



THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD BY THE EAST DEER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024, AT 7:30 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; Jacob Gigler-present.

Also in attendance: Secretary - Chrystal M. Carmen - Public Works Supervisor - Herman Bertolini - Engineer Matt Pitsch; Residents - Gordon Adam Klingensmith; Jean Tatananni (Zoning Hearing Board Rep)

MINUTES

Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board on the minutes from the February 8, 2024, regular monthly meeting. Mr. Stoneburner motioned to approve the minutes from February 8, 2024, that have been duly posted by the township Secretary. Mr. Gigler 2nd the motion. Mr. Taliani advised that it has been motioned and second, any questions or comments, all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Adam Klingensmith - 601 Freeport Road- would like to thank Mr. Taliani and Mr. Gigler for their help on having a town cleanup for Earth Day on April 21st from 1 to 3, Spring Cleanup. It would include the roads and the waterways. I am working with Make Pa Beautiful and the Ocean Conservative. - They all thanked Adam. Mr. Taliani asked about the volunteers and that the email that he sent did not work for him. Adam said thanks and we will make sure that it works.

COMMUNICATIONS

We have a few communications this evening,

- 1) Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Safe Drinking Water: Water Supply Inspection Report: No Violations. Mr. Taliani said that they audited the water system and thanked Herman and Chrystal for keeping the records for the DEP.
- 2) Received packet from EUREKA Community Ambulance Service, regarding Emergency Medical Services information on funding. This is information on something that all medical services are going through. It looks like they might be asking for some financial contribution in the future. I do not think there is anything that we must do now.
- 3) Letter from Kathy Canfield from the East Deer Township Recreation Board.

BIDS

Mr. Taliani advised that we have no Bids to entertain tonight.

RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES

Mr. Taliani advised that we have **Ordinance 849:** - An Ordinance of The Township of East Deer, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, implementing a Five Percent (5%) Amusement Tax; Containing A Definitions Section. Requiring Providers of Amusement Events to Register with The Township; Detailing the Procedures for The Collection of the Amusement Tax by Providers or The Township; Requiring Providers of Amusement Events to File Reports with The Township; Providing for The Disposition of Taxes, Penalties, And Interest; Providing Penalties/Remedies for Violation; Repealing Inconsistent Ordinances And/or Portions of Inconsistent Ordinances; Including A Savings Clause and Providing an Effective date. We have studied this for several months now and you have all had time to read through. What is the wish of the board? Mr. Stoneburner motioned to approve Ordinance 849, Mr. Kissel 2nd the motion. Mr. Taliani asked if there were any questions or comments. He has 2 comments, 1) this ordinance will affect any gathering of 500 or more, and 2) the effect date is 30 days from today. All in favor say I, Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Taliani advised that we will have **Ordinance 850:** An Ordinance of The Township of East Deer, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Entering into Agreement with Other Member Municipalities of The Allegheny Valley North Council of Governments for The Establishment of a Joint Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals as Required by The Uniform Construction Code and Hereby Dissolves Any Borough/Township Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals. Mr. Kissel motioned to approve Ordinance 850. Mr. Novosat 2nd the motion. Mr. Taliani advised that it has been motioned and 2nd. Any comments or questions. All in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Taliani advised that we have **Resolution #2024-02** - A Resolution of the Township of East Deer, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the Water Rates Providing Rules, Regulations and Rates for the Water Service, and in addition, providing for the cost of meter deposits by residential and commercial occupants amending Ordinance #791 Sections 1 and 2 and replacing the Resolution 2022-03. Any questions concerning water rates? To explain as simply as possible we are raising the rates to \$1.80 per thousand and Tarentum raised us \$1.30 per thousand gallons of water and we raised it another \$.50 to be able to keep up the maintenance of our water system. There have been two increases in the past year and a half that we have not raised. What is the wish of the board on Resolution #2024-02. Mr. Stoneburner motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 establishing the water rates for East Deer Township. Mr. Kissel 2nd the motion. Mr. Taliani advised that it has been motioned and 2nd, any questions, or comments, all in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Taliani advised that we have **Resolution #2024-03** - A Resolution of the Township of East Deer, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Commending Coach Albie Fletcher, and the entire Deer Lakes Lancers 2023-2024 Boys Basketball team on winning Back-to Back WPIAL 3A Championship in 2024. Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board on Resolution 2024-03. Mr. Novosat motioned to approve Resolution 2024-03. Mr. Gigler 2nd the motion. Mr. Taliani advised that it has been motioned and second. Any questions or comments. All in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Kissel - Nothing tonight

Mr. Novosat - Nothing tonight

Mr. Gigler - I am working with Adam to keep things organized and communication between him and the board of commissioners and I did take the newly elected officials class and have finished it.

