

The Board's Minutes of the East Donegal Township Board of Supervisors
Held on May 6, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Donegal Township was held on Thursday, May 6, 2021, 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 Jones.

Supervisors Esbenshade led with a Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call of Supervisors: Present were Chairman Tom Jones, Vice-Chairman Allen D. Esbenshade, and Supervisor John Murphy. Also attending, Craig Underwood, Township Zoning Officer/Building Code Official, sitting in for Jeffrey Butler, Township Manager.

Public attendance is attached.

Lori Shenk, Community Outreach Manager for Northwest Emergency Medical Services presented the Board with a Certificate of Recognition for the Township's support of the Lancaster County Detachment, Marine Corps League 202, Toys for Tots Program coordinated by the Northwest Emergency Medical Services.

Mr. Michael Davis, Solicitor for the East Donegal Township Municipal Authority, gave a presentation on the potential sale of the municipal water system. Mr. Davis provided the background that brought the East Donegal Municipal Water Authority to the decision to sell the system and a general overview of the process that the Authority is going through to complete the potential sale.

Ms. Bridey Hannold, 9 North River Street acknowledged and encouraged the efforts that the Township was doing regarding improvements to Maytown Center Square. Mrs. Bridey reminded the Board that she and her husband would be willing to "gift" the Township the money to provide street signs for Center Square.

Mr. Dan Houseal, Assistant Chief of the Maytown East Donegal Fire Department was present to advise the Board of the need to replace the rescue truck as the truck is approaching 20 years of age. The Department is seeing an increase in maintenance costs due to the age of the apparatus and more major repairs being done to keep the vehicle road worthy. Additional justification for the apparatus is the increase in the number of calls for the apparatus and the need for more specific equipment.

Mr. Frank Splain, 125 Stirrup Lane, asked if entities such the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority or Covanta have been contacted about assisting in the purchase of a new rescue vehicle. Mr. Splain stated that it was his understanding that there was a promise of

providing a financial contribution to the emergency services. He did not know if any contribution was never made. Mr. Splain also suggested contact with the Perdue soybean processing facility might also be appropriate.

The Board approved the minutes for the April 1, 2021 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors by a motion made by Mr. Esbenshade and seconded by Mr. Murphy. Discussion: None. Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, and Mr. Jones; yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy 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. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, and Mr. Jones; yes.

FUND	AMOUNT	CHECK #'s
General Fund	\$205,004.50	51935-51963
Trash and Recycling Fund	\$54,228.76	1932-1935
Subdivision Escrow Fund	\$36,624.82	566-567
TOTAL	\$295,858.08	

Old Business.

Appointment of an East Donegal Township Emergency Management Coordinator.

A motion was made by Mr. Esbenshade, and seconded by Mr. Murphy, to recommend the appointment of Paul Castline as East Donegal Township’s Emergency Management Coordinator and direct the Township Manager to file the Request for Appointment of Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator form with the Lancaster County Emergency Management Coordinator.

Mr. Jones advised the Board that advertising had been accomplished and although there was initial expressed interest, because this is a volunteer position, parties were no longer interested.

Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, Mr. Jones; yes. Motion carried.

Maytown Square Improvements.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade, to authorize the fabrication and placement of trellis improvements within the Maytown Square as indicated on plans and estimate prepared by Stans Blacksmith Shop .

Mr. Jones presented the agreed upon design and indicated the specification for the trellises. There are four proposed, each would be 8-feet high, 5 1/2 -feet wide, and 16-inches deep; with lettering, “Maytown”, Center Square”. They are to be constructed of steel and powder coated black. The estimated cost is \$2,240.00

Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, Mr. Jones; yes. Motion carried.

New Business.

Resolution 2021-4 Opposing Formation of Lancaster County Health Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Esbenshade, and seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve Resolution 2021-4 opposing the formation of a Lancaster County Health Department.

Mr. Jones read the Resolution and provided background utilized in making this decision. Mr. Splain inquired as to the outreach efforts the Board made to gauge resident opinion regarding the creation of a county health department. Mr. Jones indicated that he did reach out to several folks, however, he reiterated the fact that the Board members were elected to serve as a representative of the citizenry to make these types of decisions.

Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, Mr. Jones; yes. Motion carried.

Contribution to the Maytown Historical Society.

A motion was made by Mr. Esbenshade, and seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve a contribution of \$4,000.00 to the Maytown Historical Society for the year 2021.

