The meeting of the **Earl Township Board of Supervisors**, held on **Monday, October 2, 2023**, was called to order by Chairman, Rick Kochel, at 7:00 p.m. The following Supervisors were present: Rick Kochel, Tom Plitt, and Daniel Fox. Also present were Jay Stauffer, Roadmaster, Amanda Martin, Secretary, and William Cassidy, Solicitor.

Tom made a **motion to approve the September 5th and September 21st, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes,** Dan seconded the motion, and all voted yes.

**Public Comment: None**

**Police Report:**

Chief Leighty presented the September 2023 New Holland Police Report and shared that the New Holland Police Department is hosting a Shredding Event at the New Holland Park on October 21st from 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon.

**Martindale Fire Co. Report:**

Lowell Nolt presented the September 2023 fire activity report.

**Garden Spot Fire Rescue:**

Vinny Tennis presented the September 2023 fire activity report.

**ELANCO Library:**

Leonard (Len) Reinsfelder provided an update on the library activities and shared that the library is hosting an Autumn Jubilee on November 2nd from 6-8:30 PM at the Silk Mill on Main in New Holland. Tickets can be purchased on the library’s website.

**Roadmasters Report:**

Roadmaster Stauffer presented his report and shared that LTAP completed a safety study on the Peters Road and N. Hollander Road intersection and is working on providing their review. Once we receive the report, we can present it to PennDOT. Roadmaster Stauffer requested approval from the Supervisors to move forward with a quote from CM High to repair the two traffic lights in the township. Dan made a **motion to approve moving forward with the CM High Traffic Light Maintenance Quote for $5,014.93.** Tom seconded the motion, and all approved.

**Zoning Report:**

The Supervisors reviewed the Zoning Officers September 2023 Report.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer’s Report**:

The Supervisors reviewed the Sewage Enforcement Officers September 2023 Report.

**Solicitor’s Report: None**

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business:**

1. Dwight Yoder, Gibbel Kraybill & Hess, presented the petition for S&K Landholding LLC and Paul D. Zimmerman to rezone 22.9 Acres from Agricultural to Industrial. 478 E. Farmersville Road parcel is 22 acres in size, and 492 E. Farmersville Road is .09 acres in size. Solicitor Cassidy confirmed the hearing was advertised and the property was posted as required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code and by the Earl Township Zoning Ordinance. The Lancaster County Planning Commission and Earl Township Planning Commission reviewed the Petition and provided recommendations of approval to rezone the land. Supervisor Rick Kochel stated his concern regarding roadway safety with vehicles and equipment moving across E Farmersville Road. Dwight Yoder stated the owners have discussed this concern and want to make sure it is handled safely. Supervisor Daniel Fox inquired if the neighbors have any concerns or comments about rezoning. It was confirmed that no neighbors were present at the meeting. Roadmaster Stauffer inquired about the current entrance onto Shirk Road and if anything would be changed with the entrance. It was indicated by the developer’s legal counsel that if changes are made to the property the Township requirements will be reviewed during future Land Development approvals. Tom made a **motion to grant the Petition to rezone S&K Landholding LLCs 22 Acres and Paul D. Zimmermans 0.9 Acres to Industrial use zoning from Agricultural zoning for the properties located at 478 E. Farmersville Road and 492 E. Farmersville Road and to sign Ordinance 2023-01.** Rick seconded the motion, and all voted yes.
2. Rick made **a motion to approve the 90-day time extension for Emerald Power Solutions – Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan Diehm Project No. 21181.** Tom seconded the motion, and all voted yes.
3. Tom made a **motion to approve partial escrow release of $3,000.00 for Lapptops – 182 Orlan Road, with a remaining balance to be held of $1,000.00.** Dan seconded the motion, and all voted yes.
4. Rick made a **motion to approve partial escrow release of $34,566.99 for Jason W. Martin – 250 Amishtown Road. With a remaining balance to be held of $14,533.70.** Tom seconded the motion, and all voted yes.

Tom made a **motion to pay the expenses from the General Fund (Checks #5793-5810) in the amount of $222,367.50, and Payroll Funds in the amount of $61,017.30 including payroll taxes**. Dan seconded the motion, and all voted yes.

The Board entered Executive Session for a personnel matter at 8:00 pm.

Adjournment:

 The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Martin, Secretary