

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA, 17837
June 8, 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 Peter Matson; and Planning/Zoning Christa Dorman.

Members of the public are in attendance: Jim Stehr (CKCOG Code Enforcement Officer, Fire Code Officer); Chris Miller; Tina Prowant; Vincent Difonzo (Standard Journal); Kevin Gardner; Kyle Gardner

Hearing of Visitors:

- Jim Stehr (CKCOG CEO) gave the Board of Supervisors and public an update on the property located at 140 North 10th Street. Property owner has been issued a citation as of Friday, June 5th, and turned over to the court system.
- Tina Prowant questioned the number of citations issued to the property owner and asked how long this citation would sit.
- Kevin Gardner gave an additional update on the property in question above; stated that he has been in the house looking for the vehicle's titles, but it is a hoarder's mess. There are boxes stacked floor to ceiling with no space to move. He stated that he called a salvage yard in Montgomery to come pick up the vehicles but if he does not have titles for them, they will not take them away. Mr. Gardner then asked the supervisors if he was just being targeted about his property and questioned if they were doing anything with the properties located at 403 and 405 North 10th Street, which should also be classified as eyesores to the township.

Report of Officials:

- Chairman Knight:
 - Stated he attended the CSFES meeting held on Thursday, May 28th. A member from West Chillisquaque Township attended the meeting with a potential understand that they may wish to join the CSFES board. The board potentially talked about revising the funding formula for the fire department to look at other factors besides just population, include assessed real estate value and call volume.
- Vice Chairman Zorn:
 - Stated he also attended the CSFES meeting and several other meetings which included the following: Regional Police meeting on May 13th; Township Investment meeting on May 27th with a PLGIT Representative in attendance to provide some additional financial input regarding the investment of the township funds.
 - Mentioned that he responded to an email about a police officer's spousal pension and responded to an email regarding some traffic issues on McRae Lane.
 - Informed the board of upcoming events and meeting that will be taking place; June 27th is the Veteran 4th of July parade that Katie and I will participate in and on June 30th meeting with the C&N Bank Representatives to discuss the financial investment of the township funds.
- Supervisor Evans:
 - Stated she attended the Regional Police meeting on May 13th and work session meeting on May 27th, Planning Commission meeting on May 17th and the Data Center meeting on June 4th.

- Township Manager Helwig
 - Provided the board with past and upcoming meetings that were attended or will be attending.
 - Mentioned that June's monthly newsletter was posted to our Facebook page and website page; a notice was sent via TextMyGov; and copies are available in the hallway or office.
 - Reminded the board and the public that there will be no curbside brush pick up this month, stop by the office to get your brush permits.
 - Received an email from Pennsylvania American Water Company, they will have coworkers canvassing the township doing service line inspection. They will be knocking on homeowner's doors to ask permission to see where the service line comes into your home. Notices were out sent with monthly statements. Township will post updates on Facebook page, website and via TextMyGov when we know additional information.
 - Informed the board and the public that the tax collector is changing her hours for the rest of the year. New information has been posted on Facebook page, website and via TextMyGov. Update has been included on the July newsletter.
 - Stated she plans to attend the Secretary/Manager Summit conference on August 11th and 12th in State College, asking if anyone else from the board wanted to attend because of getting registered.
- Assistant Roadmaster Oberdorf
 - Mentioned that he attended the PLGIT meeting on May 27th.
 - Met with the bridge engineer so he could lay out the berms for Turtle Creek Road and place the guiderails.
 - Had a meeting with HEPCO to discuss some issues we are see with the salt shed.
 - The Public Work Crew is doing road mowing, grading ditches, and working on road berms.
 - Steve and I were called in on Saturday to help assist Citizens Electric Company with the Saturday storm damage. There were some pretty big trees down and on wires. A portion of Stein Lane was closed until Citizens Electric Company could set a new pole, attach the down wire and transformer.
- Township Secretary Heckman
 - Mentioned attending the PLGIT meeting; the Safety Check-In meeting; and the Turtle Creek Park Bid opening.
 - Reminded the public that June's monthly newsletter was posted to our Facebook page and website page; a notice was sent via TextMyGov; and copies are available in the hallway or office.
 - She informed the public to stop by the office to get their brush permits and announced that a good number of new residents are registering for permits.
 - Reminded the public about the June 22nd Open House for the Safety Action Plan.

Chairman Knight acknowledged Board receipt of the April 2026 Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department (BVRPD) Report.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve the Final Land Development Plan for the Israel Wengerd Building Addition with condition that the township receives the original letter of credit for the Stormwater Improvements Guarantee.
Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to accept the Bucknell University waiver of the East Buffalo Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) for the project known as the CMMS Parking Lot.
Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve the May 11, 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 May 2026 as presented.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to proceed with having an RFP prepared to get proposals to put solar panels on the township office building roof.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to accept the bid from Columbia Excavating, LLC for the Turtle Creek Park Phase 1 Improvement Project for the Base Bid and Alternate 1 totaling \$308,000.

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

Motion by Vice Chairman Zorn seconded by Chairman Knight to recommend the Planning Commission revise the Chapter 27 Zoning Ordinance to allow data centers in the Industrial Zones as a conditional use.

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

The Board of Supervisors took no action on amending the Transit Retail Merchants and Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance. However, they did discuss there are several things that need to be changed. The board asked if Solicitor Matson's Office would draft a revised version with the new changes before the next Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for July 13th.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to hire Zackery Houpt starting June 15th and Darren Yoder starting June 29th to fill the two vacancies in the Public Works Department.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to appoint Attorney Jedidiah Lemon as an additional Alternate Zoning Hearing Solicitor for East Buffalo Township.

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

For the Good of the Order:

- Solicitor Matson asked if the Board of Supervisors wanted to make a motion to adopt a resolution for the Township CDL Policy change.
- Vice Chairman Zorn asked if the Board of Supervisors could use the Facebook page to communicate to with the public when dealing with controversial issues.
- Jim Stehr (CKCOG CEO) thanked the Board of Supervisors for allowing him the time to speak and address questions concerning property maintenance issues. He also informed the Board of Supervisors that the CKCOG is getting exceptionally good feedback from property owners on the rental inspections and the public housing rental inspections.

Announcements: no comments.

Press Time:

- Vincent Difonzo (Standard Journal) asked for clarification on the Executive Session and if any action would be taken; asked for clarification on the Turtle Creek Park project; asked for clarification on the Data Center Ordinance; asked for clarification on the RFP for the solar panels; asked for clarification on the Public Work new hires.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to enter an Executive Session at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Vice Chairman Zorn seconded by Chairman Knight to exit the Executive Session at 7:14 PM.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to adjourn at 7:14PM.

Jeffrey Obendorf
Secretary

James C. Knight
Chairman, James Knight

Thomas R. Zorn
Vice Chairman, Thomas Zorn

Supervisor, Katie Evans