EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC BUSINESS MEETING
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA, 17837
October 26, 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 and Township Solicitor Jason Brudecki.

Members of the public are in attendance: Vincent DiFenzo (Standard Journal); Justin Strawser (Daily Item); Corinne Klose; Linda Gemberling; Daniel Street (Bucknell); Madison Reinhard (Bucknell); Cameron King (Bucknell); Andrew Shaffer; Bob Patgrson; Linda Doebler; and Alex Steir (Bucknell).

Chairman Knight announced an Executive Session was held on Thursday, October 22, at 1:30PM to review personnel information.

Chairman Knight called a Public Hearing to order at 5:30PM to Consider the adoption of an ordinance to amend Chapter 27, of the Code of Ordinances to provide Zoning Regulation regarding Data Centers and Data Center Accessory uses within East Buffalo Township.

Public Hearing Comments:

- Several residents asked for clarification on the size or acreage that would be used; what land was available; the noise level during the day and nighttime hours; procedural over who would handle this topic; and if you could get this as a referendum on a ballot.

Chairman Knight closed the Public Hearing at 5:46PM.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to adopt **Ordinance 435** to amend Chapter 27, of the Code of Ordinances to provide Zoning Regulation regarding Data Centers and Data Center Accessory uses within East Buffalo Township.
Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Hearing of Visitors:

- Bob Patgrson asked if the supervisors would do an ordinance on commercial vehicle engine brakes in the township.

Report of Officials:

- Chairman Knight:
  - Informed the supervisors of several meetings attended on the following dates: October 14 PSATS Regional Forum; October 21 meeting with Silvertip to discuss potential improvements to the ventilation system and heating system in the public works garage and township building; October 22 a Safety Action Plan meeting; and the CSFES meeting which the board passed the 2027 fire department budget.
  - Announced that on Saturday, November 7, there will be a public volunteer tree planting day at Turtle Creek Park.

- Vice Chairman Zorn:

October 15 Union County Association of Township Officials Convention; October 22 the Executive Session; and the CSFES meeting.

- Supervisor Evans:
  - Mentioned she attended several meetings on the following dates: October 15 Union County Association of Township Officials Convention; and October 22 the Central Keystone Council of Government (CKCOG) general membership meeting.
  - Announced to the public that on October 31, the township will hold its second annual Halloween in the Park at Fairground Road Park from 2:00PM to 4:00PM.

- Township Manager Helwig:
  - Provided the board with a list of meetings that were attended.
  - Mentioned that the stone and fuel bid notices were sent to the paper for posting, along with the Public Works Laborer job notice, all documents were added to the website.

- Assistant Roadmaster Oberdorf:
  - Informed the public and the supervisors that leaf collection started today and will run until our first snowfall or all the leaves get collected.
  - It is mentioned that D.E. Gemmill has all the long yellow and white lines painted, but they will be back to touch up arrows, stop bar, crosswalks, and lines for the police department to run traffic.
  - Announced that on Thursday, October 29, the Public Works Crew will be closing Fairfield Road North between the Township line and rail trail for a stormwater pipe replacement that is falling apart.
  - Updated the supervisors that him and Steve are working with PennDOT on the traffic signal at US 15 and SR45, there is an issue with the processor that runs the traffic light.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve the October 12, 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 **Susquehanna Fire Protection/A1 Lock & Key Security Systems** to upgrade and rekey the entire building complex main access doors to an electronic fob system for the estimated amount of **$28,680.**
Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to accept the bid from **Chemung Supply Corp** for the installation of the **Turtle Creek Road Bridge Guiderail** with the initial anticipated cost of **$77,420.**
Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Supervisors reviewed the 2027 Budget worksheets presented to them; additional information is needed to complete the budget so first reading can be presented at the Monday, November 9 public meeting; then advertised for public inspection. Any additional comments and changes will be made at the Monday, November 23 public meeting with final budget reading and adoption scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2026.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to transfer **$50,000** from the **Parks and Recreation Fund** to the **DCNR Account** to cover the remaining cost of the Turtle Creek Park Phase 1 Project.
Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to transfer **$301,096** from the **PLGIT Municipal Complex Reserve Fund** to the **General Fund Account** to cover the cost of the solar panel installation.
Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to hire Chad Boyle starting November 2 to fill one vacancy in the Public Works Department.
Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

For the Good of the Order:

- Chairman Knight mention another volunteer opportunity at Turtle Creek Park the Boy Scout Troop is going to be doing an Eagle Scout project on Saturday, November 14 to refurbish the bridge over the creek.

Announcements: no comments.

Press Time:

- Justin Strawser (Daily Item) asked for clarification on building door access/rekey; the guiderail company name; and the dates for the 2027 budget.
- Vincent DiFenzo (Standard Journal) asked for clarification on the new hire position; spelling of name; and the November 7 tree planting time at Turtle Creek Park.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to enter an Executive Session at 6:46PM.

Motion by Vice Chairman Zorn seconded by Supervisor Evans to exit an Executive Session at 7:03PM.

Motion by Vice Chairman Zorn seconded by Supervisor Evans to adjourn at 7:03PM.

Secretary

Chairman, James Knight

Vice Chairman, Thomas Zorn

Supervisor, Katie Evans