

**Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting**

**April 1, 2024 6:30 PM
East Penn Township Community Center**

The East Penn Township Board of Supervisors conducted their April 1, 2024 regular meeting at the East Penn Township Community Center. Chairman John M. Strockoz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisors Present	Chairman John M. Strockoz Vice Chairman Gary Kuehner Keith House Dennis L. Pearson William G. Schwab
Supervisors Absent	None
Other Township Officials Present	Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Jillyan A. Sterling Roadmaster Brandon Bradford Assistant Secretary Victoria Taschler

ANNOUNCE TO PUBLIC:

Ashfield Playground will hold their Annual Fishing Derby for children the ages of 1-15 years on May 18, 2024; registration opens at 8 am. The contest starts at 9 am and ends at 2 pm.

Ashfield Playground will hold a monument dedication ceremony on May 25th at 1 pm. They are welcoming all who have and are still serving while they unveil a veteran monument stone honoring our local service people.

Ashfield Playground is looking for vendors to participate in the Annual Community Day on August 17th, rain date August 18th. They are also looking for donations of \$35 along with donated items for their basket raffle.

If anyone has questions for any of the above please call Sessa at 264-897-5114 or email ashfieldplaygoundpa@aol.com

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance #2024-10 Opened hearing at 6:31 p.m. to accept comments regarding Ordinance #2024-10 which is: “An ordinance of the township of East Penn, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, establishing a maximum speed limit of 20 miles per hour for vehicles traveling in and upon the D&L Trail within East Penn Township; and providing for the posting of speed limit signs, enforcement and penalties for violations.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Close hearing at 6:32 pm.

COURTESY of the FLOOR:

None

APPROVALS:

1	Minutes-	<i>Motion by Gary Kuehner, seconded by Keith House, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
2	Treasurer's Report-	<i>Motion by William G. Schwab, seconded by Gary Kuehner, to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 1st through March 31, 2024 as presented. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
3	Invoices for Payment-	<i>Motion by Gary Kuehner seconded by Dennis L. Pearson, to approve the transfers and invoices for payment as presented. AIF. Motion Carried.</i> (Schwab abstained from BRC, Pencor Hydraulic and Times. House abstains from any Union or Employee payments)

ROADS:

4	Road Report-	Roadmaster Bradford relayed the following road report for the month of March: -Patched potholes on all dirt roads throughout the township. -Dug trench and helped install new propane line and tank at the Social Hall, installed barriers in front of tank. -Finished rust repair on Truck 25. Replaced cab corners, rockers, floor and parts of body. Rhino lined and resealed. -Regraded/ reshaped Eidem Rd., Hoffman Rd., Blue Mtn. Rd., and Sports Club Rd. -Fixed social hall generator, replaced a bad battery. -Normal Storm cleanup. -Drain and pipe cleanout throughout the township. -Sign repair and replacement throughout the township. -Cold patched throughout the township. -Cleaned and pressured washed winter equipment, no winter storm happened in March.
	F-550 Truck Body-	<i>Motion made by William G. Schwab, seconded by Gary Kuehner to add quotes received for the F-550 Truck body repair. AIF. Motion Carried.</i> <i>Motion made by Gary Kuehner, seconded by William G. Schwab to accept the quote from The New Tamaqua Truck and Trailer for the F-550 Truck body at the cost not to exceed \$11,100.00 AIF. Motion Carried.</i>

5	2024 Road Material Bids- April 6, 2024- April 5, 2025-	<i>Motion by William G. Schwab, seconded by Keith House to award the road materials contract to: items #1-5; 7-15; 18& 19 to Lehigh Asphalt Paving & Construction Co. and items #6; 16&17 to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. Performance bond of 50% of contract to be provided to the Township within 20-days of contract awarded. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
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SUBDIVISIONS, LAND DEVELOPMENT, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6	Updates on civil complaints: Berger Creek Rd. –	No updates.
7	GRANTS- D&L Trail Development Grant- LSA Lehigh County- (Community Center) LSA Monroe County (Recreation)- DCNR Land Acquisition Grant (2 nd Submittal)- T-Mobile Grant-	Final payment request was made in the amount of \$47,189.00
8	Sewer: Budget- Infiltration Issues- Bowmanstown Borough Request-	No final figures have been submitted from our Sewer Engineer on the amount the user rate should increase for 2025. No updates on when smoke testing will be performed. Bowmanstown Borough has requested daily access to our pump station to obtain flow numbers. They will provide a hold harmless

