

The Board's Minutes of the East Donegal Township Board of Supervisors
Held on August 20, 2024

The work session of the Board of Supervisors of East Donegal Township was held on Tuesday, August 20, 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 Esbenshade.

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

Roll call of Supervisors: Present were Chairman Allen Esbenshade, Vice-Chairman Michael Brubaker (was on the phone) and Supervisor Kenton Sweigart. Scott Kingsboro, Assistant Township Manager, Jodi Diaz, Township Treasurer, Bob Ansel, Township Public Works, Craig Underwood, Township Zoning Officer/Code Official, and Matt Creme Township Solicitor were also present.

Mr. Esbenshade confirmed that Supervisor Brubaker could hear and be heard by the public.

Mr. Esbenshade opened the meeting for public comment on items not on the agenda. - None

FINANCE

Discussion of Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) Act

Solicitor Creme open the discussion on the (LERTA) Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance. GSK Council (Steve Buck) discussed the idea of the LERTA and the 10-year deferred tax on new construction only and how the process works and how taxes will be phased in over 10 years on a 10% increase each year if implemented.

Solicitor Creme explained how the process would proceed from hearings to public notices to move the LERTA forward if the supervisors had a consensus to proceed with staff and him working on the proposal. Kenton Sweigart, Mike Brubaker and Allen Esbenshade were in consensus to proceed forward with the staff and Mr. Creme getting the necessary LERTA documents prepared.

2025 Budget Calendar

Mr. Kingsboro handed it out and reminded everyone to mark dates on calendars

PARKS AND RECREATION

Pavilion Replacement at Chickies Creek Day Use Area

Mr. Kingsboro stated Mr. Butler is still getting information from contractors and suppliers. Supervisor Sweigert mentioned the possibility in the future of seeing what the township could do with the existing barns and house on the property.

Fitness Court Ribbon Cutting today at 3 pm

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Street Dedication – Castleton and Bridle Path, Phase 3

Mr. Kingsboro let the Board know that both developments should have street dedications before the end of the year. In Castleton the public works are not responsible for the alleys or winter maintenance but would get liquid fuel tax from the streets. Public Works would have to maintain the streets.

Mr. Butler is working with the developer of Bridle Path, Phase 3, and our solicitor to finish and prepare the street dedication. There are a few issues with some areas of pavement that the builder will have to fix. Mr. Kingsboro reminded the Board that part of Coffee Goss Road reconstruction is EDT's responsibility to pay.

Public Safety

Speed and Safety Program

Mr. Butler is working on getting some objectives and strategies for the group. "Slow" pavement markings were placed on Long Lane and looking at other ideas.

Township Burn Ordinance

Mr. Kingsboro handed out the current ordinance and asked the Board to look over and if they would like any changes please let Mr. Butler know.

PUBLIC WORKS

Long Lane Bridge Scour Project

Mr. Kingsboro advised the board that there is one change order because of a few issues that developed under the bridge's one footer and the underside of the bridge. The change order price is \$9080.39 and will be on the September's Board meeting for approval.

Mr. Ansel informed the Board that fog seal was being done today in the Longwood Development and Donegal Spring Road Phase 1 project should be completed this week.

Administration/Personnel

Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2025

Ms. Diaz discussed the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2025 will be \$124,999.38 and will need to be put in the 2025 budget. The 2024 MMO is \$117,140 and is currently in the 2024 budget to be paid in October.

Township Right to Know Policy – Updated Resolution

Mr. Kingsboro handed out the current Township Right to Know Policy and the proposed changes Mr. Butler worked on that were suggested by PSATS and our solicitor to update our current policy. Please look over and let Mr. Butler know if you are agreeable to the changes so this can be updated and approved at a Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Esbshade and seconded by Mr. Sweigart to adjourn at 9:42 AM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Kingsboro