

**EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SMOKESTOWN FIRE COMPANY
860 SMOKESTOWN ROAD, DENVER, PA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023, 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Bonura at 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Lorenzo Bonura, Chair	[X]
Jeff Mitchell, Vice Chair	[X]
Romao Carrasco	[X]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Stevens Fire Chief Chad Weaver.

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Carrasco made a motion to approve the August 17, 2023 Meeting minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mitchell.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Adamstown Library – Carolyn Reiste, Adamstown Library Director, commented on the library's mission and goals.

Ms. Reiste provided an overview of library activities, services, and programs, commenting on the standing memberships, member feedback, program attendance, and circulation counts.

Ms. Reiste commented on digital download offerings, special events, the availability of games and instruments, and program partnerships with area schools.

Act 172 tax credit for volunteer emergency responders – This matter will be discussed at the September 21 Meeting.

Fire Company records policy – This matter will be discussed at the September 21 Meeting.

Fire Company apparatus insurance – This matter will be discussed at the September 21 Meeting.

DEVNET – Tommy Ryan, Township Manager, commented on DEVNET tax collection software made available to Lancaster County municipalities through the Office of the County Treasurer. Mr. Ryan commented on his trial use of the software, software support, billing services available through the Office of the County Treasurer, and back-up capacity in absence of a municipal tax collector.

Jill Cordon, Tax Collector, commented on the separate billing of street light and hydrant fees, resident communications, the issuance of more than one tax bill, potential impact to mortgage companies, and tax certification access.

Dan Burton, East Cocalico, commented on tax collection costs.

Mr. Ryan will request a meeting with the Office of the County Treasurer and the Tax Collection to further discuss this matter.

ACTION ITEMS

interfund transfers, bill lists & payroll – Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the check payments for the General Fund Bank Account list of bills in the amount of \$106,006.99, for the week of August 24, 2023. The motion was seconded by Chair Bonura.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the check payments for the General Fund Bank Account list of bills in the amount of \$8,530.27, for the week of August 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Chair Bonura.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the check payments for the General Fund Bank Account list of bills in the amount of \$36,558.72, for the week of September 7, 2023. The motion was seconded by Chair Bonura.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the check payments for the Light Fund Bank Account list of bills in the amount of \$244.02, for the week of August 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Chair Bonura.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the check payments for the Light Fund Bank Account list of bills in the amount of \$14,228.19, for the week of September 7, 2023. The motion was seconded by Chair Bonura.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the Electronic Payment list of bills in the amount of \$79,509.31, for the pay period from August 13, 2023 to August 26, 2023. The motion was seconded by Chair Bonura.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- There were no information items noted at this evening's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chair Bonura commented on the LERTA program, in specific if the Township should continue the program. There was general discussion regarding the value of developer tax incentives given certain use demands in the Township. Mr. Carrasco commented on residents' tax burden with less non-residential developments. Mr. Ryan noted the Township could revise the program to target only uses the Members want to incentivize.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business discussed at this evening's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment at this evening's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Bonura announced Board of Supervisors will meet in Executive Session following this evening's meeting to discuss two personnel matters, in specific the Chief of Police position, and the Public Works Department Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Chair Bonura noted the Board of Supervisors will next meet on Thursday, September 21, at the Township Building.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 7:57 PM Mr. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chair Bonura.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager