The meeting of the **Earl Township Board of Supervisors**, held on **Monday February 5, 2024**, was called to order by Chairman, Rick Kochel, at 7:00 p.m. The following Supervisors were present: Rick Kochel, Dan Fox, and Bob Winegardner. Also present were Amanda Martin, Secretary, Jay Stauffer, Roadmaster, and William Cassidy, Solicitor.

Solicitor William Cassidy announced the Rezoning Hearing for the Estate of Eugene S. Eberly, 607 S. Kinzer Avenue, has been postponed due to an incorrect advertisement and posting. The advertisement and posting refers to the property as 607 S. Kinzer Road instead of 607 S. Kinzer Avenue. The Rezoning Hearing is rescheduled for March 4th, 2024, at 7:00 pm and will be re-advertised and the property reposted.

Dan made a **motion to approve the December 4th and December 21st, 2023, Regular meeting minutes.** Rick seconded the motion, and all voted yes.

Bob made a **motion to approve the January 2nd and January 18th, 2024, Regular meeting minutes.** Rick seconded the motion, and all voted yes.

**Public Comment: None**

**Police Report:**

Chief Leighty presented the January 2024 New Holland Police Report. Bob Winegardner inquired as to why the Earl Township revenue for police fines dropped $4,000.00 from the previous year. Chief Leighty stated the individuals are responsible to pay their fines and Earl Township only receives money when the individuals pay the fines.

**Martindale Fire Co. Report:**

Chief Stauffer presented the year end fire report for 2023 and the January 2024 fire activity report.

**Garden Spot Fire Rescue:**

Chief Darryl Keiser presented the January 2024 fire activity report and shared stories from the past year that reflect their core values – preparation, service, and professionalism.

**ELANCO Library:**

Anna D’Agostino shared that the library is excited to be renovating and expanding the children’s section and will be hosting a bingo fundraiser on March 10th at the New Holland American Legion. Rick Kochel inquired as to when construction will take place. Anna stated construction is set to take place on Monday February 12th and they have the tentative opening date for late spring.

**Roadmasters Report:**

Roadmaster Stauffer presented his January 2024 Report and requested an approval to advertise for hiring (1) full time road worker. Bob made a **motion to approve to advertise to hire (1) full time road worker.** Dan seconded the motion, and all voted yes.

**Zoning Report:**

The Supervisors reviewed the Zoning Officers January 2024 Report.

**Secretary/Treasurers Report:**The Supervisors reviewed the Secretary/Treasurers January 2024 Report.

**Sewage Enforcement Officer’s Report:**

The Supervisors reviewed the Sewer Enforcement Officers December 2023 Report.

**Solicitor’s Report:**

Solicitor Cassidy presented an Amendment to Settlement Agreement and Release for Thomas B. Weaver and Shelleen Weaver of Star View Transport LLC d/b/a P.L Weaver and Company, 684 West Main Street New Holland, PA 17557. Bob made a **motion to sign the amended settlement agreement.** Dan seconded the motion, and all voted yes.

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business:**

* 1. Bob made a **motion to approve resolution 2024-01 for Earl Township to participate in a co-operative bidding and purchasing agreement for the procurement of road work.** Dan seconded the motion, and all voted yes.
  2. Bob made a **motion to approve a full release for $224,295.00 from the Letter of Credit for TurfTime Equipment, 156 Kurtz Road, Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan.** Dan seconded the motion, and all voted yes.
  3. Dan made a **motion to approve a full escrow release of $1,500.00 for Allen Newswanger, 335 North Hoover Avenue.** Bob seconded the motion, and all voted yes.
  4. Bob made a **motion to approve the agreement of Reimbursement of Professional Services for Sheetz Inc., 698 West Main Street, Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Sheetz Store #231.** Dan seconded the motion, and all voted yes.
  5. Bob made a **motion to approve the agreement of Reimbursement of Professional Services for Toni Kelley, 117 Windsock Way.** Dan seconded the motion, and all voted yes.
  6. Dan made a **motion to approve a partial escrow release of $47,510.00 for Bethany Mennonite Chapel, 1047 Martindale Roa**d. **With a remaining balance to be held of $10,000.00.** Bob seconded the motion, and all voted yes.
  7. Dan made a **motion to approve Bob Winegardner to give an offer to hire (2) applicants at the recommendation of the Earl Township Sewer & Water Authority Chairman.** Rick seconded the motion, and all voted yes.

Bob made a **motion to pay the expenses from the General Fund (Checks #5997-6021 + (1) e-check) in the amount of $160,905.97, Waste and Recycling (Check #435) $19,521.00, and Payroll Funds in the amount of $74,166.71 including payroll taxes**. Dan seconded the motion, and all voted yes.

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

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Martin, Secretary