EATON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING May 6, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Eaton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

Present were, Chairperson Kenny White, Supervisor Robert Pitcavage and Supervisor Jim Greenley.

Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed in draft form. Supervisor Pitcavage made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Greenley.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Ms. Patton received deposits from the Windmills, Liquid Fuels and LST tax was up. Extra financial reports were made available.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT:

Tom Killian on Montross Road applied for new modular construction. Walmart applied for construction of a new pickup area, which falls within spec. Cindy Houser applied for the zoning use permit for the assisted living mobile home which was approved. Communicated with the owners of 655 Keelersburg Road, they are willing to work with the township to demolish the house. Chas Mead was noted last month that he is only doing 911 addressing currently for the county. Have not heard back from the Commissioners on the pictometry used for zoning. Starbucks has requested a variance. It will be scheduled within 60 days. Multiple calls with DEP on Eaton Water and Sewer violations. Bethany from DEP explained that we cannot hold them back on water as long as they have one day supply on reserve. Also talked to Amy- they wanted us to sign a waiver for the sewer, which I denied. They came back with being able to move forward regardless of a denial. Starbucks will be moving forward. Mr. Pitcavage questioned if Starbucks could have their own well, and pointed out that Eaton Water and Sewer was only at 50% capacity. Not enough members attended the Planning Commission meeting to approve the minutes. Mr. Greenley interjected that the financial and Zoning report should be accepted by vote. Mr. Greenley made a motion to accept the financial report seconded by Mr. Pitcavage; then a Mr. Greenley motioned for the Zoning report to be accepted, also seconded by Mr. Pitcayage. The Supervisors said that was just a rumor. Mr. Patton noted that the throughway from Burger King was the controversy. Mr. Yablonski noted that the right of way from Burger King to the future Starbucks location parking lot was for Walmart and then Geisinger.

VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Resident questioned the installation of a red light by Starbucks. Mr. Patton explained that at first they were requiring a light at Frear Hill- but Penndot backpedaled. The resident then asked if the traffic would have to go through Burger King because he was told that Geisinger will not allow Starbucks to use their access. The use of the right of way and traffic on Frear Hill was discussed. Mr. Yablonski asked if the right of way was written into the subdivision, as it had previously been an agreement between Burger king and Walmart, them Geisinger. Traffic from any direction is allowed to travel through the access. Mr. Patton detailed concerns, noting that it could possibly become a one way, Mr. Pitcayage asked if there should be courtesy light installed at Walmart- Mr. Patton noted that Penndot did not answer that question. He then asked Ms. Harvey about a login for the Penndot authorization. Ms. Harvey stated that it had been completed. Further discussion on the installation of lights and ownership. Mr. Patton noted that the shrubbery in front of Kwik Fill was removed. Paul Rowker brought attention to the noise caused by switching cars at the transload station. Mr. Pitcavage had made contact with Matt Johnson from the company and Tunkhannock Mayor Stacy Huber. Mr. Pitcavage will be speaking with the company again about limiting hours of operation. Eaton Hills resident inquired about who checks that a new build is done correctly, specifically drains, since some residents have had to install their own. Ryan Matylewicz mentioned that Land Development and Bureau Veritas would have that information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Pitcavage had three points to note- the heat could be remedied with a supplemental 30,000 BTU supplemental heater, the ramp grants available would be LSA, and CDBG. He would speak to legislators about other avenues. The adult probation would be available to cut grass. Mr. Greenley pointed out that the older truck needs inspection and new dump box. Mr. White said he would speak to the dealership.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clean up ad and signs were approved- June 7th 8-12. Ms. Patton asked if Sherwood's were Costars, which it was. Bid project ads were discussed. Mr. White mentioned that Jason had measured out the road projects and that the Dirt and Gravel Roads grant was applied for. Back to the ramp- Mr. Greenley asked if there were grants through Williams available- Ms. Harvey noted that this year's round had not opened yet. Ms. Patton noted that the ramp should be bid. Mr. Pitcavage noted the retirement of George Jurista. Road crew applicants Angela Tuttle and Gary Race Jr. were approved at a rate of \$18/ hr, 20 hours a week, motion by Mr. Pitcavage, second by Mr. Greenley, Mr. Rowker inquired if they will plow snow, which chairman White noted they would. The May 17th County wide electronics recycling event was announced. A legal document about a township property was reviewed, no action was needed. The Wyoming County COG dues were submitted at \$379.75. Ms. Patton said that they did not pay last year, as the COG has not made contact. Mr. Pitcavage made a motion to not pay. Mr. Greenley seconded. The tax office document stating the demolition of trailer was approved and signed. Checks were approved signed. Mr. Matylewicz inquired about the recent repair on Frear Hill. He inquired about bid requirements. Mr. Pitcavage explained that we did not have the man power or equipment to repair it. Mr. Pitcavage noted that the work will be well under the threshold. Mr. Matylewicz asserted that it should have been a public bid- he was given the thresholds of the bidding requirements. Further questioning and assertions that the Supervisors had differing opinions followed. Mr. Yablonski noted that there was no argument when his company was given a project last year, and that this was an emergency repair. Mr. Greenley suggested renting an excavator, and was suggested to call Mr. Corby. He pointed out that Winola Excavating receives a fair amount of Eaton's projects, but noted that we could bid more work in the future, but you can't always wait for the next meeting. Further discussion about bidding practices ensued.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by Supervisor Pitcavage, second by Supervisor Greenley.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Harvey Eaton Township Secretary