

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA, 17837
April 13, 2026

Chairman Knight called the Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

Those present: Chairman James Knight; Vice Chairman Tom Zorn; Supervisor Katie Evans; Township Manager/Treasurer Jolene Helwig; Assistant Roadmaster Jeff Oberdorf; Township Solicitor Peter Matson; Planning/Zoning Tom MacDonald.

Members of the public are in attendance: Paul Errickson; Tim Turner; Tim Brouse (Exp Realty); Kyle Gardner; Cliff Brown; Tina Prowant; Justin Strawser (Daily Item); Vincent Difonzo (Standard Journal); Wyatt Troxell; and Alicia Colonie (Timber Nook).

Chairman Knight announced an Information Session was held on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 11:00 AM to review the East Buffalo Township Pension Fund Accounts.

Chairman Knight called a Public Hearing to order at 5:32 PM to Consider the adoption of an ordinance to amend Chapter 13, of the Code of Ordinances defining Transient Retail Merchants and Mobile Food Vendors and establishing regulations for Transient Retail Merchants and Mobile Food Vendors in East Buffalo Township.

Public Hearing Comments:

- Tina Prowant; how long is the food truck allowed to sit at one given place; reply was three days.
- Justin Strawser (Daily Item); what is the penalty if someone does not move; fine up to \$1,000.

Chairman Knight Closed the Public Hearing at 5:33 PM

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to adopt **Ordinance 432** amending Chapter 13, of the Code of Ordinances defining Transient Retail Merchants and Mobile Food Vendors and establishing regulations for Transient Retail Merchants and Mobile Food Vendors in East Buffalo Township.
Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Chairman Knight called a Public Hearing to order at 5:34 PM to Consider the adoption of an ordinance to amend Chapter 27, Part 5 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Principal Solar Energy Systems and Accessory Ground Mount Solar Systems in East Buffalo Township.

Public Hearing Comments: no comments.

Chairman Knight Closed the Public Hearing at 5:35 PM

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to adopt **Ordinance 433** amending Chapter 27, Part 5 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Principal Solar Energy Systems and Accessory Ground Mount Solar Systems in East Buffalo Township.
Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Hearing of Visitors:

- Alicia Colonie from Timber Nook gave the supervisors a brief background of what she does as an Occupational Therapy Assistant and what Timber Nook is all about. Timber Nook is a child-led nature-based play curriculum developed by pediatric Occupational Therapist Angela Hanstone. The site needs to include a few acres of woods

(stream optional, on-site storage (shed) preferred, and tolerance for exploration, non-pristine use; typical hosts: churches, township/county parks, wedding venues, private land.

Report of Officials:

- Chairman Knight
 - He mentioned that Aleigh, Jo, and himself met with Sarah Kline from Cherished Cats to discuss some of the current concerns that have been raised at one prior meeting.
 - Informed the board that he is still working with the Bucknell Environmental Studies class on a project at Turtle Creek Park to relocate one of the trails and build a new trail not in a swampy area. They are planning to have a community workday on Sunday, April 26th, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, if it is storming, they will move it to Saturday, May 2nd. An announcement was posted by Bucknell Environmental Studies class on Facebook. Township will post on their sites.
- Vice Chairman Zorn:
 - Announced that he attended several differ committee meetings: pension, police, and PSATS with populations of 5,000 and 10,000.
- Supervisor Evans:
 - Informed the board she attended serval committee meetings: pension, planning and police commission. She stated this last meeting was the longest meeting they held in a while due to an executive session in the beginning dealing with personnel issues and then an executive session at the end dealing with the police contract negotiations. The police contract expires at the end of this year.
- Township Manager Helwig
 - Informed the Board of Supervisors that our DEP Grant funds for the Grinder will be deposited into our account in four (4) to six (6) weeks. Money will then be transferred to the Capital Reserve Equipment Fund account.
 - Updated the supervisors and the public that the Union County Conservation District will be overseeing mosquito and tick surveillance and control efforts in Union and Snyder Counties for the 2026 season. They will be setting two types of traps to monitor adult populations: Gravid Trapping and BG Sentinel Trapping. If you encounter these traps in your area, they kindly ask that you not disturb them.
 - Received email notifications from PennDOT on road work being done in township on US15 starting in May from the Marine Corps League Memorial Highway to Old Schoolhouse Road approximately 3.07 miles and a reminder about the upcoming County Maintenance Municipal Outreach Program scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, at 9:00 AM at the East Buffalo Township Building.
 - Mention that Service Electric Cablevision will be increasing their service rates. This may or may not affect our Franchise Agreement.
 - Provided the board with past and upcoming meetings that were attended or will be attending and asked for an executive session at the end of the meeting.
- Assistant Roadmaster Oberdorf
 - Informed the board that Redrock, the contractor for the Bridge Deck, was in an poured the deck for the Turtle Creek Bridge. The contractor will be back the following week to pour the curb. Goal is to have the bridge open in a month or two.
 - Mentioned they have an issue at the Fairground Road Park with the inlet from the creek to the pond. Issue is they keep removing the sleeve that controls the water flow to the pond and flooding the pond. Goal is to design the sleeve and place it in a specific position and lock it into place so it cannot be open and closed.
 - Brush pick up was delayed but will start on Tuesday, Wednesday at the latest.

