

**Eden Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Minutes of the May 11, 2020 Meeting**  
**489 Stony Hill Road, Quarryville, PA 17566**

**Call-to-Order:** Supervisor Joseph Rineer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance:** Supervisors Joseph Rineer, Lawrence Stoltzfus and David Rineer; Mark Rudy, Gerry Parker and Szilvia Troutman. Also, the following members of the public: in person, James Smith and via telephone, Brenden Curry, Amos Ebersol and Howard Groff, Jr.

**Public Hearing – Amendment to Eden Twp Stormwater Ordinance:** After receiving no public comment, the Supervisors adopted **Ordinance #2020-01** to amend the Eden Twp Stormwater Ordinance following a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by David Rineer. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation:**

**Attorney James Smith** was in attendance representing Omar Esh (353 Camargo Rd). Mr. Smith gave a rundown of his involvement in the settlement process since he was hired by Mr. Esh. He questioned why the legal fees owed in the updated agreement (over \$6,000) were higher than the original judgement (\$5,000) – he stated he had repeatedly tried to get in touch with the Twp Solicitor but received no response. He considered recommending that Mr. Esh withdraw his appeal and just pay the original judgement, but Joseph Rineer explained that Mr. Esh was still in violation and would have to go back to the Zoning Hearing Board for approval. The Board agreed to check with the Twp Solicitor about the delay and the legal fees. Joseph Rineer also explained the Township’s terms of settlement.

**Supervisors Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the April 13, 2020 Supervisors meeting were reviewed. Joseph Rineer motioned, David Rineer seconded to approve the minutes; motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s report for April 2020, in the amount of \$429,856.34 (attached), was approved on a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus; motion carried unanimously.

**Payment of Bills:** The list of bills to be paid in May 2020, in the amount of \$35,507.22 (attached), was approved on a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by David Rineer; motion carried unanimously. Lawrence Stoltzfus questioned the engineering fees billed to the new Amish School on Valley Rd – the invoice (\$824.50) seemed unreasonably high.

**SEO Report:** The SEO report listed activity of \$300.00 for the month of April 2020.

**Tax Collector’s Report:** The Tax Collector’s report listed activity of \$96,398.55 for the month of April 2020.

**Zoning Officer’s Report:** The Zoning Officer’s report listed activity in the amount of \$7,755.00 for the month of April 2020.

Gerry received plans from Elam J. Beiler for the construction of a new house at 383 Springville Rd – it is unclear whether the lane where the property is located is a private road or a driveway – Gerry will contact Mr.

Beiler's engineer and have them research the location. The lane will have to be brought up to township standards for emergency purposes (two vehicles must be able to safely pass).

Attorney James Smith returned to the meeting and reported that Mr. Esh is open to going before the Zoning Hearing Board for approval. He explained that they would be willing to pay legal fees incurred until 2/26/2020. He requested the Board to waive the \$675 zoning hearing fee and to appoint a contact person to negotiate with the Twp Solicitor to expedite the settlement process.

**Road Master's Report:** The Road Master's report of activity in April 2020 was reviewed. As the housing municipality for the belt loader, Paradise Twp offsets maintenance hours for rental time – Mark suggested following the same policy for the roller (i.e. 5 hours of maintenance could be used for 5 hours of rental by Eden Twp). David Rineer will contact Jim Ranck at Sadsbury Twp and ask them to return the trailer for the roller.

**Solanco Public Safety Committee:** No report.

**Emergency Management:** No report.

**Southern Lancaster County Inter-Municipal Council:** No report.

**Correspondence:** Received correspondence was reviewed and disseminated.

**Old Business:**

Omar Esh Settlement Agreement Update: On a motion by Lawrence Stoltzfus and seconded by David Rineer, the Supervisors nominated Joseph Rineer to negotiate the settlement agreement with the Twp Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

Support Letter – Quarryville Fire Co. Grant Application for New Pagers: On a motion by David Rineer and seconded by Joseph Rineer, the Supervisors approved signing a letter in support of QFD's grant application for new pagers. Motion carried unanimously.

Request for Exemption from DEP Isolation Distance Requirement – Jennifer Pownall (161 Loop Rd): On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus, the Supervisors approved the exemption to allow a drainfield to be installed 60 ft downhill from the well on the property. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Pownall has waived any liability to the Township for any future issues. Subsequent owners must be notified of the proximity of the well to the sewer system. Gerry will send a letter to Ms. Pownall.

Resolution #2020-05-11-01 to Reopen Lancaster County: On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by David Rineer Lawrence Stoltzfus, the Supervisors approved **Resolution #2020-05-11-01** in support of reopening Lancaster County after the shutdown due to COVID-19. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Participation:**

Brenden Curry (LNP) asked for clarification on some agenda items.

Howard Groff, Jr. (90 Groff Rd) expressed his support of the amendment to the Stormwater Ordinance.

Amos Ebersol (739 Kirkwood Pike) inquired about the engineering invoice for the Amish School on Valley Rd. Gerry Parker explained that the fees were charged for the Twp Engineer's review of the school house plans.

The engineering escrow already held by the Twp will be returned once the project is done and all fees are paid.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joseph Rineer and seconded by David Rineer; motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Szilvia Troutman**

**Joseph L. Rineer**

**David G. Rineer**

**Lawrence M. Stoltzfus**