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**HELLAM TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
MINUTES OF June 20, 2024**

The Hellam Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Dave Cox who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors William Conaway and Michael Shillott were present, in person. Also present was Corina Mann, Manager; Brad Leber, Solicitor; Kate Nopulos, Administrative Secretary; and Dorinda Nordsick, Admin/Finance Coordinator.

Chief Pollock presented Sgt. Justin Golder with an appreciation certificate and plaque for his 20 years of service at Hellam Township Police Department.

Detective Mills was promoted to Detective Sergeant. Chief Pollock presented him with a certificate and presented the badge to Detective Sergeant Mills wife and she pinned it on his uniform.

**Agency, Departmental & Committee Reports**

- A. Police** – Chief Pollock submitted a written report for May. During the month of May there were a total of 635 calls with 19 reported accidents, 38 criminal charges, 93 traffic citations and 136 traffic warnings. All officers completed their monthly Boyle training, K9 Officer Carpenter and K9 Cerberus completed their monthly training, and SRO Bull completed Crisis Prevention Intervention training through the school district. The department received four ballistic shields, Officer Phillips organized a pedestrian crosswalk detail in Wrightsville and Hallam and was assisted by Officer Eisenberger, Lieutenant Heistand attended mandatory trainings for JNET and the FBI National Academy, Officer Bull and K9 Sage attended May Day at Wrightsville Elementary, and the department participated in the Wrightsville Borough Memorial Day parade. The department accepted a full time, summer college intern from West Chester University, began to train all Officers on the “Handle with Care” program, and are working with a Criminal Justice Professor at York College who is going to host a class to look at a cold homicide case from 1995.
- B. Hellam Fire Company/Station 21** – Chief Strittmatter provided a written report for May. During May, the department responded to 39 calls of which, 16 were in Hellam Township. In comparison, last year there were 51 calls of which 26 were in Hellam Township. There was one automatic fire alarm reported during the month. Members attended training on HazMat Operations Refresher, Forcible Entry, Basic Rigging for Rope Rescue, and Trench Rescue Awareness. Members also participated in a joint training with Wrightsville Fire at the York County Fire School, attended Memorial Day parades in East Prospect and Wrightsville, as well as fireworks in East Prospect. The new Brush truck is making progress and is expected to be completed in August.  
**Wrightsville Fire Company/Station 41** – No report.
- C. Ambulance** – During the month of May, there was a total of 34 calls in Hellam Township. The report also included class type, dispatched company, and outcome.
- D. Emergency Management** – No report.
- E. Public Works/Highway** – Roadmaster, Curt Ferree, provided a written report for May. During the month of May, the department started the first round of road side mowing, prepped roadways for chip seal, cleaned up several trees across roadways, replaced street signs, post and break aways that were stolen or damaged, and prepped one truck for PA Safety Inspection. The department also ran routes several times to clean storm boxes and debris off roadways, filled salt bins with road salt to meet tonnage for the year, completed one stormwater inspection, and responded to 43 PA one calls.
- F. Zoning** – Zoning Officer, Jason Test, provided a written report for May. During May, there was a total of 25 permit applications received and 22 permits issued. There were three new complaints and none resolved. There was also a list of ongoing Zoning cases. District 2 is 95% complete for pumping and District 3 is 34% complete.

- G. Environmental Advisory Council** – The EAC provided a copy of their minutes from their June 10, 2024 meeting. Old business discussed included the Rain Garden, Strategic Plan, and Kreutz Creek water quality monitoring. New business included mowing and weed ordinances, the Pollinator Celebration schedule, SALDO checklist and webinar info, rain barrel painting for raffle at National Night Out, Library tree event, Bill Sprenkle attending July meeting to discuss burn ordinance, and changing meeting time until 5:00. Ms. Phyllis Koster also reported that Land Studies gave an excellent presentation at the last Board meeting about stormwater management in the Township. There was also a list of action items to do before next meeting.
- H. Eastern York Sewer Authority** – Minutes from the Authority’s April 22, 2024 meeting were provided. Total expenses for April 2024 were \$38,927.60.
- I. Eastern York Recreation Authority** – Provided a copy of their June 2024 Director’s Report.

### **Communications from Citizens**

Ms. Ann Gerber, from Lancaster Online, was present and introduced Jalissa Rodriguez, who will be the new correspondent for the Township.

A letter, from resident Michael Martin, regarding the Growing Greener Kreutz Creek Watershed Grant that the Township will be applying for will be included as part of the official meeting minutes. (see attached)

### **Planning and Zoning**

- A. Septic Waiver Request:** Denise Hoke: 43 Hillview Rd; KK-99 – Upon a motion by Supervisor Conaway, seconded by Supervisor Shillott, the waiver request was denied. Motion carried 3 – 0. The Board explained to Ms. Hoke that due to the system being a cesspool she will need to have it inspected and then if it is determined that it needs pumped, she will need to get that done.
- B. Well Waiver Application:** Lori Grosh: 4732 Libhart Mill Rd.; JK-079 – Upon a motion by Supervisor Shillott, seconded by Supervisor Conaway, the well waiver was approved, with the condition that the old septic system had to be decommissioned within 30 days and all three owners had to sign the agreement. Motion carried 3 – 0.

