

The Board's Minutes of the East Donegal Township Board of Supervisors
Held on April 18, 2024

The work session of the Board of Supervisors of East Donegal Township was held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, 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 and Supervisor Michael Brubaker. Jeffrey Butler, Township Manager, Robert Ansell, Township Roadmaster, Craig Underwood, Township Zoning Officer/Code Official, and Jodi Diaz, Township Treasurer, were also present.

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

FINANCE

Township Trash/Recycling Contract Extension

The Board received copies of a letter from Republic Services notifying the Township that they will not agree to extend the current contract beyond December 31, 2024. The Board discussed options for trash/recycling services.

Maytown Memorial Day Committee Funding Request

The Board received copies of a letter from the Maytown Memorial Day Committee seeking a donation to cover costs associated with the Memorial Day parade. The Board discussed the amount budgeted for such requests.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Fitness Court – Fuhrman Park

Mr. Butler reported that the Columbia Water Company has completed the relocation of the water line in the vicinity of the proposed fitness court. The site will be prepared, and concreted poured, before the end of the month.

Amendment to Park Rules

Mr. Butler circulated copies of the proposed amendment to the Township code prohibiting vaping in Township parks and at the Township Skateboard Park. The amendment will be considered for adoption at the May 2, 2024 meeting.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Short-term Rental Units

The Board discussed the proposed amendment and comments received at the public hearing held April 4, 2024. It was suggested that the proposal be changed to reduce the distance for owners/managers from short-term rental units in Conservation and Agricultural Districts to 10 miles and increase the permitted distance for owners/managers in the other districts to 1,500 feet.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mount Joy Fire Foundation

Mr. Butler reminded the Board that the Fire Department Mount Joy is seeking a recommended appointment to the newly formed Mount Joy Fire Foundation.

PUBLIC WORKS

Proposed Amendment For Multi-Stop Intersection – East High Street/Queen Street

Mr. Butler circulated copies of the proposed amendment to the Township code designating a multi-way (4-way) stop at the intersection of East High Street and Queen Street. The amendment will be considered for adoption at the May 2, 2024 meeting.

Long Lane Bridge

Mr. Butler provided an update on the project to make repairs to the Long Lane bridge and install improvements at the intersection of PA Route 441 and Long Lane. The repairs to the bridge's wing walls are underway and should be complete shortly. The PA Department of Environmental Protection permit to complete the under-bridge work has been received and the request for bids to complete the work has been published. Survey work is scheduled for the intersection for preparation of the PA Department of Transportation permit needed for the proposed improvements.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL

Employee Wellness Program

Ms. Diaz provide the Board with an overview of a potential employee wellness program. It is hoped that employee participation will increase wellness, make them aware of available health care benefits and potential lower Township health insurance costs. The Board expressed support for the program.

Resident Notification Application Proposal

Mr. Butler circulated a proposal received for implementation of a text-based notification system. The Board discussed this system, and the associated cost, and the free email-based system currently available for subscription. No changes are proposed at this time.

2024 Township Scholarship Program

The Board acknowledged receipt of five excellent applications for the 2024 Scholarship

program. Board members will review the submission and forward their recommendation to Mr. Butler.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Brubaker and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade to adjourn at 10:30 AM. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey L. Butler, Township Secretary