

The Board's Minutes of the East Donegal Township Board of Supervisors
Held on March 21, 2023

The work session of the Board of Supervisors of East Donegal Township was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 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 Kingsboro.

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

Roll call of Supervisors: Present were Chairman Scott Kingsboro and Vice-Chairman Allen Esbshade. Supervisor Michael Brubaker was absent. Jeffrey Butler, Township Manager, Jodi Diaz, Township Finance Officer, and Craig Underwood, Township Zoning Officer/Code Official, were also present.

Mr. Kingsboro opened the meeting for public comment on items not on the agenda. None were heard.

FINANCE

Fire Station Addition Loan Status

Ms. Diaz provided the Board with information regarding the loan secured by the Maytown East Donegal Township Fire Department for the building addition to the firehouse. The loan is now past the fixed interest rate period and recent rate increases have resulted in a significantly higher monthly donation by the Township to cover the monthly payment. There was general discussion regarding potential donation by the Township to payoff the remaining balance of the Department's loan. The matter will be placed on the April 6, 2023 agenda of the Board's regular meeting.

Ms. Diaz provided a status report on outstanding trash/recycling customer accounts. Notices have been sent notifying customers with an outstanding balance that service will be terminated until payment is made. A number of those notices have been returned as denied delivery. Returned notices will be hand delivered utilizing the Township's Constable. Payment arrangements will be made with customers requesting such an arrangement.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chickies Creek Day Use Area – Phase I Improvements

Mr. Butler indicated construction of the improvements have been started.

Riverfront Park Open Area Development Options

There was brief discussion of the lawn-to-meadow proposal presented by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay at the February work session. Staff will follow up to determine

what steps are needed to qualify for the program.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Short-term Rental Zoning Regulations

There was discussion regarding the need to develop and implement regulations for short-term rentals, also known as AirBnB units. Currently they are treated as uses not provided for within the Township zoning ordinance and applications are handled by the Township Zoning Hearing Board.

The Board discussed the need to develop regulations for this type of use and limit where in the Township the use would be permitted. Staff will review the draft ordinance previously considered to develop regulations for the Board consideration at the April 18, 2023 work session of the Board.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Regional Police Study

Mr. Kingsboro indicated he attended a meeting at which a regional police study was discussed. The study is being funded by the PA Department of Economic and Community Development and includes Northwest regional Police Department, Elizabethtown Police Department and Susquehanna Regional Police Department. He was unsure if any information will be needed from the Township.

PUBLIC WORKS

Seasonal Part-time Laborer

Mr. Butler stated that a classified ad will be placed in the Lancaster Newspaper for a part-time seasonal laborer position. The primary responsibility will be park maintenance, but will assist in other areas, if needed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Esbenshade and seconded by Mr. Kingsboro to adjourn at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey L. Butler, Township Secretary