

The Board's Minutes of the East Donegal Township Board of Supervisors
Held on September 19, 2023

The work session of the Board of Supervisors of East Donegal Township was held on Tuesday, September 19, 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, Vice-Chairman Allen Esbenschade and Supervisor Michael Brubaker. 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. Marisol Maldonado and Mr. Darron Parmer presented the Board with information regarding the Lead Free Families program sponsored by Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health. The program remediates lead paint hazards found in housing at little to no cost in an effort to keep children in the community safe from the impacts of lead poisoning. The program is expected to spend \$50 million over the next 10 years providing remediation services.

They also explained the Healthy Homes project that addresses hazards in the homes that impact the health of residents, such as mold, radon, lack of smoke detectors and leaking roofs.

They provided the Board with information to be circulated to interested residents and explained the application and approvals processes. It was indicated that program information will be included in the Township newsletter.

FINANCE

2024 Budget Calander

The Board was reminded that the October 17, 2023 work session of the Board of Supervisors be used as the Board's 2024 budget workshop.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Riverfront Park Lawn to Meadow Project

Mr. Butler and Mr. Ansell reported that the area to be converted into a meadow has been flagged and will be sprayed to clear the turf grass this week.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Short-term Rental Units

Mr. Underwood provided the Board with an update of Township Planning Commission discussions regarding the development of regulations addressing short-term rental units. He indicated that the Planning Commission should be providing the Board with a draft ordinance following the November Planning Commission meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Proposal for Review and Assessment of Susquehanna Regional Police Department

Mr. Kingsboro indicated that the Susquehanna Regional Police Commission has discussed a proposal from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association to conduct a review and assessment of the Susquehanna Regional Police Department. Board members agreed that such an assessment would be beneficial and should be included in the Department 2024 budget. The Association should provide names of other department that underwent the same type of evaluation.

Update of Fire Department Box Alarms

Mr. Kingsboro indicated that the Maytown East Donegal Township Fire Department have provided box alarm changes for consideration. The changes address mutual aid provided by Columbia and Wrightsville Fire Departments.

A motion was made by Mr. Brubaker, and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade, to notify county-wide communication of the Township's support of the proposed box changes.

Vote: Mr. Brubaker: yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, and Mr. Kingsboro; yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Kingsboro also informed the Board that the Maytown East Donegal Township Fire Department's tanker is currently out of service waiting for repair. He's been told that the repair may cost in excess of \$20,000.

PUBLIC WORKS

Long Lane Bridge

Mr. Butler indicated that an engineering proposal for the design/construction of a new bridge over Donegal Creek has not yet been received.

Project Update

Mr. Ansell provided an update on various public works projects. He anticipated completing improvements to Donegal Springs Road, in the area of Colebrook Road, and the paving of a portion of Cameron Alley this fall. The traffic signal control box at Route 441/Route 23 intersection has been repaired. The box will be relocated to an area behind the signal pole in an effort to protect it from future damage.

He informed the Board that he will be meeting with a representative from PennDOT's Local Assistance Program (LTAP) to discuss the intersection of East High Street and Queen Street.

Approve Hiring of New Crew Member

Mr. Ansell summarized the process undertaken to fill the public works opening for an additional crew member. He provided his recommendation to the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Brubaker, and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade, to approve hiring George Risser at a wage of \$24.00/hour with a start date of September 25, 2023.

Vote: Mr. Brubaker: yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, and Mr. Kingsboro; abstained from the vote. Motion passed 2-0.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL

Township Open House Event – October 11, 2023

The Board discussed participating agencies. It was suggested that representatives from the various groups meet again prior to the event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Esbenshade and seconded by Mr. Brubaker to adjourn at 10:10 AM. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey L. Butler, Township Secretary