Mr. Stoneburner - Nothing tonight

Mr. Taliani - Nothing right now, I will address further down the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Brief discussion on Zoning Hearing Board retention of Legal counsel. What is the wish of the board concerning this. Mr. Kissel advised that we should table this with not enough information at this time. Mr. Kissel motion to table. Mr. Stoneburner 2nd the motion. All in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Discuss Christmas Decorations, we have been talking about it at a few meetings now. Mr. Stoneburner advised that we reached out to 3 different companies and only 2 got back to us. Moscos and Holiday Decor - Riley and they are both apples to apples it comes down to cost. Moscos is \$22178.40 and Rileys is \$17,639. I motion that we go with Rileys at \$17,639 for new Christmas Decorations. Mr. Novosat 2nd the motion. Any questions or comments. All in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) I am going to pass out to you what is the final capital improvement plan for the next 5 years.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board to accept the letter of resignation from Kathy Canfield on the Recreation Board. Mr. Gigler motioned to accept the resignation from Kathy Canfield. Mr. Stoneburner 2nd the motion. Regular moved and second, any questions or comments, all in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Taliani thanked Kathy for her time on the recreation board. I have a recommendation to the board to replace Kathy and the person I am recommending is sitting right here. I am recommending Chrystal; she heads up the summer festival and she works on the new things that have been added to the trunk or treat and the light up night and she is already doing everything on being on the recreation board. What is the wish of the board? Mr. Novosat motion to add Chrystal to the recreation board. Mr. Kissel Second it. It was motioned and seconded to add Chrystal Carmen to the Recreation board for the remainder of the term. questions or comments, all in favor say I. The Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Taliani, I met with Steve from General Code, and I was hoping that he would have had this sooner and that he will make sure that we get it out for you to all look over and we will put it on the agenda for next month. It explains everything that they will do for us and it gives options on what can be done going further.

Mr. Taliani asked for approval of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, establishing a Joint Uniform Commercial Code of Appeals by and between East Deer Township and the AVNCOG. & Property maintenance code. Mr. Gigler motioned, Mr. Kissel 2nd. It was Regularly motioned and second. Any questions or comments, all in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Taliani wanted to discuss the possibility of replacing the Welcome to East Deer Township signs with a proposal from Grey Signs. You should have gotten the proposal from Grey signs, they will be the same signs coming into

town. There are 3 different ones, as you see the pricing is lower than what we spent the first time and if the post needs to be replaced, we can replace the wood as needed. There are 4 signs for whether you want the solid or the corrugated. We can afford these even though they were not budgeted. Per Herman the Corrugated is the strong one and that is the one that you might want to go with. Mr. Stoneburner advised that we want to get the best. Mr. Stoneburner motioned to get the ¼ corrugated signs. Mr. Kissel second the motion. Mr. Taliani advised that it was regularly motioned and second, any questions or comments, all in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Taliani advised at this time that I need a motion to repeal a motion made at the regular meeting on December 14, 2023, concerning police towing since East Deer Township no longer has a police department and we no longer get involved with calling any towers. Mr. Stoneburner motioned to repeal a motion made at the regular meeting on December 14, 2024, concerning police towing since East Deer Township no longer has a police department of our own. Mr. Gigler 2nd the motion. Mr. Taliani advised that it was regular motion and second, any questions or comments. All in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board on the monthly bills presented by the Township Secretary. Mr. Kissel motioned to approve this month's bills presented by the township secretary. Mr. Stoneburner 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stoneburner motioned to Adjourn. Mr. Gigler 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned: 8:02 PM

Board Chairman

Township Secretary