

Eden Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of the October 14, 2024 Meeting
489 Stony Hill Road, Quarryville, PA 17566

Call-to-Order: Supervisor Joseph Rineer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Supervisors Joseph Rineer, David Rineer and Lawrence Stoltzfus; JD Shaubach and Szilvia Troutman. Also, the following members of the public: Dustin Giffing, Jason Skonberg, Chris Shertzer, Rick Ely, Benuel Fisher, Marcella Peyre-Ferry, Melvin Stoltzfus, Brian Masterson, Levi K. Glick and Molly Hughes.

Public Participation:

Township Auditors Dustin Giffing and Chris Shertzer reported on the completion of the 2023 audit.

Brian Masterson (Register Assoc.) presented a DEP sewage planning module for John D. Stoltzfus (918 Valley Rd) for approval. On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by David Rineer, the Supervisors approved the sewage planning module under **Resolution #2024-10-14-01**. Motion carried unanimously.

Molly Hughes (Red Barn Consulting) presented a major stormwater plan for Levi K. Glick (1285 May Post Office Rd). On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus, the Supervisors approved the plan pending the signing and recording of the O&M agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the September 9, 2024 Supervisors meeting were reviewed. Joseph Rineer motioned, David Rineer seconded to approve the minutes; motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for September 2024, in the amount of \$777,594.20 (attached), was approved on a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus; motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills: The list of bills to be paid in October 2024, in the amount of \$67,069.09 (attached), was approved on a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by David Rineer; motion carried unanimously.

SEO Report: The SEO report listed activity of \$450.00 for the month of September 2024.

Tax Collector's Report: The Tax Collector's report listed activity in the amount of \$615.80 for the month of September 2024.

Zoning Officer's Report: The Zoning Officer's report listed activity in the amount of \$555.00 for the month of September 2024.

Ed Fisher recommended not returning the remaining \$1,500 in SW escrow to Isaac Lapp until additional improvements are completed to stabilize the project area at 44 Springville Rd.

The Supervisors reviewed the zoning hearing application of Benjamin Beiler for a farm occupation at 1362 May Post Office Rd and had no issues with the request as long as the size limits required by the Zoning Ordinance are followed.

Road Work Report: The Road Work report of activity in September 2024 was reviewed.

Solanco Public Safety Committee: The meeting was cancelled due to low attendance.

Emergency Management The speed monitoring sign was installed at Hess Rd and collected valuable data. Jason updated the township website. The Hazard Mitigation Survey was closed out with 23 responses. Jason and Rick are distributing flyers for the upcoming weather spotter class.

Southern Lancaster County Inter-Municipal Council: No report.

Correspondence: Received correspondence was reviewed and disseminated.

Old Business:

Rail Trail MOU: No update.

Rail Trail Improvement Project Update: The project should be wrapped up in about two weeks. The parking lot will be paved next week. The grant funding only covers the paving of three parking spaces (the rest would be stoned) – the contractor agreed to blacktop the entire parking lot if the township provides the blacktop (ca. (\$8,300) and allows them to leave several tree stumps excavated during the surfacing project.

Belt Loader Co-Op Update: Other member townships are against Providence Twp not having to pay a buy-in fee to join the co-op and Colerain Twp voted against allowing them to rent the belt loader as a non-member. Joe Rineer proposed to set up a call with all member townships to facilitate discussion and speed up the decision about Providence Twp.

Dwelling Size Requirements per New Zoning Ordinance: As per the Twp Solicitor, a corrective ordinance will have to be adopted to revise the definition of tiny houses. The Supervisors agreed to keep a list of small tweaks and changes that need to be made to the Zoning Ordinance and revisit the issue in June 2025.

New Business:

Sale of 2013 Peterbilt to Sadsbury Twp: On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus, the Supervisors accepted Sadsbury Twp's offer and agreed to sell the 2013 Peterbilt to them for \$80,000 (uninspected), and authorized JD Shaubach to handle all required paperwork. Motion carried unanimously.

USDA Rural Facilities Update: After a conference call with USDA, it became apparent that the extensive studies and reports required for the full application would significantly increase the cost of the project. Following advice from the Twp Engineer and Twp Solicitor, the Supervisors decided not to move forward with USDA but to look for other funding options.

Municipal Building Project Financing Options (Local Share Account/PA SITES/RAC-P Programs): The building project does not qualify for PA SITES funding, but the Local Share Account and RAC-P Programs are viable funding options. The LSA funding is currently accepting applications and the RAC-P program is expected to open around December 2024.

On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus, the Supervisors passed **Resolution #2024-10-14-02** and resolved the following: Eden Township will request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$1,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the construction of a township building and equipment garage. Chairman Joseph Rineer and Secretary/Treasurer Szilvia Troutman were designated as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between Eden Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Township Property Appraisal: On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by David Rineer, the Supervisors agreed to have the township property appraised by David Fite Realty for \$2,300. The appraisal will be helpful for a RAC-P grant application.

PLGIT Building Fund Investment Options: The Supervisors approved opening a PLGIT Prime account and moving the entire Building Fund into the new account for a higher interest.

Burn Ordinance – First Consideration: First consideration was tabled until next month (awaiting the Twp Solicitor’s comments).

Levi J. Fisher Subdivision Plan (576 Valley Rd) Time Extension: The time extension granted by the engineer was accepted by the Supervisors following a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Park Ordinance (#2023-01) – Unpermitted Use of Motorized Vehicles: A discussion was held about the recurring issue of motorized dirt bikes on the Rail Trail. To protect the new surface, stricter measures may be necessary to deter the unauthorized use of motorized vehicles, such as raising the fine and/or contracting with Quarryville Borough Police to patrol the area. JD will check on the cost.

Public Participation: None.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Szilvia Troutman

Joseph L. Rineer

David G. Rineer

Lawrence M. Stoltzfus