**Meeting Minutes February 2nd, 2023**

**Time Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance recited**

**Supervisor’s Present at Meeting:** Chairperson - Jill Careyva, Vice-Chairperson - Jon Dettery, Supervisor - Kyle Mummey, Solicitor - James Wallbillich, Secretary/Treasurer - Liza Verges, Engineer - William Everett

**Present Via Zoom:** Code Enforcement Officer - Tara Dolzani

**Absent:** Zoning Officer- Jonathon Biros

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:**

Martin Kutsko – How many officers do we have? Jill Careyva responds with 2 full time officers and 3 part time officers. Martin Kutsko states we have 5 cops and they can’t stop speeding. If they can’t stop the speeding, we need to go back to state police. What are we paying them for? Can anybody answer that? Officer Dimmick answers with how they deal with multiple arrest and assist other towns and they don’t run speed in the winter due to lawsuits. The solicitor states this is public comment only and not an inquisition.

Tom Houser – A question on Code Enforcement Report. At the last meetings we had there was no Code Enforcement Report because the Code Enforcement Officer was not present. In October and November, I requested permits that may have been issued to L&B Landholding in Sheppton. Those documents were returned to me and I was told that there were none that the secretary could find. Recently the new Code Enforcement Officer spoke to a friend of mine and they have seen many permits issued to L&B Landholding during that period of time when I was requesting them. Where are they and why aren’t they made public for the public to see?

Roseanne Evangelista – I understand that you are debating the fact of sending the Zoning back to the county rather than keeping it in the township. Now is that a fact or was anything decided? Jill Careyva states it was something brought up at the last meeting it was not entertained by the supervisors nor the residents. It was tabled for another meeting and was not going to be brought up at the meeting tonight. What would be the benefit of Zoning going back to the County? Do you realize how much money was spent to bring it back to our township.

Kyle Mummey – On January 30th, I received a drafted agenda with two bullets under Old Business containing Zoning and Planning Boards and less than 24 hours I received another email with a drafted agenda with that bullet removed. Who authorized the removal of the bullet on the drafted agenda? Jill Careyva states she authorized the removal and Jon Dettery second it. Kyle Mummey asked did they advertised the meeting in which that decision was made; is it a violation of the Sunshine Act? The solicitor states the agenda goes out in draft form; you were not at the last meeting to see what occurred. There was a discussion of Zoning and Planning Commission at the last meeting. There was a motion that did not pass and part of the reason was Jon stated you weren’t present and thought this was an issue for discussion later on. As you know, draft agendas can go out and then people say I want to add this or I want to remove that. The solicitor states I don’t recall an email from you saying anything about the agenda at any time until after the removal of that item. The solicitor states you can make a motion to add the item back on the agenda. Kyle Mummey asks if any supervisor can remove any bullet point from the agenda? The solicitor states the agenda is sent in draft for the input of the supervisors; it’s not a document at the time it’s just a draft of the agenda. The solicitor states the protocol would be if you are going to take something off that someone has seen and they haven’t been at the meeting and haven’t commented on it; it’s probably best to send an email saying I would like to take this off does anyone have a comment. Kyle Mummey agrees with the solicitor and states he can read the minutes like anyone else even though he was out sick for the last meeting. The solicitor continues to say that, that should be the procedure he suggests moving forward if someone is going to remove something is to send an email to everyone saying they want to remove an item are there any objections; but what that requires is that people need to reply. Kyle Mummey responds with as I do. Kyle Mummey makes a motion to add Zoning and Planning Boards to the agenda under Old Business, seconded by Jon Dettery. Jill Careyva abstained; motion carried.

