

The Board's Minutes of the East Donegal Township Board of Supervisors
Held on September 20, 2022

The work session of the Board of Supervisors of East Donegal Township was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 8:30 AM in the East Donegal Township Municipal Building, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta, PA 17547.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jones.

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

Roll call of Supervisors: Present were Chairman Thomas M. Jones, Vice-Chairman Allen D. Esbshade and Supervisor Scott Kingsboro. Jeffrey Butler, Township Manager, Jodi Diaz, Township Financial Officer and Robert Ansell, Township Public Works Director/Roadmaster, were also present.

Mr. Andy Warntz, Mr. Brian Chalk and Ms. Cathy Borromeo, all representing Republic Services, were present to discuss the issues the company has been experiencing that have impacted the service provided to the Township. The Lancaster branch has experienced a significant loss in personnel due to retirement and turnover. These shortages have led to delays in service on occasion. In addition, it has resulted in a loss of route knowledge. As personnel from other branches have filled in, or as new driver's learn routes, there have been areas of the Township that have been missed.

They explained the training and safety factors that delay the immediate filling of job positions. This has also resulted in shortages of staff at times.

The Board explained that there has been a slight increase in resident calls and complaints, but nothing significant. The Board let the representative know they understand their position and appreciate Republic Services' attempt to resolve issues as they arise.

Mr. Frank Splain, 125 Stirrup Lane, stated that the intersection of Coffee Goss Road and Fuhrman Road was discuss in a meeting of the Village Square Homeowners Association and Chief Hall from the Susquehanna Regional Police Department. Mr. Splain suggested the Township pursue the placement of 4-way stop signs at this location. Supervisor Jones stated he will follow-up with Susquehanna Regional Police Department.

Mr. Frank Splain suggested that the Township pursue an ordinance prohibiting grass being blown onto the roadway from adjacent properties. The grass presents a safety hazard, particularly for motorcyclists.

Mr. Splain suggested that Supervisor contact information be added to the Township's website. Mr. Jones displayed that the information, along with a generic comment form, is already

available on the site.

Mr. Splain stated that stones from the seal coat project done in Village Square are still abundant. Mr. Jones indicated that the Township Public Works crew will visit the problem area and sweep excessive stones from the intersections.

FINANCE

It was indicated that the second tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds was deposited into the Township account. The amount of this deposit totaled \$439,215.62.

There was general discussion regarding the upcoming budget meeting scheduled for October 18, 2022.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Butler informed the Board that the member municipalities of GEARS approved an amendment to their membership Agreement to permit East Donegal Township to be a member municipality in 2023. It's estimated that membership for 2023 will cost the Township \$75,000.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Township Planning Commission reviewed, and recommended for approval, the Final Land Development Plan for Wissler Properties. The plan will be placed on the October 6, 2022 agenda for action.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Board was provided updated copies of the proposed Articles of Incorporation of the Emergency Services Authority to review. The updates address concerns raised by potential municipalities that will comprise the Authority, particularly ways to drop membership in the Authority. The Board will be asked to authorize the publication of an Ordinance making the Township a founding member of the Authority.

PUBLIC WORKS

The need to renew a Snow Season Contractor Agreement was discussed.

Mr. Butler informed the Board on initial PennDOT reaction to the potential vacation of a portion of Long Lane. First indication from PennDOT is that no physical improvements will be required at the intersection of Long Lane and Route 441, however, a low-volume Highway Occupancy Permit may be required.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL

Mr. Butler indicated that posting of the Township's opening on the Vacancy Board has been made. The Board expressed an interest to fill the position at the October 6, 2022 meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Esbenshade and seconded by Mr. Kingsboro to adjourn at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey L. Butler, Township Secretary