

**MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2022**

(Approved February 14, 2022)

The Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022. The following Supervisors were in attendance for the meeting: Ray Kolb, W. Atlee Rinehart, Anthony Duffy and Michael Albert Moyer. Karen Nocella was present by telephone. Also, in attendance were David G. Kraynik, Township Manager, Mark Hosterman, Township Solicitor and Brady Flaharty, Township Engineer.

Mr. Kolb called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Resolution 2022-03 – A Resolution Recognizing, Acknowledging, and Thanking N. Gail Brown for Her Service on the Township Historical Commission. Mr. Kolb read the Resolution and thanked N. Gail Brown. Congratulations!

Mr. Hosterman stated an executive session was held this evening at 6:00 pm to discuss two matters of potential litigation, an acquisition of real estate, an update on the artesian well litigation at 515 Kulp Road and one personnel matter.

1. ORDINANCES

No Ordinances were brought before the Board.

2. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Hosterman stated in regards to the artesian well at 515 Kulp Road they have negotiated with the property owner to completely abandon the artesian well which is causing unreasonably wet conditions on the property and surrounding properties causing trees to die, causing waters to cross the road freeze and thaw. The abandonment is to be done in the next three to five months and if not properly abandoned the matter will go to trial in July.

Mr. Hosterman stated there is an engagement letter with Rosetree Consulting, LLC which has to do with an application for a facility in order to use food processing residual (FPR) and manure in order to fertilize in a natural way the lands at 851 Bethel Church Road and other agricultural lands of Spring City Acres. The Township is going to work with this particular applicant to make sure the facility is property sized and that all the rules from the Department of Environmental Protection are followed and that we do not experience undue truck trafficking as a result of the FPR coming into the Township. Mr. Hosterman recommends we enter into an agreement with Rosetree Consulting, LLC so that we have the proper knowledge in order to enter into an agreement with the owners of this particular property. Mrs. Nocella made a motion to approve the engagement letter with Rosetree Consulting, LLC. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

3. MINUTES

Mr. Moyer made a motion to accept the December 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Moyer made a motion to accept the January 3, 2022 reorganization meeting minutes. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Nocella commended Gail Brown for all she has done for the community and all her years of service.

Mr. Hosterman stated it's been a pleasure over the years to work with Gail who leaves a legacy. Happy New Year to everyone!

Mr. Flaharty stated it's been a pleasure working with Gail over the years and thanked the Board of Supervisors for the reappointment of ARRO Consulting. He stated this will mark 20 years with the Township.

Mr. Kolb thanked Gail for her service and stated she helped put the village on the map.

Mr. Duffy thanked Gail for her involvement with the Township.

Mr. Moyer thanked Gail for her service. Happy New Year to everyone!

Mr. Kraynik thanked Gail for her service.

5. REPORTS

Township Manager's Report

Consideration of Approval of the Services of Jocelyn Canfield, Communication Results, to Assist with the Home Page and Organizing Structure Clean Up to the Township Website in the Amount Not to Exceed \$1,520.

Mr. Kraynik stated Jocelyn would assist in making the home page of the Township website more user friendly. Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve the services of Jocelyn Canfield, Communication Results in the amount not to exceed of \$1,520. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of Approval of Resolution 2022-04 Adopting an Updated Transportation Capital Improvement Plan and Other Recommendations as per the Transportation Advisory Committee's November 30, 2021 Meeting.

Mr. Kraynik stated incorporated into the Resolution are three items: 1) support McMahon's recommendations for the improvements to the Transportation Capital Improvement Plan 2) not to revise the traffic impact fee at this time instead the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends a full Act 209 study land use assumption report roadway sufficiency analysis be undertaken 3) the Board begin engineering traffic improvements at the intersection of Route 724 and Wells Road so that perhaps that project can be completed by 2026 if we are successful with grants. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-04 Adopting an Updated Transportation Capital Improvement Plan and Other Recommendations. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Flaharty has nothing to report at this time. Mr. Duffy made a motion to accept the Township Engineer's Report. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to accept the various departments and committee reports. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

6. SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

No Subdivisions and Land Development brought before the Board.

7. ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS

Application No. 283 – 664 Sanatoga Road – Weaver Mulch LLC

The Date and Time of the Zoning Hearing Board is January 26, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Application for Variances to Permit the Processing of Mulch on the Subject Property and to Permit the Proposed Use on the Subject Property. Representatives from Weaver Mulch were in attendance to answer any

questions. Mr. Kolb asked if they were taking the existing house and barn down. They stated they don't have to. It was explained that Weaver Mulch sells landscape materials and supplies. A portion of the supplies is mulch and when they receive the mulch, they have to put it through a finishing process and the variance is to permit the processing of the mulch. Mr. Kolb asked if they would be able to take the residents yard waste, and the applicant stated they will take tree branches, tree stumps but not leaves. Gail Brown, 500 Sanatoga Road, asked if they will have mushroom soil. The applicant stated yes if people want it, but that it comes to their facility as a finished product, they would sell it but they don't make it. He stated there is an odor to it but it's a fully composted product. Larry Brown asked if they were asking for relief for open storage and the representative of Weaver Mulch said no but that they would need open storage. A discussion ensued. Mr. Hosterman will review the ordinance in regards to odors. The Board of Supervisors decided to take no action and it will go to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Application No. 282 – 245 Ellis Woods Road – Ellis Woods Development LLC

For Informational Purposes. APPROVED ON 12/08/2021 Application for Variance to Permit the Plans for the Project Not to Net Out the Proposed Stormwater Management Basins, BMPs, and the Twenty Foot Border Easements Around the Same from the Net Lot Area Calculations for the Property.

Application No. 281 – 30 Hershey Drive – Owen and Kristen Geiger

For Informational Purposes. DENIED ON 12/08/2021 Application for Variance from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance to Convert the Existing Garage into Additional Living Space and Construction of a New Three (3) Car Garage.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business brought before the Board.

9. EXONERATIONS

Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve the Exonerations. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mrs. Nocella made a motion to approve the payment of bills.

<u>Fund Name</u>		<u>Amount to Pay</u>
General Fund	\$	332,562.93
Benefit Escrow		-
Open Space		7,079.87
Sewer Operating Fund		19,618.48
Sewer Capital Fund		-
Traffic Impact Fee Fund		-
Capital Reserve		3,854.22
Highway State Aid Fund		1,436.46
TD Escrow		100.00
Totals	\$	<u>364,651.96</u>

Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Nocella made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:28 pm. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Kraynik
Township Manager