



A SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD BY THE EAST DEER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 31, 2021 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE EAST DEER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CREIGHTON, PA.

**MR. TALIANI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

The secretary called the roll: Anthony Taliani-present; Rick Stoneburner- present; Edward Kissel- present; Joseph Novosat- present by telephone; John Nwanski- present.

**MINUTES**

No Minutes this afternoon

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Mr. Taliani advised that we have no citizen comments but wanted to let everyone know that one of our residents was sending us something by fax and when it came thru it was blank.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Taliani advised that we do have some communications this afternoon. Mr. Taliani advised that we received a letter of resignation from East Deer Township Part Time Officer Olivier Jean-Gille, that we received letter of resignation from East Deer Township Part Time Officer Justin Hixon and that we received letter of resignation from East Deer Township Part Time Officer Sam Greco. All three have moved on to full time jobs, Ollie with Moon Twp., Sam with Aspinwall and Justin with a private company doing background checks. Professional they are moving one and moving up. They have been excellent officers for us and wish them luck.

**BIDS**

None this afternoon

**RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES**

Mr. Taliani advised that we have Ordinance #838 an ordinance of the Township of East Deer, in the county of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania appropriating the specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth during the calendar year 2022, what this is the final budget that we are approving for 2022. You all should have this in your packet and these are the changes made since the last update. We have a more accurate cash on hand balance of \$456,391.00 we dropped the LST to \$7000.00 and we have dropped the cable to \$25,000.00. There are no changes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> pages. Water fund up to date cash of \$139, 90.44 and that is because of 2 checks that have not been cashed yet for the revenue collected for the refuse and the sewer maintenance. You will see on the next page that we have made the adjustments for the refuse and sewer main and speaking about the refuse company Bankosh has been excellent, they were great from the start, they take pride in everything and we have had so many compliment. They only other change was made in the liquid fuels fund with an accurate balance of \$122,399.00

These have been the changes made in the budget at this time. Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board concerning Ordinance #838 the 2022 Budget. Mr. Nwanski motioned to approve. Mr. Stoneburner 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Mr. Taliani advised regularly moved and second, any questions and comments, all those in favor give your consent by saying I. Motion passed unanimously. This budget reflects no tax increase.

Mr. Taliani advised that we have Ordinance #839 an ordinance of the Township of East Deer, county of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2022 at 4.9 mills no increase. What is the wish of the board, Mr. Kissel moved to accept Ordinance #839. Mr. Nwanski 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Taliani advised regularly moved and second to keep East Deer Taxes at 4.9 mills any questions and comments, all those in favor give your consent by saying I. Motion passed unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

none at this meeting

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Taliani asked that he hopes at our Tuesday night meeting that we can approve the agreement with Hoffman Kennels. What is everyone's thought, you have had the agreement for a while. Does anyone have any questions? Mrs. Carmen advised that they she has answers from the questions in the prior meeting. They do not take cats. They are not a no kill shelter, but before that comes to that point that they have shelters that come to have the dogs adopted out. Prices the township will only have the monthly fee, the owner of the dog has to pay the fees. Mr. Nwanski asked the price of what would go to the owner. Mrs. Carmen advised that there is a \$50.00 pound fee and a \$100.00 fee. Mr. Nwanski asked for Mrs. Carmen to confirm the prices for the next meeting. We will vote on this Tuesday at our meeting.

We have already gone over the budget and approved it for the year. Remember the budget can be reopened at the start of the year in January.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board in the resignation of Oliver Jean-Gilles. Mr. Kissel moved to accept. Mr. Stoneburner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Mr. Taliani advised regularly moved and second to accept the resignation with regrets for Oliver Jean-Giles. All of this in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board in the resignation of Justin Hixon. Mr. Stoneburner moved to accept with regrets Mr. Kissel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Mr. Taliani advised regularly moved and second to accept the resignation with regrets for Justin Hixon. All of this in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board in the resignation of Sam Greco. Mr. Nwanski moved to accept with regrets Mr. Stoneburner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Mr. Taliani advised regularly moved and second to accept the resignation with regrets for Justin Hixon. All of this in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Taliani advised that we have on the agenda to discuss or possibility to vote to apply to the AVRPD as a full member. What is the wish, thoughts of the board? Mr. Nwanski motioned to move forward with applying to the AVRPD in the way that our department is with the manpower. Mr. Stoneburner 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Mr. Taliani advised regularly moved and second that East Deer Township make application to join the AVRPD for membership. Any questions and comments, all those in favor give your consent by saying I. Mr. Taliani advised

from what I understand the protocol that we file application to apply for membership. AVRPD board must approve it and then it goes to each municipality to be approved and would need to be accepted. We have explored many options in the last couple of months and I agree with John that it appears to be the best option at this time. Reason being #1 approximately \$54,400.00 less for 24/7 police protection than any other. East Deer Township will be made equal members of the policing board and we will have same numbers of members as Springdale Township and Cheswick Boro. at this time. We will have total input to the financials and hiring. They currently have 3 full time officers and want to hire another one but wanted to wait to see what our decision was to see if we were going to come aboard. We have a motion on the floor moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor for moving forward with application to join the AVRPD say I. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stoneburner would like to acknowledge that today marked is the end of Anthony Taliani Jr's 50<sup>th</sup> year as a Commissioner of East Deer Township and I would like to on behalf of the township Thank You for what you have done for the residents for 50 years and that is a heck of an accomplishment.

Mr. Taliani advised asked for a motion to close the 2021 books. Mr. Stoneburner motioned to close the 2021 Books for East Deer Township. Mr. Kissel send the motion. Mr. Taliani advised regularly moved and second to accept closing of 2021 books. All of this in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously

### **BILLS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Stoneburner motioned to Adjourn. Mr. Nwanski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned: 12:17 pm

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Board Chairman

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Township Secretary