The Board's Minutes of the East Donegal Township Board of Supervisors Held on September 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Donegal Township was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 8:30 AM in the East Donegal Township Municipal Building located at 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta, PA 17547

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Allen Esbenshade.

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

Roll call of Supervisors: Present were Supervisors Allen Esbenshade, Michael Brubaker, and Kenton Sweigart. Also in attendance were Scott Kingsboro, Township Manager; Jodi Diaz, Finance Director; Craig Underwood, Zoning Officer and Robert Ansell, Public Works Director

Mr. Esbenshade opened the meeting for public comments: No comments.

Finance Update:

Jodi Diaz provided a brief update, noting that five new liens have been filed against delinquent trash accounts. She also announced that trash tags will now be available for purchase at the Milanof-Shock Library, offering residents the added convenience of access during evenings and Saturdays.

Parks and Recreation: No updates.

Planning and Development:

- 1. Astin Melhorn, of Paragon Poultry, presented to the Board his interest in relocating the business to East Donegal Township (from Mount Joy Borough) in the coming years. He inquired whether the Agricultural District's allowable uses could be revised to permit such an agribusiness. Zoning Officer, Craig Underwood, explained that "agribusiness uses" are not currently permitted in the Agricultural Zoning District, but the Board could consider a text amendment to allow it. He cautioned, however, that such a change would also open the door for similar agribusiness operations on any non-preserved agricultural land. Mr. Underwood also stated that another possibility would be to extend the General Commercial Zoning District from the south side of River Road up to and including the subject property that would allow this use to be constructed as a permitted use.
- 2. Robert Ansell, Public Works Director, provided an update on the stormwater issue along Kelly Avenue. He reported that the Conservation District confirmed in writing that the flooding is a stormwater matter and not the responsibility of

the affected neighbor. Any corrective action taken would be considered an act of goodwill, either by a neighbor or the Township, rather than an obligation.

Public Safety: No updates.

Public Works:

Robert Ansell provided an update that the 2025 Donegal Springs Road project is complete. Mr. Ansell stated that he had B.R. Kreider come out to provide a quote for the curb at Stellar Drive.

Mr. Ansell updated the Board stating that the Long Lane/441 project has started and should be completed by the end of October.

Administration/Personnel:

- 1. Scott Kingsboro confirmed that the budget process is on schedule. All department information is to be submitted to Jodi and Scott by October 1st, with the initial budget meeting scheduled for the October 21st, 2025, meeting.
- 2. Jay States, of Grove Miller Engineering, Inc., commented on the Ordinance previously tabled, stating that he has reviewed each section of the Ordinance. Mr. States and Mr. Kingsboro discussed each section of the Ordinance. On Section 2, it was discussed to do a speed study using the Township speed signs to see if there is a possibility to lower the speed on Long Lane. In Section 5, Fuhrman Road does not have a stop sign since the development has changed the roadway. This intersection had a study done and it did not warrant a four-way stop. Mr. States will look at it again with Mr. Kingsboro. Mr. States was fine with the way Section 7 is currently written. Mr. States did discuss the High and River Street intersection. Penn Dot does not have "Center Square" listed in their documentations. Penn Dot will allow the municipality to name that roadway. Mr. Kingsboro said the Board can think about naming that roadway, if they wish, since with two other possible changes we will have to re-advertise and have the Ordinance ready for the November 6th meeting.

<u>Adjournment</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Brubaker and seconded by Mr. Sweigart to adjourn at 9:50AM. Vote: Mr. Sweigart; yes, Mr. Brubaker; yes, and Mr. Esbenshade; yes. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott A. Kingsboro, Township Secretary