Liz Tolan – I just wanted to get some clarifications on the procedures here. I am the manager at Sugar Loaf. I am somewhat familiar with class code, rights to know and all that. So, you are saying public comment on agenda items only. From my experience is you can comment on any item on the agenda, not old business not new business any item on the agenda. Your second public comment on the agenda is where people can speak on anything they want. I want to know when I can speak. Do you wait for the old business and open up a second public comment for old business? So, we can talk about items on the agenda and now the Zoning issue is on the agenda. Yes, replied Kyle Mummey. Okay, so in the municipal planning code they talk about the use of having the planning at the county level and the municipal level. For what her understating is; government is best run from the lowest level as possible to be effective. There is a quote by Valerie Jarett who is a former senior advisor to the President of the U.S., she said “When you are in local government, you are on the ground, and you are looking into the eyes and hearts of the people you are there to serve. It teaches you to listen; it teaches you to be expansive in the people with whom you talk to, and I think that that engagement gives you political judgment.” I saw this and it made me think of this whole situation, because when you have the Zoning and Planning at a municipal level as we do down in the township. I am a resident here but manager down there. It gives the opportunity to the state holders the real value holders to be involved intimately in the process of planning, because really your planning committee, your zoning board people, your board of supervisors, your elected to be representatives of the people. If you gives this function to the county, you will have people who are not familiar with the pulse of this community, who are not familiar with the needs and wants and the investments of this community. You will be giving them the opportunity to make planning decisions on our behalf. I talked to my zoning officer today. I don’t know where the problem is where you want to give it to the county. I don’t see any value added, but if you need help, we are there to help you. I am curious to hear why you decide to even entertain that. As far as the gentlemen’s question as far as those permit’s he was looking for. Under the Sunshine Act you can file a right to know form and they have 5 business days to respond to any request that you have. Tom Houser replies I have done that. You can call the office of open records if you feel there are records that aren’t being released.

Solicitor James Wallbillich – Is there anyone else here who’s got any interest and question the Planning and Zoning, would you raise your hand. Almost every hand went up. The solicitor states just as a point of clarification to the commenter that just spoke. Your Planning Document, your underlying planning document right now for East Union Township; your comprehensive plan is Schuylkill County’s Comprehensive Plan. There is no East Union Township Comprehensive Plan. So, when you say keep it local, give it back to the people, that’s the benefit, you don’t have that plan right now. You used the county’s comprehensive plan and off that you developed sub-division, land development ordinance and zoning ordinance. You’re supposed to have a comprehensive plan every 10 years. The county’s is more than that old. You don’t have your own. The question came up should there be some effort made at doing planning. There are various options, pros, cons, cost, benefits; it’s not going to be decided tonight. So that everyone is on the same page you don’t have a local comprehensive plan in existence now, the county has it. And so, you know when there is an appeal for zoning matters or denial of a subdivision it can go to your local board and then it can go to the county if the person is not satisfied with that outcome. It ultimately can go back to the county.

Roseanne Evangelista – Why do we have a zoning board if we don’t have any say in it? A few years ago, before you were here. We went through a problem of having a cargo airport built in our area. We had to travel all the way to Pottsville to make our points heard instead of having it right in our community. I don’t want to go through that again. We fought it really hard and at that point is when we brought it back into the township. We did pay a substantial amount of money and spent a lot of time doing it and now you saying we don’t have it. So, what happened? Whatever it is we have to retain it in this community and not give anything back to the county. Its very scary for anyone that has property in this community as I do not have a large plot of land so I need to keep what I have safe.

Jo Anna Shovlin – I am on the zoning board. Ladies and gentlemen, I am going to make a presentation during the Old Business and talk about a proposed comprehensive plan for East Union Township. If you could just bear with the Board of Supervisors and get through the agenda is that okay.

Ted Ritsick – Jo Anna asked me to come. I work with the DCED. I am a certified planner and I am here to help Jo Anna with the presentation to discuss the benefits of pros and cons with a few things with Comprehensive Planning. The solicitor asks how long is the presentation sir? Jo Anna Shovlin states it will only be 10 minutes. The solicitor states let’s do this and take it at public participation at the end and get through the agenda for all the people who could leave when their agenda items are done. Jo Anna Shovlin states she rather address it under Old Business. Kyle Mummey states he thinks that’s a decision for the board quite honestly. I don’t think it’s a decision for a solicitor before us. If the board feels that’s appropriate in light of the amount of people that are here with this topic; I think it behooves us to do that.

Bob Gabardi – Do we have to listen to the comments back here? If nobody can speak up there and all this talking back and forth, just pay attention to what is going on, that’s all you got to do. They are talking on the zoom.

