

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA, 17837
August 10, 2026

Chairman Knight called the Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 5:30PM.

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

Members of the public are in attendance: Chief Jamie Blount (WCEC); Tina Prowant; Corinne Klose; Glenn McLaren; Vincent DiFonzo (Standard Journal); and Justin Strawser (Daily Item).

Hearing of Visitors:

- BVRA Director John Rowe provided the Board of Supervisors with a pool and park update. The swimming pool faced a pipe issue early in the year, temporarily fixed with foam injection, with plans for permanent repair within nine months. Attendance and weather have been favorable, with popular concessions like Tonino's pizza. Plans to expand rental spaces and involve more small businesses in concessions are underway. The pool typically operates at a financial surplus despite high maintenance costs.
- Chief Blount William Cameron Engine Company (WCEC) provided the report on the number of calls (approximately 600) the fire department has responded to this year, mainly EMS. They continue to discuss ongoing municipal contributions and funding. The building renovation plans are in progress, awaiting grant approval and permit applications.
- Corinne Klose, resident, brought to the attention of the supervisor the hours the tax collector has posted are not the same hours that are on the tax bills and therefore are not working for the residents that would like to pay their taxes.
- Tina Prowant, resident, questioned the solar panels being placed on the roof of the township was more important than fixing the heating system in the township building.
- Glenn McLaren, resident, asked the supervisors for a follow-up on the Stein Lane safety issues that were discussed a few years ago.

Report of Officials:

- Chairman Knight:
 - Provided the board with the following meeting updates: July 14, pre-bid meeting on the solar project; July 29, reviewed the solar bids; August 3, interviewed the two leading solar candidates; SS4A Safety Check-In meeting July 16; CSFES meeting on July 23; Turtle Creek Park Phase 1 pre-construction meeting on July 30; attended the Geisinger Cancer Center opening on August 6; TASA grant kickoff meeting on August 7; and announced that he would be meeting with Chesapeake Alliance at Turtle Creek Park.
- Vice Chairman Zorn:
 - Informed the board with the following meeting updates: July 16 attended a recycling webinar; July 22 investment committee meeting with PLGIT official; CSFES meeting on July 23; Pension Committee meeting on July 29; investment committee meeting on July 29; and the Geisinger Cancer Center opening on August 6.

- Supervisor Evans:
 - Mentioned that she attended the Pension Committee meeting on July 29.
- Township Manager Helwig:
 - Provided the board with past and upcoming meetings that were attended or will be attending.
 - Mentioned that August'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.
 - Informed the board that our second quarter Safe Street for All Roads Quarterly Reports were submitted and received our second reimbursement payment request.
 - Received an email from the Union County Trail Authority (UCTA) that the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail was an approved nomination for the DCNR 2027 Trail of the Year application. The UCTA asked for a Letter of Support to be signed and sent back by July 24, from the Township since the trail went through the township.
 - Notify the board that the Union County Township Convention will be held Thursday, October 15, at the Silver Moon Banquet Hall, registration opens at 4:30PM; meeting will start at 5:30PM; will need to know who will be attending by Friday, August 21.
 - Stated EBT received the Turtle Creek Park Conservation Easement Inspection form from the Merrill Linn Conservancy, and we are following the terms of our easement.
 - Announced that EBT was awarded a Green Light Go Grant in the amount of \$199,562. 32, for the traffic signal modernization at the intersection of Route 15 and Market Street and Route 15 and Saint Mary Street. Project must be completed by spring of 2029.
 - Attended the Gesinger grand opening on August 6 and tour their new facility.
- Assistant Roadmaster Oberdorf:
 - Paving contractor started milling and base repairs on South 7th Street, River Road and Lan Avon.
 - Informed the board the Public Works Crew will start paving the bridge approaches for Turtle Creek Road on Tuesday weather permitting.
 - Mentioned that we were receiving phone calls from residents that Fisher is no longer taking any glass in their recycling; so, the township has been getting busier.

Chairman Knight acknowledged no report from the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department (BVRPD), their meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve the July 13, 2026, Business meeting minutes as distributed.

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

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

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to accept the new draft changes and to authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise for a public hearing on Monday, September 14, 2026.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve **Resolution 14-2026**, the East Buffalo Township Non-Uniform Employee's Pension Plan 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation for \$35,241.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to write a letter of intent and execute a contract pending legal review with Endless Energy to install a 105-kilowatt solar PV system for a purchase price of \$249,884.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve the Block Party on Sunday, August 23, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

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

Motion by Vice Chairman Zorn seconded by Supervisor Evans to 1. Open a new PLGIT Prime account and move the current funds from the PLGIT Class account into this account to receive a higher interest rate; 2. Take the General Fund (Market Share) LPMS bank account, which is a savings account, and make it a bank checking account, but no checks will be needed and set this up as a sweep account. This way all current accounts will receive the 3.45% interest rate; 3. Take approximately \$2.5 M in our General Fund account and invest it into a 3-month CD at a 3.75% interest rate.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to advertise the Public Work and Secretary/Treasurer position in the Standard Journal and Daily Item.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to proceed with design number 3 on the Township Flag.

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

For the Good of the Order: no comments

Announcements: no comments

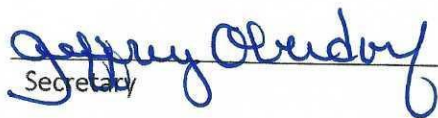
Press Time:

- Justin Strawser (Daily Item) asked for clarification on the Food Vendor Ordinance; asked for clarification on the solar panel bids; and asked for the name of the company making the township flag.

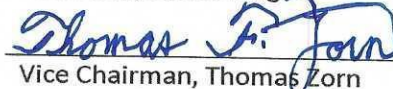
Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to enter an Executive Session at 6:26PM.

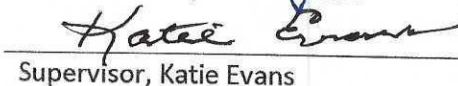
Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to exit an Executive Session at 7:43PM.

Motion by Vice Chairman Zorn seconded by Chairman Knight to adjourn at 7:43PM.


Secretary


Chairman, James Knight


Vice Chairman, Thomas Zorn


Supervisor, Katie Evans