

District Township Supervisors  
Special Meeting  
June 22, 2023

**BUSINESS MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ed Overberger called to order the District Township Board of Supervisors Special Meeting, held at 202 Weil Road, Boyertown, PA at 7:05 p.m. Present were Chairman Ed Overberger, Vice-Chairman Leonard Robb, Supervisor Ron Leibowitz, Emergency Management Coordinator Tim Adam and Secretary Elaine Schwien. Ten members from Eastern Berks Fire Department attended, including Chief Mike Mutter. Two residents attended.

**AGENDA**

The June 22, 2023 Special Meeting agenda was posted to the District Township website and municipal building on 6/21/23.

**PROPOSED FIRE TAX**

The Board of Supervisors and Eastern Berks Fire Department met to continue to discuss a proposed fire tax. The Board began with a letter opposing the proposed fire tax, discussing the various concerns directly with the resident, Mr. Hatfield. The Board discussed EBFD's declining donations, with only 15% of District Township households contributing to their recent annual fund drive mailing. EBFD is requesting the Board to consider a .5 mill fire tax. The Board discussed the steady (dependable) cash flow a fire tax would provide to EBFD as well as some control by the Board on how the money is used/obligation by EBFD to provide financials. The idea of a flat per household tax, versus millage tax, was discussed. Mr. Overberger will research further.

The Board scheduled with EBFD a Town Hall meeting (for further public participation) on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 7 p.m., at the District Township Municipal Building. A letter will be sent from the Board of Supervisors to the township residents, advising them of the meeting, at which implementation of the proposed fire tax will be discussed.

**INSURANCE RENEWALS**

The Board reviewed the updated premium summary from GHR, which includes the increased limits for business personal property and the municipal building, as well as the treasurer bond updates. Mr. Overberger made a motion to renew the insurance policies through Gerhart, Hartman & Ritner with Selective Insurance effective 4/16/2023. Seconded by Mr. Leibowitz. All in favor. Mr. Overberger signed the statement of values.

**UPDATE SIGNATORIES ON ACCOUNTS WITH PLGIT – RESOLUTION 2023-7**

Mr. Overberger made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-7 revising the signatories on the District Township PLGIT accounts (General/Capital Reserve/Bridge-Culvert/American Rescue Plan). Seconded by Mr. Leibowitz. All in favor. All corresponding PLGIT paperwork was signed.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None further.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, there was a motion made by Mr. Overberger, seconded by Mr. Robb, to adjourn the special meeting at 8:12 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Schwien  
District Township Secretary