Pam Hartz (via zoom) – I have a comment, can you hear me? With regards to the Planning and Zoning, I believe it should go back to the county. The reason being is because I have actually seen the past solicitor (not the current solicitor) what we pay as tax payers to the solicitor on itemized bills for itemized things for different lands and planning meetings; different things that have gone back and forth over the years such as L& B Landholding. It is very, very expensive and it is tax payer’s money that is being spent. The reason I think it should go back to the county is because just because it’s going on in the township and being voted on by the township people doesn’t mean that it won’t go to the county court anyway. If the people like say the Gun range have enough money or deep enough pockets are going to the county and by pass our local decision anyway. You have people who get voted in every couple of years or get into a position every couple of years and maybe they don’t like the person that bought the land and wants to do something and they vote based on personal reasons and not for the right reasons. The votes need to be for best thing for the township not because you don’t like the person. That’s why I’m for going back to the county.

Theresa – I don’t agree on just one point of what she said, and that’s just on the cost of it. It’s my understanding that even at the county level that whoever is making these applications or whoever is kind of doing an appeal; that they are paying most of the cost and the only cost we come up with is to pay our lawyer and everything else should be reimbursed. I think its in the ordinance. I remember reading something like that from it. At the end of 2021 our zoning fund was at $77,000, so I don’t understand how it can be a monetary kind of deal that we are sending it back to the county. I mean I can understand people having friends and voting different ways, like everyone has an opinion on that.

**Reports**

* Motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for January 2023 –Motion made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. Kyle Mummey abstained. Motion carried.
* Treasurer’s Report – H&K Group charging the 1.5% late fee from the road project. Motion to accept Treasurers Report and bills for payment for January 2023 made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Solicitor’s Report

1. Noise Ordinance
2. Recovery/invoicing for application fees/costs

Solicitor states the 2 items on the agenda are noise ordinance and recovery invoicing applications fees and costs alluded to by one of your citizens earlier. I had told you last time for those who were here and remember that I would have this finished for you tonight. I did not accomplish that goal and I expect to have it for you next month. Between now and next month my goal is to get a draft of the sections of the noise ordinance that would drop into the existing codification of ordinances as have been suggested by Kyle and have the supervisors have a chance to look at that before the next meeting. Motion to accept Solicitor’s Report for January 2023 made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.

* Police Report – Report given by Officer Chris Dimmick. Motion to accept Police Report for January 2023 made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Code Enforcement Report – 8 letters were distributed as discussed in the last meeting. 11 abandoned vehicles in Oneida alone. 3 vehicles were registered and brought up to code. Report emailed by Tara Dolzani and read by Liza Verges. She also sent a letter expressing that she would never misrepresent herself or the township by allowing someone to wear her badge. Ray Trojan ask are there any fines being level for these people to stop them from burning or abandoning cars, does anybody know that? Kyle Mummey states the primary goal of code is corrective not punitive. So, we try to correct the violation first before we start fining people. As you have heard she was able and successful in getting a lot of the problems taken care of. We get to the fine when people don’t remediate what they are supposed to do. Motion to accept Code Enforcement Report for January 2023 made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.
* Zoning Report – There were no permits requested and no permits released. One stopped order issued for someone working without a permit. Report emailed by Jonathon Biros and read by Jill Careyva. Motion to accept Zoning Report for January 2023 made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.
* Engineer’s Report – The last meeting was brought up that there were some potholes developing on Old Mill Road. I got a chance to get out there and see the potholes. I have requested that the supervisor’s withhold $24,000 in payment until we can get them to come back and take care of those issues. We rolled in on 20 tons of trailers, it didn’t flex at all and seem pretty stable. I haven’t heard of any other road issues and if anyone has, please let me know so we can get them taken care of. Ray Trojan asks if once we do pay them say 3 months down the line, the road washes away, are they obligated to come back and fix that are there any guarantees. The engineer replies with yes there is an insurance on the job and it’s for a year. The other project we are looking at is the American Legion Park. We started working on that again. Going through the DCNR website and they kind of list everything out moving forward. Martin Kutsko asked about the pipes in front of the post office, is that going out on bid? The engineer states they put together a cost estimate of about $64,000 to replace along route 924 5-6 inlets that are destroyed. So, there is some water getting down in there. It’s not a huge project but it has been tabled until spring. Someone complains about a broken pipe in front of their property and the water does not flow freely into the drain. Bob Gabardi asks about the American Legion Grant. The engineer states they have it. Motion to accept Engineer’s Report for January 2023 made by Kyle Mummey, seconded by Jill Careyva. All in favor, motion carried.
* Road Report – Included with Engineer’s report. Jill Careyva states that we were very lucky to not get much snow this year. We had a lot of trouble with road crew, not showing up and are going to introduced one of our new hires tonight. From these last couple of snows, I want everyone to know Jon Dettery was out plowing snow without getting paid. Everyone should appreciate it, he went out on his own.
* Open Records Report - No report at this time as there was no request for the month of January 2023. Motion to accept the ORO Report made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

