

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING  
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA, 17837  
May 13, 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 (via Zoom); Township Manager Jolene Helwig; Assistant Roadmaster Jeff Oberdorf; Township Solicitor Peter Matson; Planning/Zoning Tom MacDonald; and Secretary/Treasurer Gayle Boudman.

Members of the public in attendance: Dede Gronlund and Justin Strawser (The Daily Item).

Chairman Knight called for an executive session at the end of the regular meeting.

Hearing of Visitors:

- Dede Gronlund stated she was extremely concerned about the safety of the access to the Geisinger facility that is located on Rt 15 near Beagle Club Rd and wanted clarification on what the plans are.

Report of Officials:

- Chairman Knight
  - May 1, 2025, met with Kyle Seyler, DCNR Forester for our area, Brian Almun, BSA/ LA, LLC, and Township Manager Helwig at Turtle Creek Park to discuss the management of invasive plants throughout the park.
  - Updated the previously awarded Safe Streets for All Grant application based on a revised agreement that was emailed last week and re-submitted to the Department of Transportation.
- Vice Chairman Zorn
  - May 4 – 7, 2025, attended the PSATS Conference in Hershey with Township Manager Helwig and Assistant Roadmaster Oberdorf.
  - May 13, 2025, attended a webinar on invasive species.
- Supervisor Evans
  - May 14, 2025, Vice Chairman Zorn will attend the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission meeting in her place.
- Township Manager Helwig
  - May 2, 2025, meet with Assistant Roadmaster Oberdorf and township residents concerning some issues to be discussed in the executive session.
  - May 2, 2025, Steve Stanko, Susquehanna Community Bank, stopped by the office to inform us that C & N Bank out of Williamsport purchased Susquehanna Community Bank and it will be six months to one year until everything is final.
  - May 12, 2025, was the start of the second spring brush and yard waste pick-up.
  - May 13, 2025, attended a webinar on invasive species.
  - Northumberland County Conservation District will be holding a tire collection event, on behalf the mosquito program, at the Township Building on May 19, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This will be for Union County residents only.

- Assistant Roadmaster Oberdorf
  - May 16, 2025, base repairs are scheduled to start but depending on the weather it may be delayed until next week.
  - Spoke with Aiden, HRG, to set up a time for the last week in May to do the test holes for the next phase of the Turtle Creek Bridge project.
- Township Secretary/Treasurer Boudman highlighted the major expenses and major income received last month as noted on the expenditures report for April 2025.

Chairman Knight acknowledged Board receipt of the March 2025 Buffalo Valley Regional Police Departments (BVRPD) Reports.

Chairman Knight acknowledged Board receipt of the April 2025 Central Keystone Council of Governments (CKCOG) Report.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve the April 28, 2025, work session meeting minutes as distributed.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve the expenditures for April 2025 as presented.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve the signed Comcast Franchise and Build Plan Agreement with East Buffalo Township.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve a transfer of \$400.00 to correct February 12, 2024, motion for the EBT DCNR match and an additional \$67,600 to cover remaining future invoices for Spruce Hills Park expenses.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve the Infrastructure Bank Loan Agreement between the Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation and East Buffalo Township, to construct an infrastructure improvement and the total amount not to exceed \$765,000.00.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve **Resolution 14-2025** appointing James Knight, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, to execute any documents necessary for the finalizing of said loan, such as the loan agreement itself, on behalf of East Buffalo Township.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to accept the bid cost of \$386,885.24 from Russel Standard for East Buffalo Township portion of the 2025 Multi Municipality Combo Seal Coat project with the initial anticipated cost of \$554,843.72.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans authorizing the Board Chairman to write a letter to PennDOT District 3 requesting a speed study be performed on the section of State Route 15 (West Branch Highway) between Beagle Club Road (T461)/River Road (T620) and Smoketown Road (T355)/Moore Avenue (T361) the traffic light at Bucknell University.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve the Township Manager to hire Wagner's Surveying to survey the boundary between East Buffalo Township and Borough of Lewisburg on River Road.  
Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Press Time:

- Justin Strawser asked for clarification on the PIB loan details.
- Justin Strawser asked for clarification on the contractor for the seal coat bids and the process for accepting the bid with the other townships.

Motion by Chairman Knight and seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to enter into an Executive Session at 6:15 PM.

Motion by Chairman Knight and seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to exit the Executive Session at 6:37 PM.

Good of the Order:

- Vice Chairman Zorn asked if the township was going to pursue the Act 13 Watershed Grant that Supervisor Evans was looking into. Chairman Knight responded that we will not be pursuing.
- Vice Chairman Zorn asked if the township was going to write a letter of support for the traffic issues at Davie's Market, located in Buffalo Township. After discussion it was decided that unless the board received complaints from East Buffalo Township residents that they would not get involved.

Motion by Chairman Knight and seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to adjourn at 6:42 PM.

  
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Gayle Boudman, Secretary

  
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James Knight, Chairman

  
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Tom Zorn, Vice Chairman

  
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Katie Evans, Supervisor