

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC WORK SESSION MEETING
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA, 17837
April 28, 2025

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 in attendance: Gawhara Abou-Eid (Standard Journal); Tina Prowant; Greg Zeh; Shawn McLaughlin (Union County Planning); John DelVecchio (Union County Planning); Shayleen Moran; Harry Gural; and Beth Confer.

Chairman Knight called a Public Hearing to order at 5:31 PM to consider an ordinance for the Issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$765,000 for construction of Turtle Creek Bridge fixing the form, number, date, interest and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the notes; providing for the filing of the required documents providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the note; and authorizing execution, sale and delivery.

Public Comments on the Public Hearing Matter:

- Tina Prowant asked what the interest, terms and reimbursement amount of the note were.
- Greg Zeh asked what the interest was on our investment fund.
- Beth Confer asked if this was the normal process for fixing a bridge or road and what has the township done in the past for this amount of funding for something that only impacts a small percentage of the community.

Chairman Knight closed the Public Hearing at 5:39 PM.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to adopt **Ordinance 423** for the Issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$765,000 for construction of Turtle Creek Bridge fixing the form, number, date, interest and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the notes; providing for the filing of the required documents providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the note; and authorizing execution, sale and delivery.

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

Hearing of Visitors:

- Beth Confer asked for clarification on state aid funding (liquid fuels).
- Shayleen Moran asked for clarification on how the township pays for road repairs and how that process works.
- Shawn McLaughlin spoke about the results of the 2024 updated Union County comprehensive plan, its impact on EBT, and possible actions for the township to take.

Reports of Officials:

- Chairman Knight
 - April 24, 2025, attended a Zoom meeting with HRG regarding the Turtle Creek Park Phase 1 project Design.
 - April 24, 2025, attended the CSFES meeting. Discussed fundraising and the intergovernmental agreement which is being revised to make sure it is consistent with the fire department agreement.

- April 25, 2025, attended a Zoom meeting with HRG regarding the Turtle Creek Park Phase 1 to review material selections and address email comments concerning the project.
- Vice Chairman Zorn
 - April 23, 2025, attended the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission meeting.
- Supervisor Evans
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 - May 12 & 13, 2025, oral interviews with the Civil Service Commission for the Sargent and Corporal police positions.
 - May 14, 2025, next Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission meeting.
- Township Manager Helwig
 - Reported on the EBT Website activity received from Intrada.
 - April 29, 2025, finishing up the creek bank repairs at Turtle Creek Park.
 - DCED grant reimbursement for Fairground Road Park should be here in the next week or two.
 - April 30, 2025, Lewisburg Borough is having a Safe Streets for All meeting at 10:00 AM at the borough building.
 - May 21, 2025, Lewisburg Borough is having a Safe Streets for All public engagement at 7:00 PM at the Lewisburg Hotel Ballroom.
 - May 7, 2025, meeting with Robb Watts at 2:00 PM at the Government Center on the US 15/Buffalo Valley Rail Trail crossing and corridor signal scoping.
 - April 22, 2025, seal coating bids were opened and reviewed by participating municipalities and will be approved at the May 13, 2025, Business Meeting.
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 - April 25, 2025, attended a Zoom meeting with HRG regarding the Turtle Creek Park Phase 1 to review material selections and address email comments concerning the project.
 - April 29, 2025, meeting with Larson Design Group at Bull Run Crossing Bridge.
 - April 29, 2025, PennDOT Outreach meeting at 8:00 AM at the township building to go through their plans for the rest of the year.
 - May 1, 2025, meeting at Turtle Creek Park at 9:30 AM with a state forestry representative to look at the invasive plants and recommendations on how to deal with them.
 - May 2, 2025, meeting at the township building with HRG and Countryside residents to review the stormwater videos.
 - May 4 to 7, 2025, PSATS Conference in Hershey, PA. Supervisor Zorn, Township Manager Helwig and Assistant Roadmaster Oberdorf will be attending.
 - May 12, 2025, Business Meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 13, 2025.
- Assistant Roadmaster Oberdorf
 - Street sweeping was completed on Friday, April 25, 2025.
 - Base repair project has been rescheduled from May 1, 2025, to May 13, 2025, due to a large project they are working on.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve the April 14, 2025, business meeting minutes as distributed.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to authorize the solicitor to advertise a public hearing on May 13, 2025, to approve a zoning ordinance amendment to permit healthcare facilities in the highway commercial zoning district. (It was noted that Laughner & Petel will need to submit a formal written request for the change.)

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

(Note: per an email from Pete on 04/30/25 the public hearing has changed to the May 27, 2025, Work Session Meeting)

No action taken by Township Supervisors on Infrastructure Bank Loan Agreement and Promissory Note.

No action taken by Township Supervisors on the PIB Loan Resolution.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve the Bison Stamped Route for Friday, June 13, 2025; starting a 9 AM contingent upon receiving the certificate of insurance, limit not less than \$1M and must name the Township as an additional insured and providing the written notification letters from the police department and fire service.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn for approval to resubmit to Senator Fetterman the application for the Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Cycle due to federal money allocation, for the Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation Cycle.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans for approval for Brian Auman to resubmit the application for the 2024 Growing Greener (Watershed Restoration and Protection) Grant, for the 2025 Growing Greener (Watershed Restoration and Protection) Grant.

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

No action taken by Township Supervisors on Act 13 Watershed Restoration & Preservation Grant.

No action taken by Township Supervisors on EBT Comprehensive Plan.

For the Good of the Order:

- Vice Chairman Zorn questioned whether we should look into revising the animal ordinance to be consistent with the issues of feral cats that Chief Embeck brought up. He will contact Chief Embeck and go over the issues with the current ordinance.

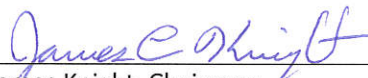
Press Comments:

- Gawhara Abou-Eid asked for clarification on who is funding the Turtle Creek Bridge project loan and what was approved in the motion.
- Gawhara Abou-Eid ask what the maximum amount the township could receive for the Growing Greener Grant and what the money would be used for.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to adjourn at 6:54 PM.



Gayle Boudman, Secretary



James Knight, Chairman



Tom Zorn, Vice Chairman



Katie Evans, Supervisor