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

2020 Contribution to Lancaster County Drug Enforcement Task Force.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade, to approve a contribution of \$7,755.00 to the Lancaster County Drug Enforcement Task Force for the year 2021.

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

Intergovernmental Insurance Cooperative Surplus Funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Esbenshade, and seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve utilizing funds received from the Intergovernmental Insurance Cooperative totaling \$135,486.50 for payment of health insurance premiums.

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

Wellhouse Lease Agreement – East Donegal Township Municipal Authority.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade, to approve entering into a lease agreement with the East Donegal Township Municipal Authority for the use of a portion of the Township's storage building at 190 Rock Point Road by the Authority.

Discussion: None Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenschade; yes, Mr. Jones; yes.
Motion carried.

Playground Summer Program Service Agreement – Greater Elizabethtown Area Recreation & Community Services (GEARS)

A motion was made by Mr. Esbenschade, and seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve entering into a Service Agreement with Greater Elizabethtown Area Recreation & Community Services for provision of 2021 Summer Playground program at Fuhrman Park.

Mr. Murphy advised that the cost associated with this agreement is \$14,000.00. Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenschade; yes, Mr. Jones; yes. Motion carried.

Municipal Yard Waste Marketing Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, and seconded by Mr. Esbenschade, to approve entering into the Municipal Yard Waste Marketing Agreement with Columbia Borough for acceptance of yard waste generated by East Donegal Township residents.

Ms. Hannold inquired as to how this Agreement and the \$30.00 per ton tipping fee related to the trash and recycling contract and those associated fees. Mr. Jones stated that he would look into that and provide a response.

Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenschade; yes, Mr. Jones; yes. Motion carried.

East Donegal Township 2021 Scholarship Program.

Supervisor Jones announced that since all three candidates met all the criteria in exemplary fashion that all three would be named as the 2021 Scholarship winners.

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, and seconded by Mr. Esbenschade, to award Alayna Brubaker, Madisyn Frederick and Myra Naqvi the 2021 Township Scholarship providing each with a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenschade; yes, Mr. Jones; yes. Motion carried.

Application to Township Zoning Hearing Board – Todd N. Hess and Brian J. Hess, 191 Rock Point Road.

A motion made by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Esbenschade to authorize the Township Solicitor to appear before the Township Zoning Hearing Board in opposition to the request for variance to permit additional development rights beyond those permitted by the Township zoning regulations.

Discussion: None. Vote: Mr. Murphy; Yes, Mr. Esbenschade; yes, Mr. Jones; yes.

Motion carried.

Copies of the April 2021 Zoning/Building Report were provided to the Board. For the month, 24 Zoning Permits and 7 UCC permits were issued. The total value of construction authorized equaled \$1,513,365.00. Permit fees collected were \$20,748.00. There were 18 zoning inspections and 20 UCC inspections conducted during the month.

The Board received copies of the April 2021 Roadmaster Report.

The Board received copies of the March 2021 Milanof-Schock Library Report.

For March 2021, Northwest EMS responded to 53 calls in East Donegal Township. The Board also received copies of the 2020 Annual Report of the Northwest EMS.

For March 2021, Fire Department Mount Joy responded to 9 first due calls in East Donegal Township.

Maytown East Donegal Township Fire Department – No Report.

The Board received copies of the meeting minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting of the Susquehanna Regional Police Commission.

The Board received copies of the East Donegal Sewer Authority Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2021 and March 16, 2021)

The Board received copies of the East Donegal Township Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2021 and the Authority's Financial Statement for Year Ended September 30, 2019

The Board received copies of the April 5, 2021 Letter from Lancaster Farmland Trust outlining services the Trust can provide to municipalities.

The Board received copies of a Resolution passed by the Executive Board of the Lancaster County Association of Township Supervisors opposing the creation of a county health department.

The Board received copies of the 2020 Annual Report for the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors.

The Board received copies of the 2020 Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLIGT).

Liaison Assignment Reports

Administration/Personnel – None.

Finance –None.

Parks and Recreation – None.

Planning and Development –None.

Public Safety – Mr. Murphy updated the Board as to the progress in the search for a new police chief to replace retiring Chief Haugh. Mr. Murphy stated that they were through the first round of interviews and have narrowed the applicants to three. Second interviews are being arranged at this point.

Public Works – None.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade to adjourn at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Underwood
Zoning Officer/Building Code Official

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the East Donegal Township Municipal Building, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta PA 17547.