

The Board's Minutes of the East Donegal Township Board of Supervisors
Held on August 15, 2023

The work session of the Board of Supervisors of East Donegal Township was held on Tuesday, August 15, 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 Esbenschade. Supervisor Michael Brubaker attended via conference telephone call. Jeffrey Butler, Township Manager, Robert Ansell, Township Roadmaster 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.

Ms. Jane Mohr, 129 West High Street, expressed her concern about the safety of the intersection of East High Street and Queen Street. She suggested that parking be limited in the area of the intersection to increase visibility for motorists. She also asked if a multi-way stop be installed with the addition of stop signs on East High Street or if one-way streets would be considered.

There was general discussion regarding the existing configuration of the intersection. Board members will continue to evaluate the need for changes to the intersection.

FINANCE

Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2024

Mr. Butler stated that the Board will be receiving the calculated 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2024 at the September meeting. Based on the information from the pension plan's actuarial information, the MMO will probably be higher than the 2023 amount. It's recommended that the 2023 MMO be supplemented by an amount equal to the state aid received by the Township. Last year state aid received totaled \$41,443.61.

2024 Budget Calendar

Mr. Butler provided an overview of the draft calendar to consider, and approve, the 2024 Township Budget. It was suggested that the October 17, 2023 work session of the Board of Supervisors be used as the Board's budget workshop.

FINANCE

Fitness Court Grant Award Resolution

Mr. Butler reported on a meeting held with the National Fitness Campaign regarding the Township's grant award for the installation of an outdoor fitness court. The meeting outlined the steps to be taken for implementation, along with a timeline for the project. The Board must first consider the adoption of a resolution to accept the grant award and commit the necessary funding to complete the project. The resolution will be placed on the September 7, 2023 meeting agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS

East Donegal Township Municipal Authority Termination

Mr. Butler indicated a resolution accepting the Certificate of Termination for the East Donegal Township Municipal Authority will be considered on September 7, 2023.

Long Lane Bridge

Mr. Butler reported on a meeting with PennDOT regarding the potential restriction of turns at the intersection of Long Lane and Route 441. The current proposal is to limit turns to right-out only from Long Lane. There would be no turning movements from Route 441 to Long Lane.

PennDOT has no opposition to the proposal and recognizes the safety issue associated with the intersection. The improvements at the intersection will require permits from PennDOT.

Mr. Butler also reported on a meeting with the design engineer for the Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil Integrated Bridge System being considered for Long Lane over Donegal Creek. The engineer, working with the Township Engineer, will be preparing a proposal for consideration by the Board.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL

Township Open House Event – October 11, 2023

The Board discussed participating agencies. Mr. Brubaker was contacting potential food vendors for the event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Kingsboro and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade to adjourn at 9:25 AM. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey L. Butler, Township Secretary