



June 13, 2023
Board of Supervisors, Minutes

Present:

Mark Wilson, Vice Chairman	Steve Buehler, Supervisor	Tom Hartwig, Manager
Charles Behm, Roadmaster	Steve Longwell, PC	Tom Thompson, Engineer
Tom May, Solicitor	Lindsey Everett, Secretary	Amy Marree, EMC

Visitors:

Donna Behm	Susan Oliver-Stough	Aaron Walker	Joe Scherer
Ray Turner	Ronda & Brian Miller	Pam Smith	Kirt Jones
Peter Francino	Philip Beahm	Charlie Fields	Robert Edger
Roger Jones	Keith Walsh	Richard & Karen Lipp	

Call Meeting to Order:

Vice Chairman Wilson called the public meeting to order & welcomed everyone at 7:00 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at the Forward Township Municipal Building located at 207 Ash Stop Road, Evans City, Pennsylvania.

Approval of Minutes:

- May 9, 2023 – Board of Supervisors Minutes

Supervisor Buehler made a motion to approve the May 9, 2023 - Board of Supervisors Minutes. Vice Chairman Wilson seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports:

- PLGIT

Supervisor Buehler made a motion to approve the outstanding bills for the month of May 2023 in the amount of \$27,331.63. Vice Chairman Wilson seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

- NexTier

Vice Chairman Wilson mentioned that the NexTier bills were high this month due to the Township/PEMA/FEMA property acquisition of 356 Valencia Road on May 18, 2023.

Supervisor Buehler made a motion to approve the May 2023 payroll expenditures & outstanding bills in the amount of \$350,492.89. Vice Chairman Wilson seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Visitors' Comments on Agenda Items:

- No Comments

Old Business:

- No Old Business

New Business:

- R2023-3 PA America

Resolution R2023-3 PA America is supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial. *Note that the Resolution was read by Vice Chairman Wilson in its entirety.*

Supervisor Buehler made a motion to approve Resolution R2023-3 PA America. Vice Chairman Wilson seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Evans City Volunteer Fire Department:

Aaron Walker briefed the board on the great turn out for the Golf Outing and Ace Hardware Ticket Raffle.

The Evans City Fire Department held an internal meeting recently about the future of the department. Aaron explained that memberships are down with most volunteer fire departments just like the Evans City VFD, and they need volunteers of all ages and abilities. He further commented that they will train anyone over the age of 16.

Vice Chairman Wilson suggested putting an article about being a volunteer fire fighter in the next newsletter. The Township Manger Tom Hartwig agreed.

Emergency Management:

EMC Marree stated she had registered the township on the National Night Out database. She asked Aaron, from the ECVFD, if they are able to bring up the trucks for the event, and he said he would check into it and get back to her. Secretary Everett will be putting advertisements of the event on the website and Facebook page as EMC Marree passes along the information.

Planning Commission:

Nothing to report.

Township Manager:

Nothing new to report.

Solicitor:

Nothing to report.

Engineer:

Nothing new to report.

Roadmaster:

Seal Coat Update

Roadmaster Behm informed the Board that Youngblood had finished seal coating the township roadways and he was very happy with the outcome. Supervisor Buehler commented he had been on a few of the recently coated roads and agreed with the Roadmaster about the great work that was done.

Motion to advertise stone delivered to Tunnel Road

The Roadmaster asked the Board of Supervisors to have an advertisement placed in the Butler Eagle and website for 4,200 tons of 2A modified stone to be delivered to Tunnel Road. The stone costs will be reimbursed to the Township by the Dirt & Gravel Road Grant the Township received from the Butler County Conservation District.

Vice Chairman Wilson made a motion advertise 4,200 tons of 2A modified stone to be delivered to Tunnel Road. Supervisor Buehler seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisors' Discussion:

Intergovernmental

- Not present

Administrative

- Vice Chairman Wilson informed the Board that Seneca Valley School District Community Service Day went very well. The Township hosted some 48 students with teachers from the Ryan Glover Middle School. He commented on how well behaved the kids were and the great work they did on the projects. Some of the projects they completed were:

- painted the paved parking lot and handicap space lines.
- spread mulch at various locations on the Township grounds.
- planted flowers around Forward Township sign and flag retirement area.
- spread woodchips on the park walking trail.

- stained the footbridge at the park.

Vice Chairman Wilson is going to be sending a thank you letter to the school on behalf of the Township.

- Infrastructure
 - Nothing new to report

Visitors' Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

□ Susan Oliver-Stough spoke about the Merten Plan that was granted Preliminary Approval at the May 2023 meeting. She stated that she had been getting phone calls from concerned residents regarding the safety and design of the plan, as well as future development plans still to come. Susan asked if the Township could implement a moratorium on all development to afford the Township sufficient time to update various Township Ordinance pertaining to new development. Solicitor May explained that there are a lot of issues in implementing a moratorium but will investigate the legality of them pertaining to second class townships.

Susan also questioned the status of the 3 ordinances that the supervisors were looking to adopt in the fall of 2022. At Vice Chairman Wilson's request, Manager Hartwig explained those ordinances were dead and if they were going to consider them again someday, the township would start from scratch in writing them and solicit and receive public input through work sessions. The township manager also informed the room there were some new or updated ordinances prepared by the Planning Commission pertaining to minimum lot size and set back requirements in mixed family/multi-family developments that the Solicitor is now reviewing. The township's intent is to hold public hearings before bringing them to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Susan asked if Impact Studies can be added to the Subdivision and Land Development ordinance? Vice Chairman Wilson explained that the board needs to review with the Solicitor on what is permitted under the Municipal Planning Code relative to Impact Fee Studies.

□ Peter Francino asked if the Merten Plan was granted Preliminary Approval while the Township was amending its Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance on the matter of the number of ingress/egress locations required for a major subdivision, they should be sent a certified letter stating the changes that were made to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Secretary Everett stated that at the May 2023 meeting those issues and concerns were expressed to not only the engineering firm representing the developer, but to the developer also, Michael Greca, for the Merten Plan which can be found in the meeting minutes. At the May 2023 meeting Victor-Wetzel Associates stated that the plan meets all the requirements that were in place at the time of plan submission.

Vice Chairman Wilson made a motion to have Solicitor May send a certified letter to Michael Greca, the developer of the Merten Plan reminding him of the Township's concerns with only one point of ingress/egress for the plan. Supervisor Buehler seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Supervisor Buehler made a motion at 7:39 PM to adjourn the June 13, 2023 meeting. Vice Chairman Wilson seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Next Public Meetings:

June 27, 2023 – Planning Commission Monthly Meeting

July 11, 2023 – Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsey Everett

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Secretary/Treasurer