* Zoning and Planning Boards (motion made to add on agenda by Kyle Mummey, seconded by Jon Dettery. Jill Careyva abstained; motion carried.)

Jo Anna Shovlin – Good evening, everybody, madame chair, board of directors, solicitor. There has been much talk about planning and zoning and us not having a comprehensive plan. To be honest with you I was a little surprise as a zoning board member that we didn’t have a comprehensive plan. The Board of Supervisors was thinking of putting us under Schuylkill County. As the solicitor mentioned their Comprehensive Plan has not been updated since 2007. So in a couple of years it would be 20 years. At which time they said it would take between $20,00-$30,000 to make a Comprehensive Plan. East Union Township needs a Comprehensive Plan. So, what I did was, I worked for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for 25 years. I reached out to DCED, Ted Ritsick of Department of Community and Economic Development. He came in and made a presentation on January 24th, 2023 we had a special work session with the Planning and Zoning Committees at which time we re-organized. We discussed with seeking county guidance. At which time Ted Ritsick gave a big presentation which he will summarize tonight. There is a grant available. If we do our due diligence and get our adaptation in by June, we can get up to 50% of our money paid. By doing so we will be able to get our Comprehensive Plan and we can move forward with our ordinances. Some of our ordinances as the solicitor recommended tonight, the noise ordinances need to be updated. Our occupational permits need to be updated. I haven’t had a chance to look at all the ordinances but some of them are very grey, there is no definition to them and I strongly hope that the board of supervisors would continue to have the zoning and planning commissions so we can keep things local. I will speak on behalf of the boards, planning and zoning. At no time do we show favoritism. I don’t even know half the people that come before us. I do things that are fair. Our planning boards does things that are fair. Let me tell you ladies and gentleman if you make this decision this person will be mad and if you make that decision that person will be mad. That’s the way of life you can’t please everybody. We need a comprehensive plan. At the last meeting I suggested to the Supervisors for the 2024 budget put the money there. In the meantime, to actively work on applying for the grant. I asked Liza has she ever applied for grant and she said she has not. Mr.Ritsick has offered now here is the thing he works for the state but he’s free to us and he will help Liza apply for that grant. That’s 50% of $20,000-$30,000 our population varies between 1300-1500. So that’s about $10,00-$15,000 to get a comprehensive plan and get our ordinances aligned so we asked the Supervisors, please supervisors consider it.

Ted Ritsick Presentation: I work for the DCED. I am a planner. My job specifically is to go all-around North-Eastern PA and help communities like East Union Township make decisions. It sounds like you’re having a very healthy conversation about the future of planning in your community. You are trying to figure out do you want to go back to the County or you want to do it on your own. Ultimately, I just want to say this first and foremost that is your decision to make. I’m not somebody here from the State telling you to do something, to tell you have to do something or what to do. I’m here to help you and support you with your decision. Those are your decisions. Its my job to help support you and inform you. One of things every community does benefit from is having a Comprehensive Plan. A comprehensive plan for your community will allow you #1 a vision (so you know what you’re going to be doing over the next 10years) #2 it will help you do better on grant applications. There is a variety of things that communities have all over, they want to apply for grants they want to get money for . You don’t have one now. Having a Comprehensive Plan and keeping it up to date tells the people of Harrisburg who will look at your grants that you care and you’re focusing on the future. That you’re making a conscious effort to talk to the people in this room, to talk to your neighbors and really figure out what we want as a community. That plan you have it in your hand you adopt it as an official statement of what you want your community is going to be. When it comes to Zoning, that plan then informs what your zoning should be like. So, when you write your zoning ordinance, your zoning will reflect the principles developed for your community in that plan. So, you can actually do them with multiple municipalities. So, let’s say you decide to do a plan with North Union and you be able to do some nice things with shared land use in zoning but you get to keep everything of your own. When looking at grant projects, the State would then say there two communities who did a plan together they see that it would benefit both. You are more likely to get those grants. There is strength in numbers. It’s a Municipal Assistant Money Grant and applications are due in October. I am happy to be here and help any one answer any questions.

