

The Board's Minutes of the East Donegal Township Board of Supervisors
Held on May 3, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Donegal Township was held on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at 7:00 PM in the East Donegal Township Municipal Building, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta, PA 17547.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John E. Murphy.

Supervisor Jones led with a Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call of Supervisors: Present were John E. Murphy, Chairman and Allen D. Esbenshade, Vice Chairman, Supervisor Tom Jones and Jeffrey Butler, Township Manager.

Mr. Butler explained that the Board was conducting a public hearing to consider a proposed amendment to the Township zoning regulations. He indicated that the hearing was properly advertised and that the proposed amendment was provided to the Township Planning Commission and the Lancaster County Planning Commission for review and recommendations. Both agencies have reviewed the amendment and recommended its adoption.

The proposed amendment revises the required minimum front yard setback for single family detached dwellings in the R-1 Residential District within development implementing the recently adopted stormwater management best management practices incentive option. The front yard requirement within these developments would be revised by the proposed amendment to twenty-five (25') feet from the current thirty-five (35') feet.

Mr. Butler indicated that the stormwater management best management practices incentive option was part of the comprehensive amendment to the Township zoning regulations adopted in December 2017. He stated that the development standards for stormwater management best practices incentive option were to reflect the regulations that guided the development of the Village Square single family development. The Village Square development was approved with a minimum front yard setback requirement of twenty-five (25') feet. However, when the comprehensive ordinance amendment was adopted, it did not reflect the proper change to the minimum front yard setback requirement.

There were no questions or comments from the public. Mr. Butler indicated that the proposed ordinance is on the meeting agenda for consideration by the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade, to close the public hearing on the proposed ordinance amendment. Vote: Mr. Esbenshade; yes, Mr. Jones; yes and Mr. Murphy; yes. Motion carried.

The Board approved the minutes for the April 5, 2018 meeting of the Board of Supervisors by a

motion made by Mr. Esbenshade and seconded by Mr. Jones. Discussion: None. Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, Mr. Jones; yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the Township and approve the payment of Township bills. Discussion none. Vote: Mr. Esbenshade, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; and Mr. Murphy, yes, abstaining from the vote on check #50286 payable to Union Community Bank; and. Motion carried.

Mr. Murphy acknowledged the receipt of the Balance Sheets for the period ending April 11, 2018 for all Township Funds which were provided to each Supervisor.

Old Business.

None.

New Business.

Final Subdivision Plan for Dale & Joyce Graybill– Extension of Time

A motion was made by Mr. Esbenshade, and seconded by Mr. Jones, to accept the extension of time for consideration of the Final Land Subdivision Plan for Dale & Joyce Graybill until July 5, 2018 as granted by the applicant.

Discussion: None. Vote: Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Esbenshade, yes; and Mr. Murphy, yes.

Ordinance No. 2018-1, Zoning Amendment

A motion was made by Mr. Esbenshade, and seconded by Mr. Jones, to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-1, an ordinance to amend Chapter 27, Zoning, of the Township Code of Ordinances.

Discussion: None. Vote: Mr. Jones, yes; Mr. Esbenshade, yes; and Mr. Murphy, yes.

2018 Township Scholarship Program.

Supervisor Murphy announced that Leah Brubaker, a senior at Donegal High School has been selected as the 2018 Scholarship winner. Ms. Brubaker plans to attend Gordon College. The Township Program provides \$1,000.00 toward payment of school tuition costs. Mr. Murphy will be attending the Donegal School District awards evening scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 2018 to formally present the scholarship to Ms. Brubaker.

Copies of the April 2018 report were provided to the Board. For the month, 10 Zoning Permits and 5 UCC Permits were issued. The total value of construction authorized equaled \$3,969,066.00. Permit fees collected totaled \$1,485.00.

The Board received copies of the April 2018 Roadmaster Report prepared by Jake Bair, Public Works Director.

The Board received copies of the March 2018 Library Report compiled by Barbara Basile, Executive Director.

For March 2018, Northwest EMS responded to 72 calls in East Donegal Township. For the year 2018, Northwest EMS has responded to a total of 170 calls in East Donegal Township.

For February 2018, Fire Department Mount Joy responded to 3 first due calls in East Donegal Township.

The Board received copies of the February 20, 2018 meeting minutes of the East Donegal Township Sewer Authority.

The Board received copies of the April 26, 2018 meeting minutes of the East Donegal Township Park Commission. Mr. Butler noted that the Township's Music In The Park program for 2018 starts Sunday, June 3, 2018. The evening's program starts at 7:00 PM.

The Board received copies of the April 12, 2018 meeting minutes of the East Donegal Township Planning Commission.

The Board received copies of the April 2018 editions of the PSATS NewsBulletin and Legal Defense Partnership Newsletter.

Mr. Butler reminded the Board of the May 23, 2018 regional municipal meeting to be held by the Lancaster County Planning Commission. The Township is hosting this meeting.

The Board received copies of the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Audit for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017. There were no adverse findings contained in the report.

Mr. Butler announced that the next Coffee and Conversation with the Township Manager is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2018. It's the opportunity for residents to discuss issues and ask questions outside a formal Township meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. The get-together starts at 7:30 AM.

Liaison Assignment Reports

Administration/Personnel – Supervisor Jones - None.

Finance – Supervisor Murphy – None.

Parks and Recreation – Supervisor Jones - None.

Planning and Development – Supervisor Esbenshade – None.

Public Safety – Supervisor Murphy - None.

Public Works – Supervisor Esbenshade – None.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Esbenshade and seconded by Mr. Jones to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey L. Butler, Township Secretary

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the East Donegal Township Municipal Building, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta PA 17547.