demolished with that payment from the insurance.
* Police Report
* Police Report given by Officer Chris Dimmick. Motion to accept Police Report for September 2022 – made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Code and Zoning Report
* Code Report given by Liza Verges. The report stated 4 violations (2 for quality of life and 2 IPMC), 2 vehicle tags and 2 condemned houses that are in the process of being contracted for demolition. Motion to accept Code Report for September 2022 – made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Zoning Report was given by Liza Verges. The report stated 0 Zoning Applications received, 0 Zoning Permits Issued and 1 Zoning Hearing Board. Motion to accept Zoning Report for September 2022 – made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Engineer’s Report
* Engineers Report given by William Everett. Mostly all road work is completed. There is some ditch work and pipe work but should be all way completed by ending of the month. Trailer Road needs surface on it but there was a lot of water problems. Motion to accept Engineer’s Report for September 2022 – made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Jim Yurick commented that his drive way was not repaved due to work on the Township. He states they patched it but they did not repave with asphalt. Would like to know when it will be completed as he states it has been 3 months and it still not properly fixed.
* Road Report
* Township is working on a section of the deteriorated road to get it fixed.
* 200 tons of Rock Salt ordered for the upcoming winter season. Township must accept at least 60% of delivery. We can only accept what we can hold in storage.
* Motion to accept Road Report for September 2022 - made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Other Reports
* There were no other reports available at this time.

**Old Business:**

* Motion to Hire Labor Council to assist with Police Contract
* Police have been working without a contract for the past 2 years. A labor council will help to make it fair for both the Township and the police. Attorney Wallbillich recommends Eric Brown of Siena Law to assist with contract. He does municipal work and collective bargaining labor work. He will only assist the township with the Police Contract. Motion to hire Labor Council to assist with Police Contract made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.
* Motion to cancel future work sessions
* Jill Careyva expresses how the work sessions are not working out with the Supervisors. Attorney Wallbillich states that the work session is a meeting open to the public and the agenda is only a list of things to be discussed at the meetings. The agenda is not required to be done during the work session. The purpose of the work session is to discuss the items on the agenda. Kyle Mummey stated public may comment on agenda items only before meeting. Pam Harts questioned how will the agenda be transparent if there is no work session; also stated that the public should be allowed to ask questions before the Board of Supervisors make a motion to accept an item on the agenda. Motion to cancel all future work sessions made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Request to vacate portions of Union St.
* Hearing occurred at 5pm. Request was approved by the Board of Supervisors. Vote was unanimous.
* Request by L&B rezoning change
* Hearing occurred at 5:30pm. Request was approved by the Board of Supervisors. Vote was 2-1.
* Request by Sheppton/Oneida Volunteer Fire Co. for rezoning
* Hearing scheduled for 8pm.
* Discussion on Schuylkill County Recycling Event that occurred September 15 through 17, 2022.
* 3 Dumpsters were used for the clean-up. Township collected a total of $204.00. The collection was divided in half between Schuylkill County and East Union Township (each receiving $102.00).
* Electronic Recycling Event
  + To be held on October 15th, 2022. Township paid $300.00 for the Electronic Recycling Service.
* Purchasing Voice Recorder from Stephen Bushinski
  + Approved by Board of Supervisors.

**New Business:**

* Repository Sale Vote
* Motion to approve the Repository Sale by Schuylkill County - made by Kyle Mummey, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.
* Decide Timeline to adopt 2023 Budget
* Deadline to discuss a budget would be November 10th to include in the December meeting. Engineer, Chief of Police and Treasurer have to meet with Board of Supervisors to discuss the Budget for 2023.
* Executive Session – Personnel Matters: discussed after meeting reconvened.

**Motion to Adjourn**:

Motion made by Jill Careyva and seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.

**Time Meeting Adjourned:** 8pm for Hearing

**Time Meeting Reconvened:** 8:55pm

**Executive Session:**

* Jon Dettery hired as a Part-Time Road Worker. Auditors must meet to discuss pay. Motion to accept Jon Dettery as a road worker made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Motion to add the newly added Conditional Use Application for Phineyville Road Solar 1 for the purpose to set a hearing date made by Kyle Mummey, seconded by Jill Careyva. All in favor, motion carried.
* Motion to coordinate a date for hearing on the Conditional Use Application for Phineyville Road Solar 1 made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Participation:**

* Bob Gabardi states that on the corner of West Market St and Route 924 there is water coming off the road and eroding.
* Carolina states that Route 924 when coming off Route 329 cars are flying pass with no police presence. She states cars are passing school bus even when they are stopped and letting children off. Can a citation be issued if school bus camera catches violations on video?
* Jim Yurick asks if the township can up Police Patrol during the day. People speeding through the town and there were 2 rollovers. Dayshift officers need to be out catching speeders.
* Jennifer Daley offers her drive way for speed traps.
* Ray Trojan asks is there any way to have more state police presence.
* Pam Harts asks about the meeting minutes of September. Secretary clarifies minutes. She asks about more police coverage and wants to know why is the Code Enforcement Officer never available or present at the meetings. She states her neighbor’s dog is always barking and her complaints are not met. She also said State Police will not go for a barking dog complaint. The Chief of Police did a wellness check on neighbor but never addressed the dog barking. Neighbor is setting up tents for stray cats in the winter.

**Motion to Re-adjourn:** Made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.

**Time Meeting Adjourn: 9:24pm**

**Members of Public in Attendance (please see attached sign-in sheet):**

Edwina Matuszkiewicz, Stephen Bushinski, Jackie Houser, Stefan Gerneth, Amy Austra-Gerneth, James Yurick, Kris Pasupuleli, Bob Gabardi, Sally Yurick, Mary Stitzer, John Grohol, Joann Evancho, Joe Evancho, Maryann Vine, Susan Grohol, Thomas Houser, Dave Sarno, and Pam Hartz.