The solicitor states just for clarifications on that point; the Comprehensive Plan is designed to be a statement of your communities’ objectives. This is what we would like our community to be. It’s a vision. There is nothing about that, that automatically translates your community into that. You can have that vision but the rest of it needs to follow. If your vision is you don’t want any cell towers anywhere in your township, that’s your objective. You’re going to not being able to implement that because there are going to be laws that prevent you from zoning out certain land uses. Just because you have a comprehensive plan does not mean that it translates into what people can and cannot do in your community under the rest of the laws that apply. You already have a zoning ordinance; you already have a land development ordinance. If one of your objectives, is you want to revisit them because you think they need to be revisited then that’s the objective. Then the next step after the plan would be to revisit those ordinances. But nothing of stating your objectives brings them into being.

The Solicitor state there is a Comprehensive Plan in play; its inaccurate to say we don’t have one. Our Comprehensive Plan is Schuylkill County’s Comprehensive Plan.

Ted Ritsick states you do have a Comprehensive Plan but it’s a very general plan because it’s covers the county. There is a process called The Curative Amendment. What happens is, if you don’t meet the requirement for all legal land uses, which every

zoning ordinances must do. Its not that the County Planning Department, it’s just the ordinances you make can be challenge in County Court upon an appeal.

The solicitor states you can do all this local planning and you can set forth your objective and that’s beautiful and you can adopt your ordinances. It’s a process that takes months, lots of time and lots of money. Whether its grant money or done by yourself. You can have someone seek to do something and you want to stop that cause you don’t want that in your community and Zoning Hearing Board can make a decision. That person has the right under the state law to challenge that decision and file an appeal at the Schuylkill County Courthouse. If they lose there, they can file an appeal at the PA Commonwealth Court. So, you know, and this is why I am bringing this up; when this gentleman says is accurate. As far as it goes that gives you some sort of measure of control. There is still the opportunity for the people who feel grieved by what you did, to take that to court of common plea. That’s true whether you use the County’s Plan, your own plan or a joint plan. These are not plans or ordinances or devices that gives you control of your township.

Bob Gabardi- I understand what you are saying. We did that on challenging the county regarding the airport. We beat them. Anyone can challenge any decision no matter what it is anyone can appeal it.

Liz Tolan- As far as all this goes. When you have your zoning board and you have your ordinance and your guidelines, and you have your comprehensive plan. Your comprehensive plan is kind of like your mission statement. Your vision statement of what you want your municipality to look like, what you want your community to be. That gives your boards, your planning commission, your zoning hearing board, you have a way to put your ordinances together. You can change your ordinances; you have to advertise and get a public opinion; there is a process under the township class act. What that does then it gives muscle to the committees, when you have someone come in; now I’m not picking sides here I know the procedure. That gives your boards a leg to stand on. Anyone can always go before the zoning hearing board and if they don’t like the decision, they can sue the township. They can sue the zoning hearing board and go to court. They have to spend the money to go to court to appeal to the justice to get it overturned. The solicitor states no. They can file a notice of appeal; the local rule is number 14 in the Schuylkill County local rules of court. Liz Tolan states its happens few and far between and by having this plan at least that gives you some structure to how you want your municipality to run.

