

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC WORK SESSION MEETING
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA, 17837
August 26, 2024

Chairman Knight called the Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Those present: Chairman James Knight; Vice Chairman Tom Zorn; Supervisor Katie Evans; Township Manager Jolene Helwig; Assistant Road Master Jeff Oberdorf and Secretary/Treasurer Gayle Boudman.

Members of the public participating in-person: Greg Zeh, Ron Belletti, Tina Prowant and Sabrina Barner (The Standard Journal).

Chairman Knight announced an Executive meeting was held on August 21, 2024, at 1:00 PM to discuss solar concerns.

For this segment of public comment, attendees were asked to limit comments on agenda topics.

Hearing of Visitors:

- Tina Prowant asked if the speed sign could be put on N. 15th Street between Jefferson Avenue and Monroe Avenue.

Reports of Officials:

- Chairman Knight
 - CSFES Board met on Thursday, August 22, 2024, to review the revised bids for the fire station redesign and have narrowed it down to two bidders to have further discussions with.
 - Chief Blount gave the board a preliminary copy of the proposed budget for 2025. Discussions will be ongoing over the next couple of months. They are looking into where they can find grant fund to help with the fire station redesign if they actually go forward with renovating it.
 - The Safe Streets For All Grant is 90% complete and the deadline is Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 5:00 PM
- Vice Chairman Zorn
 - August 13, 2024, attended the Emergency Management Plan virtual training at the township building.
 - August 14, 2024, attended Building a Better Budget Virtual Class at the township building
 - August 19, 2024, had a discussion with a concerned citizen regarding Spruce Hill Park and advised them there will not be modifications to the plans.
 - August 21, 2024, attended a meeting with Commissioner Stacey Richards on the solar panel discussion.
 - August 22, 2024, attended the CSFES Board meeting.
 - August 22, 2024, reviewed the videos of the submissions for the police chief position.
 - August 26, 2024, telephone conversation with the publisher of The Standard Journal regarding proceeding with publishing an East Buffalo Township Community Guide.
- Supervisor Evans
 - August 13, 2024, attended the Emergency Management Plan virtual training at the township building.
 - August 14, 2024, attended Building a Better Budget Virtual Class at the township building.
 - August 15, 2024, attended the in-person interviews for the police chief position.
 - August 21, 2024, attended a meeting with Commissioner Stacey Richards on the solar panel discussion.
- Township Manager Helwig
 - The Fall 2024 Spring 2025 Recycling Guide has been printed and mailed. Residents should start receiving it by the end of the week. They will also be available at the township building.

- Received an email update from HRG on the Turtle Creek Road Bridge. They are continuing to process the superstructure design, and the water permit submission is nearly complete. They anticipate submission within the next few weeks.
- Assistant Road Master Jeff Oberdorf
 - The new traffic signs have been installed on Furnace Road at both intersections of Stein Lane.
 - The Tar/Chip Contractor is scheduled to start sweeping the loose stones in preparation for the fog sealing after the holiday.
 - The road crew will be paving Iron Cave and then move on to James St in the area of the pump station to fix a sinkhole and replace a pipe that has rotted out.
 - Received an email from Penn State Construction with the construction plans for the new salt shed that need to be reviewed and approved and then they will start applying for the building permits.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve the August 12, 2024, business meeting minutes as distributed.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans authorizing the Chairman of the Board to sign the 2024 Healing the Planet grant agreement and at the conclusion of the project, complete the final report and submit by December 13, 2024.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve the purchase of forty trees for planting at Turtle Creek Park from Octorara Native Plant Nursery for up to \$2,288.00.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

No action taken by Township Supervisors on scheduling additional meetings concerning the Market Streetscape Plan.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to start the hourly wage of the animal control officer at \$25.00 and pay up to an hourly wage of \$40.00, based on the applicant's experience and knowledge of the required laws and Township Ordinances.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Discussion on the expected income portion of the 2025 Budget.

For the Good of the Order:

- Vice Chairman Zorn announced that Chief Blount will be attending the September Business Meeting to give an update on the Fire Company activity.

Press Time:

- Sabrina Barner (The Standard Journal) asked for clarification on the Safe Streets for All Grant.


Motion by Vice Chairman Zorn seconded by Chairman Knight to adjourn at 6:47.



 Gayle Boudman, Secretary



 James Knight, Chairman



 Tom Zorn, Vice Chairman



 Katie Evans, Supervisor