### **Planning Commission**

None

### **Minutes Approval**

Upon a motion by Supervisor Conaway, seconded by Supervisor Shillott, the meeting minutes from June 6, 2024 were approved. Motion carried 3 – 0.

### **Financial Reports**

- A. Budget Report – May 2024** – Upon a motion by Supervisor Shillott, seconded by Supervisor Conaway, the May 2024 Budget Report was approved. Motion carried 3 – 0.
- B. Treasurer’s Report – May 2024** – Upon a motion by Supervisor Shillott, seconded by Supervisor Conaway, the May 2024 Treasurer’s Report was approved. Motion carried 3 – 0.
- C. Disbursements List – June 20<sup>th</sup> 2024** – Upon a motion by Supervisor Conaway, seconded by Supervisor Shillott, the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 disbursement list, was approved. Motion carried 3 – 0.

### **Manager & Solicitor Reports**

Township Manager, Corina Mann:

- Reported that the Board room upgrades are almost complete.
- The new auditors have started working on the 2023 audit and will be in house starting July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Reported that there was a meeting at Liberty Park yesterday. The Public Works Department will be tearing the old equipment out, leveling out the ground, and placing mulch to prepare for the new equipment to be installed.

Solicitor:

- No report.

**Communications from Supervisors**

Supervisor Shillott reported Chief Pollock had attended the Planning Commission meeting to go over the Target Shooting ordinance and answer any questions. The ordinance will be updated and then come to the Board for approval. He also stated that the Kreutz Creek Watershed Grant will be submitted to DEP tomorrow.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

A. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be July 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Supervisor Shillott, seconded by Supervisor Conaway, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Corina L. Mann  
Secretary



Corina Mann

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**From:** caretaker@twinbrookfarm.com caretaker@twinbrookfarm.com  
**Sent:** <caretaker@twinbrookfarm.com>  
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:12 PM  
**To:** Dave Cox; William Conaway; Mark Myers; Nedette Otterbein; Michael Shillott  
**Cc:** Corina Mann  
**Subject:** Correction: Growing Greener Kreutz Creek Watershed Grant

**Follow Up Flag:** FollowUp  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Correction: The portion of Kreutz Creek north of Brigadoon that parallels Kreutz Creek Road is NOT designated as Wild Trout Waters (Natural Production). That is the tributary that enters from the south west of Brigadoon. Never-the-less, I have seen - and caught - trout where my driveway crosses the creek.

Corrected letter follows.

NOTE: Please read this email aloud and enter it into the record at the Thursday, June 20 Hellam Township Supervisors meeting as I will be unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for addressing the long neglected Kreutz Creek and Freysville Road flooding issues, stemming from storm events in 2011 and 2018. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

However, I cannot endorse the approach currently being taken in applying for a grant. I am in fact strenuously opposed to it because it focuses on the bridge at Kreis Lane which is a PennDOT maintained bridge on a PennDOT maintained road. PennDOT is well able to address any issues with that bridge that need addressed, and that bridge has never been an issue in the past, and I doubt it will be in the future. The bridge at Kreis Lane is a PennDOT issue, not a Hellam Township concern.

Further, the plan to widen and deepen Kreutz Creek upstream from the bridge has multiple problems including:

- The proposed widening and deepening is insufficient to channel the water produced by storm events like 2011 and 2018
- The proposed widening and deepening contradicts the concerns expressed about sediment buildup at the Kreis Lane bridge because it will only speed the water flow from upstream of the bridge which will carry additional rocks, sediment, trees, and other debris and deposit it at the bend immediately upstream of the bridge, as well as carry it over the bridge and deposit it on the downstream side of the bridge.

- It will destroy the tree canopy that currently covers the creek thereby increasing water temperature, degrading water quality, and killing trout.
- It will disrupt the stream bed and the natural ecology of Kreutz Creek.

In addition - and most importantly - nothing in the current plan addresses the urgent need to increase ground absorption of rain water and stream flow, decrease runoff, and slow down and spread out the water flow in the Kreutz Creek headwaters area, all of which are critically necessary not only to avoid the private property and road damage experienced in the 2011 and 2018 floods, but most importantly to avoid a repeat of the four foot wall of water that hit the Rutter's gas station in 2011 nearly drowning 11 people who had to be rescued from the roofs of their cars at great risk to fire and rescue personnel. I again recommend a Flood Overlay Zone like the one in place around Ellicott City, MD.

As the proposed modifications to my property are counter productive, destructive, ecologically indefensible, incompatible with the Ag Security Zone, incompatible with my farm preservation agreement with Farm and Natural Land Trust, and will severely decrease the value of my property, I will take all political and legal measures necessary to block the grant and the proposed modifications to my and my wife's property.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Martin

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