Stephen Bushinski – I believe that the township will be best served handing the zoning back to the county. Pam Hartz said it pretty well. It cost a lot of money paying lawyers’ fees and stenographers, all sorts of things that cost a lot of money. I think the zoning should go back to the county is I think the County will give a more impartial decision. Here is the thing if there is anyone decision on the zoning board being biased. A lot of people in this township hate each other and a lot of this comes out in these boards. I can’t prove it because I know, no one will ever say it. The fact of the matter is the animosities the resentments are still there. As I understand, I did not attend but at the last meeting Jill Careyva made a motion to send a letter down to Schuylkill County to see if they would considered taking over the townships Planning and Zoning but it died without a second. I aske what’s the harm of sending a letter? The letter could be crafted in such a way as to say we are considering sending zoning back to county, we want to know #1 can it be done, #2 will the commissioners entertain the idea, #3 take no action until we decide. Now what’s the harm in sending the letter out to see if it can even be done. All you people are here tonight because you think zoning is going back to the county tonight and that’s not going to happen. First of all, you have to find out if it can be done and second of all, those commissioners have to say yay or nay. So, let’s do that first because we are all wasting breath. Not everyone believes what you all believe. The people that believe it should go back to the county are not here because no flyers or post were posted on face book for them to voice their opinion. So, what I am asking the supervisors to do it to consider sending the letter to the county to see if we can go back without taking action.

Tom Houser - Mr.Bushinski has brought up good points about the county and how in his opinion their decision would be mutual and without bias. I wonder if our Code Enforcement would go back to the county also. We have a problem with Code Enforcement lately. So, what I fear that if the control of our township be taken by the county who is distant and sluggish if you’ve ever dealt with government. If you have a problem it would be weeks and months before they would react and you get lost in the shuffle. So, I am for local control like you mentioned and the comprehensive plan basics that we’ve needed for years. We have 2 people help us organize that and maybe change our codes to conform with the plan of this new generation and not the older generation of 2009 who first wrote our planning codes.

Liz Tolan – Can I suggest that this seems to be a very important for both pro and con on sides of the issue. Maybe consider having an advertise public hearing so that everyone’s voice can be heard. So that supervisors can make an informed decision on how to move forward with what the taxpayers truly want.

* Police Contract (Executive Session)

**New Business:**

* Penn Dot - Future plans for Route 339 – Penn Dot to replace a covert on Route 339. They are going to close down from Brandonville all the way down Route 339. The information was given to Jonathon Biros. He called but did not get a response. It’s from the State and we are waiting for them to send the information on it. They are going to close the road for 40 days.
* Zoning Hearing Board Decision – Application for Validity Challenge – The Zoning Hearing Board held a continuance on January 31st, 2023. They discussed it. They had the transcripts from the hearing. They read some of the testimonies. Mike Brinkash is an Engineer/ Solicitor. They read what he said and they didn’t agree with him. They decided it was Spot Zoning.

Ann Kuzma state she is on the zoning board and they had a 7-minute discussion. They never got the advice from the Attorney. We paid $1,000 for the Attorney to come for 3 hours. Ms. Shovlin started the meeting said her peace based her information on the Zoning Book that they want to throw out. They want to make a new which ok. Then she went on to say I don’t like the driveway that they have on the Lex/Biros Property. I don’t like that there are stripping mines on the property. I don’t like that it was deep coal mines in the past. We are afraid that if he does his power wash business there that he’s already permitted for; he’s going to get into the deep mine and cause a safe hazard. He had all kinds of engineers inspect all that. They have a PennDOT permit from DOT, they have several permits from this township. The 7-minute meeting we paid for the hour and stenographer for 3 hours was gaveled down. We had no discussion amongst the 3 members on the board. Ms. Shovlin, myself and Joe Recla. We didn’t go over any testimony what so ever. Ms. Shovlin said this is what she believes and she voted. I asked if we were going to ask the attorney what’s the best interest for East Union Township. Mr. Recla voted and she gaveled the meeting picked up her stuff and ran out in 7 minutes. Why didn’t we get his advice in the back before we voted.

Tom Houser states I was at that meeting. In December all that information was made available in leaflet form at the 1st meeting handed to each one of those individuals for their purview. A month later they reconvened to make their decision. If no one read that information, it is not the fault of Ms. Shovlin.

The solicitor states that there is nothing the supervisors can do

Bob Gabardi – The meeting was more than 7 minutes. Attorney Barranko did give a comment, read what they’re decision would be based on. No one said anything. Other than Jimmy who recused himself because the property is adjacent to his property.

