# EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING September 14, 2021 Approved minutes 6:34 p.m.

#### **Members Present**

Wilson Lambert, Chairman Joe Heffern, Vice Chairman John Nielsen, Member Katja DiRado, Member **Township Staff Present** Scott Swichar, Township Manager

# 1. CALL TO ORDER, SILENT MEDITATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Lambert called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

#### 2. TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

# 1) Funding Agreement with People's Hall

MOTION: Supervisor DiRado made a motion to authorize the Board Chairman to sign a funding agreement with People's Hall for repair and restoration of the building. Supervisor Nielsen seconded.

Supervisor Nielsen questioned if the updated cost estimate is in the Board packet.

Township Manager Swichar stated that the estimate is in the Board's packet. The estimate is for \$13,355. The contract states that \$14,000 in funding will be provided.

Supervisor Nielsen stated that he spoke with the owner of Triple Fresh, and he is willing to assist with the People's Hall project.

Dan Tracey, Trustee of People's Hall stated he will approach the Huston Foundation for additional funding. Huston Foundation has provided funding in the past to repair other parts of the building.

Joe McCormick, of People's Hall, stated there will be other funding opportunities available in the spring. Many of the grant opportunities require a match. He stated that Rob McLarnon, the Township's building inspector, questioned if the Historical Commission needs to review the project. Mr. McLarnon would like to review the nailing schedule. He stated that the Historical Commission only reviews exterior work. He will provide the requested information to Rob McLarnon.

Mr. Tracey questioned how funding will be received.

Township Manager Swichar stated the grant provides reimbursement rather than providing funding up front. The contract spells out that reimbursement is provided after the work is complete. The Township will inspect the work after it is completed even though a permit is not required.

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Joe Heffern stated he knows Scott Huston. He offered to attend a meeting with the Huston Foundation.

VOTE: 4-0.

Township Manager Swichar stated the Township will want to write an article in the Township newsletter after the repairs are complete.

# 1) NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Nielsen questioned whether the Township could declare a state of emergency due to Hurricane Ida and whether grant funding is available. He stated that Glen Rose and Mount Carmel were heavily damaged and questioned if they had been repaired.

Township Manager Swichar stated that a Declaration of Disaster Emergency could be declared. The Township has posted resources for residents on its Township Facebook Page. The Township met with PennDOT to inspect roads that were damaged in the township. He will follow up with the Board and let them know which roads had been repaired.

There was a discussion regarding the damage in the Township from Tropical Storm Ida.

# 2) OLD BUSINESS

# 3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Al Wright stated the foot bridge and the parking lot in the park were damaged by Tropical Storm Ida.

Supervisor Nielsen questioned if the Township engineer could evaluate the gravel parking area.

# 4) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice Chairman Heffern made a motion to adjourn the September 14, 2021 of Supervisors Meeting at 6:53 PM. Chairman Lambert seconded.

VOTE: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Scott Swichar,

Township Manager/Secretary