- Township Secretary Heckman: absent

Chairman Knight acknowledged Board receipt of the February and March 2026 Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department Report.

Chairman Knight acknowledged Board receipt of the March 2026 Central Keystone Council of Governments (CKCOG) Report.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to accept the waiver of the Performance Guarantee requirement in conjunction with the recently submitted stormwater management plan for Bucknell University, Bucknell Elaine Langone Center SWM Plan.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to **deny** the 44 Market LLC Lot Consolidation and Subdivision Plan as presented, the plans **do not comply with the East Buffalo Township Zoning and SALDO**.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to accept **Resolution 09-2026** authorizing the 30-day extension for the Israel Wengerd Land Development Plan to work through the approval process.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve the March 9, 2026, Business meeting minutes as distributed.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve the March 23, 2026, 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 March 2026 as presented.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to accept the bid from **D.E. Gemmel** for the 2026 Line Painting bid with the initial total anticipated cost of **\$29,879.91**.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to accept the bid from **Glenn O Hawbaker, Inc.** for the 2026 Paving project with the initial anticipated cost of **\$776,683.35**.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to appoint Robert Cross to serve on the East Buffalo Township Zoning Hearing Board as an Alternate Member for a three-year term expiring December 2028.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to proceed with the feasibility study from the non-profit PA Solar Center to determine the economic feasibility of adding solar panels on roof of the public works garage.

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

No action was taken on the Police IGA Amendment. The supervisors reviewed the changes but did not agree with moving the date current dates from October 1st to October 15th and November 1st to November 15th, they felt there was more of an explanation needed as to why the change is being made. The township reviews their budget before the commission and borough. If changes are made it does not allow the township the time to review the changes.

For the Good of the Order:

- Jim sent an email to the board that he received from a graduate student in the Entomology Department at Penn State doing a project on the pollination of rare PA plants. She is collaborating with a botanist at DCNR on plants to study and they suggested looking at *Erythronium albidum*, white fawn lily, and *Erythronium americanum*, yellow trout lily, and saw that both species occur at Turtle Creek Park. She was reaching out to see if she could get permission to study these plants.
- Tom stated that he submitted a letter to the editor of both newspapers regarding the benefits of the Stop Hopper (Rabbit Transit) program. He also informed the board he was appointed to a three-year term on one of the PSATS standing committees. He was appointed to the Roundtable for Township Between 5,000 and 10,000 Population.

Announcements: no comments.

Press Time:

- Justin Strawser (Daily Item) asked for clarification on what a performance guarantee is; when are we doing the feasibilities and who is doing the feasibility study; who is the structural engineer.
- Vincent Difonzo (Standard Journal) asked for clarification on what was changed for the local food vendors' ordinance; name of the alternate zoning board member; and clarification on the police IGA.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to enter an Executive Session at 6:54 PM.

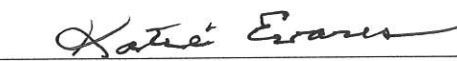
Motion by Vice Chairman Zorn seconded by Chairman Knight to exit the Executive Session at 7:27 PM.

Motion by Vice Chairman Zorn seconded by Chairman Knight to adjourn at 7:27 PM.


Secretary


Chairman, James Knight


Vice Chairman, Thomas Zorn


Supervisor, Katie Evans