

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING  
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA, 17837  
May 11, 2026

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/Treasurer Jolene Helwig; Assistant Roadmaster Jeff Oberdorf; Township Secretary Aleigh Heckman; Township Solicitor Jason Brudecki; and Planning/Zoning Tom MacDonald.

Members of the public are in attendance: Tina Prowant; Vincent Difonzo (Standard Journal); John Rowe (BVRA); Lynne Ragusea (Lewisburg Downtown Partnership); Justin Strawser (Daily Item); Charlie Axman; and Officer Daniel Baumwoll (BVRPD)

Chairman Knight announced an Informational meeting was held on Monday, April 27, at 9:00 AM for consultation on potential Pension matters, Tuesday, April 28, at 9:00 AM to debrief on PSATS Conference, and Tuesday, April 28, at 10:00 AM to discuss the Safety Action Plan with the Safety Work Group.

Hearing of Visitors:

- Lynne Ragusea from the Lewisburg Downtown Partnership (LDP) introduced herself as the director; wanted to let us know that they are building a monument sign on the corner of Route 15 and Route 45 on the empty lot.
- John Rowe (BVRA) provided the BOS with updates on the gymnastic programs, the community pool, and the summer camp programs.
- Officer Baumwoll (BVRPD) passed on information that the license plate readers are on hold for now with the department.

Report of Officials:

- Chairman Knight:
  - Chairman Knight informed the board that on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, they held the community tree planning event at Turtle Creek Park. Scout troops and some community volunteers came out to help plant 20 oak trees that were purchased last year with the Giant grant, 10 trees from the nursery into the park, and about 30 spruce seedlings that were left over from the County Conservation District tree sale.
  - Stated he received an email late this afternoon that the Township was awarded the TASA grant from PennDOT in the amount of \$1,090,000 to support the design and construction of new curbs and sidewalks on the south side of West Market Street between 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - Mentioned that the township did get approval for the final plans for the Turtle Creek Park Phase 1 project from DCNR, notice is out for bid, and bid opening is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Vice Chairman Zorn:
  - Mentioned that he attended the three-executive sessions, the PSATs Conference, and will be attending the press conference being held at Wellspan (Evangelical Hospital) on Tuesday, May 12, at 10:30 concerning healthcare and rural transportation.
- Supervisor Evans:
  - Mentioned that she attended the three-executive session and is on the negotiation committee for the police contract.
- Township Manager Helwig

- Informed the Board of Supervisors that our DEP Grant fund for the Grinder was received and transferred to the Capital Reserve Equipment Fund account.
  - Provided the board with past and upcoming meetings that were attended or will be attending.
  - Reminded the public that May's monthly newsletter was posted to our Facebook and website page; and copies are available in the hallway or office.
  - Mentioned that the financial reports were completed, sent to all individuals who needed copies, posted in newspapers, and posted on website.
  - Updated the board that not only did the township receive the TASA grant funding but so did the Union County Rail Trail for the support to install a fully signalized mid-block crossing at Buffalo Valley Rail Trail with a raised pedestrian refuge constructed in the existing center-turn lane of US 15.
  - Stated that PennDOT would be doing milling and paving work on Furnace Road to expect delays.
- Assistant Roadmaster Oberdorf
    - Mentioned that the guiderails on Turtle Creek Road Bridge were installed last week and just waiting on the bridge engineer to O.K. the design for the rest of the guiderail. They will be doing Epoxy Overlay on the bridge the last week of May and then they need to build the shoulders on each side of the bridge and pave the approachment then it should be good to open.
    - In the end of July once Bucknell completes one of their projects on 7<sup>th</sup> Street the Public Works Crew should begin the River Road, Lan Avon, and 7<sup>th</sup> Street repairs.
    - Public Works Crew finished the street sweeping last week and they were out trimming bridges, guiderails, and around the Lewisburg sign. Began road mowing to prepare for Bucknell's graduation.
    - Looking to repair holes on 7<sup>th</sup> street tomorrow since they are getting bad and preparing to start the curbside brush pickup on Wednesday this week.
    - Also mentioned how he and Township Manager Helwig figured out the Sam.gov account.
  - Township Secretary Heckman
    - Mentioned she also attended two of the three executive sessions mentioned earlier as well as becoming CPR/AED and First Aid Certified for the first time through the township training that was held.
    - Mentioned posting the Township Monthly Newsletter on Facebook, the Township Website, as well as being placed in the hallway and Township Office.

Chairman Knight acknowledged the April report for the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department Report will be reported next month, their meeting is held after our business meeting.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve **Resolution 10-2026** 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 Vice Chairman Zorn to approve the April 13, 2026, Business meeting minutes as distributed.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve the expenditures for April 2026 as presented.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to allow Z-force Engineering to perform a structural evaluation of the Public Works Garage for \$4,500.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to have PA Solar Center prepare an RFP.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to accept Tom Zorn's letter of resignation from the Central Susquehanna Fire & Emergency Service Board (CSFES) as Board Member.

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

Motion by Vice Chairman Zorn seconded by Supervisor Evans to appoint Jim Knight to represent East Buffalo Township as a Board Member of the Central Susquehanna Fire and Emergency Services for the remaining year.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to appoint Tom Zorn to represent East Buffalo Township as an Alternate Board Member of the Central Susquehanna Fire and Emergency Services for the remaining year.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to accept the new Commercial Driver's License policy with the revisions to space out at one-year intervals to the reimbursement timeline for East Buffalo Township non-CDL employee at date of hire.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to adopt the Equipment and Personnel Sharing Agreement by and between Township of East Buffalo Township and Township of East Chillisquaque.

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

For the Good of the Order:

Office Baumwoll explained the trespassing placards on buildings and if ignored it will lead to felony charges.

Announcements: no comments.

Press Time:


- Justin Strawser (Daily Item) asked for clarification on when the WellSpan Evangelical Press Conference will be on 5/12/26.
- Vincent Difonzo (Standard Journal) asked for clarification on the cost for the structural evaluation; asked if there was any specific reason for the CSFES resignation; clarification on CDL reimbursement in new policy; requested name for the BVRA representative present.

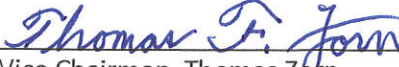
Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to enter an Executive Session at 6:39 PM.

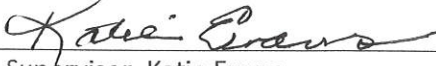
Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to exit the Executive Session at 7:40 PM.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

  
Secretary

  
Chairman, James Knight

  
Vice Chairman, Thomas Zorn

  
Supervisor, Katie Evans