* Road Master – Colin Kelly hired at $25.00 an hour. He was hired 2 weeks ago and he lives in the Cove. A few road worker applications received. Salary approved at $25 an hour.
* Executive Session – Personnel Matters – Motion to enter executive session made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.

**Executive session started at 7:35pm ended at 7:58pm.**

* Motion to reconvene meeting made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor motion carried.
* Motion to terminate Nick Merva as road worker for East Union Township made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.
* We received 4 applications for road worker position. We have interviewed 3 for the position.
* Supervisors of the Board asked Bob Gabardi if he is interested on being our Can-Do representative. He agrees. Motion to appoint Bob Gabardi as the Can-Do Representative made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Police Contract – After 2 ½ years of work a motion to adopt a new police contract. Motion to adopt new police contract made by Jill Careyva, seconded Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
* Kyle Mummey while working on the police contract learned about a program through DCED about a free evaluation on the Police Dept. It’s a process to request through DCED- referred by Eric Brown of Siana Law. Motion to add DCED Evaluation to the Agenda made by Kyle Mummey, seconded by Jill Careyva. All in favor, motion carried.
* Motion to apply for DCED Police Program made by Kyle Mummey, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.
* Received a letter from Pam Harts volunteering her time and service as Agency Open Records Officer. We will have to check with the insurance company. Motion to table until next meeting made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Participation:**

Jackie Houser – Error in advertisement in the newspaper. Kyle Mummey states its on a calendar that they automatically put it in. It’s an error on Standard Speaker.

Martin Kutsko – Will we get a police report for December 2022?

Ray Trojan – What is going on with all that work back there, behind our homes? Jon Dettery states I couldn’t get in there the chains where up and locked. Probably it’s because its they’re land. They are cutting thousands of trees.

Bob Gabardi – They lock the gates up too.

Officer Chris Dimmick- I just want to thank the board for finally coming to term with police contract. It really means a lot to me personally. To Martin Kutsko for you to say what you said, it’s kind of a slap in the face to every victim of a crime. You want the state police great. The next time a guy collapses in his driveway from heart attack and I’m 5 minutes away and performs CPR to save his life. State police are 40 minutes out. Just remember that. Sorry we can’t run speed.

Kyle Mummey- On behalf of the board we want to say you deserve every penny, Chris, we thank you for your service. TJ, you and the part time officers are doing any amazing job.

Edwina Matuszkiewicz – Is the Police Chief out? Kyle Mummey, no comment, it’s a personal matter. You stated you have 4 applications. How many are you planning to hire?

Dave Bergen – On the weekend the police are not on duty and you have call the state police. Jill Careyva states call 911. Right across the street from where I live disturbance and noise at 1am, 2am. Kyle Mummey states get the officers name and badge and ask for the S

Roseanne Evangelista – So we just call 911 if they are playing music really loud. What about the property up above me, the guy keeps putting campers up there and he is renting them on facebook.

Stephen Bushinski - If the Code Enforcement officer Tara Dolzani is not available, call the comp center. You can ask the comp center is the EUT Officer on duty if not send me to State Police.

Kyle Mummey – Where do you draw the line?

Tara Dolzani (via phone) states the following number to call:

Comp Center 570-695-3131

Non-emergency (Loud Noise) 570-462-1991

True Emergency 911

Jerry Evangelista – What your plan for road repair work? The coverts are never clean anymore and its very thin asphalt. Water runs from our house up to the cemetery on West Pine St.

**Motion to Adjourn and Time:** Motion made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:20pm.

**Members of Public in Attendance (please see attached sign-in sheet):** Stephen Bushinski, Ray Trojan, Jo Anna Shovlin, Mario Curreli, Jillian Datchko, John Grohol, Michael Bernetas, Joann Evancho, Joe Evancho, Lois Casey, Joseph Yodel, Edwina Matuszkiewicz, Gary Chroamone, Tom Houser, Jackie Houser, Linda Kakaley, Mike Kakaley, Joseph Kretsko, Ann Kuzma, James Esposito, Roseanne Evangelista, Jerry Evangelista, Patrick Loftus, Dave Bergen, Ann Bergen, James Grohol, Rhiannon Mummey, Liz Tolan, Martin Kutsko, Kris Pasupuleli, Amy Austra, Travis Martz