		<p>agreement; they have requested permission from Mr. LaBarre from Portland Contractors as well. Mr. LaBarre will not allow the authorization under his contract; he stated it will violate protocols by DEP and if the Township would allow it then he would remove our certification immediately. Our Sewer Engineer does not recommend authorization either, he believes Portland can provide data the Borough is looking for and if they wanted, at their expense, they could install a meter at the Township's discharge to the WWTP to monitor flows in real time.</p> <p><i>Motion made by Gary Kuehner, seconded by William G. Schwab to deny daily access to Bowmanstown Borough to obtain flow numbers. AIF. Motion Carried.</i></p>
9	<p>Community Center-</p> <p>Windows-</p> <p>Lehighton Historical Alliance-</p>	<p>Kitchen flooring has been installed. We should receive a quote for the kitchenette shortly.</p> <p><i>Motion made by Gary Kuehner, seconded by Dennis L. Pearson to approve the window replacement(s) in the amount of \$3,900.00 with work to be provided by Hard-Line Roofing Contractor LLC. Schwab- NO; all other BOS YES. The Yes have it. Motion Carried.</i></p> <p>The Lehighton Historical Alliance is requesting permission to decorate the hall with historical pics and newspapers at no cost to the Township. Upon discussion with some Board members and the Community Administrator we are in favor of the meeting room and possibly the vestibule being decorated but not the hall itself.</p> <p><i>Motion by Dennis L. Pearson, seconded by Keith House to grant permission to the Lehighton Historical Alliance to decorate the areas of the meeting room and vestibule at the Community Center at no cost to the Township. AIF. Motion Carried.</i></p>

NEW BUSINESS:

10	Fuel Bids July 6, 2024 to July 5, 2025-	<i>Motion by William G. Schwab, seconded by Keith House to authorize the Manager to advertise the Fuel Bids for July 6, 2024 to July 5, 2025 with bids to be received by 10 am and opened at 2 pm on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 and acted on at the June 3, 2024 meeting. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
11	Poll of the Board- Martins Electrical Services	<i>Motion made by William G. Schwab, seconded by Keith House to ratify the poll of the board taken on 3/19/24 authorizing Martins Electrical Services to perform the installation of a new pump at the cost of \$2,527.28 (not including the price of the pump.) AIF. Motion Carried.</i>

		Poll received 3 YES and 2 NO Reply's- Job estimate was signed for approval
12	Poll of the Board-Portland Contractor' Pump Purchase-	<i>Motion made by Gary Kuehner, seconded by Dennis L. Pearson to ratify the poll of the Board taken on 3/20/24 authorizing Portland Contractors to proceed with purchasing a new pump in the amount of \$11,870 plus freight. AIF. Motion Carried.</i> Poll received 4 YES and 1 NO REPLY. – Portland was notified to order the pump.
13	Poll of the Board-Light Fixtures at the Community Center-	<i>Motion made by William G. Schwab, seconded by Gary Kuehner to ratify the poll of the Board authorizing Larry McCullion & Son to replace the existing light fixture on the poll at the Hall and the 2 lights under the main entrance at the cost not to exceed \$1,386.00. AIF. Motion Carried.</i> Poll received 3 YES and 2 NO REPLY'S- McCullion was authorized to do the work.
14	Hanover Engineering, Complaint Investigation-	<i>Motion made by William G. Schwab seconded by Gary Kuehner to authorize Hanover Engineering to investigate a complaint at the Sunrise Terrace Subdivision under the Stormwater Ordinance. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
15	Camping/Tenting Prohibiting-	Discussion ensued for adopting an ordinance prohibiting camping/tenting in any part of the Township except in designated areas. This will be addressed next month after review with the Zoning Officer and or Solicitor.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

16	D&L Trail Speed Limit- Ordinance #2024-10	<i>No additional public comments were received.</i> <i>Having considered any comments made during the Public Hearing, motion made by William G. Schwab, seconded by Dennis L. Pearson to adopt Ordinance #2024-10 establishing a maximum speed limit of 20 miles per hour for vehicles traveling in and upon the D&L Trail within East Penn Township. AIF. Motin Carried.</i>
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Reports, Communication, Minutes:

√- Park Commission √- Planning Commission √- Recreation Board √- Zoning/Building √-SEO

Adjournment: Being nothing further before the Board, *motion by Gary Kuehner, seconded by William G. Schwab, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM. MOTION CARRIED, House, Stroczko, Kuehner, Schwab and Pearson voting yes.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Jillyan A. Sterling
Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer