**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2023**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM**

**This is a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Union Township.**

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
	1. Roll Call: Supervisors and Officers Present: Chairperson Jill Careyva, Vice Chairperson Jon Dettery, Supervisor Kyle Mummey, Solicitor Shane Hobbs, Secretary Liza Verges, Treasurer Liz Tolan, Zoning Officer Jonathon Biros and Engineer Joseph Zucofski of Carbon Engineering.
	2. Agenda was duly posted prior to meeting: Motion to Adopt Agenda made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.
2. **RESOLUTION: RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**
	1. Two (2) page Resolution was researched and drafted by the Township Solicitor. It was tabled at the last meeting ands some changes were made at the supervisors’ request. It was sent prior to the meeting to all the Supervisor’s for review.
	2. Resolution outlines the expected conduct during public participation.
	3. Motion to Adopt Resolution made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. Kyle Mummey abstains, motion carried.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
	1. Public Comment to be added to the agenda after posting. Motion to add public comment made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
	2. Francine Brestowski states her concerns with the speed limit being raised to 55 miles an hour by PennDOT. She states the problem with trailers driving above the limit at an exceeding rate making it difficult for her to pull out of her driveway. She has contacted PennDOT to voice her complaint and states she was informed to contact her municipality. She proceeded to call EUT and was informed by the secretary that she would be emailing her complaint to the Board of Supervisors as that she should attend the meeting to voice her complaint as well. She states PennDOT informed her that township may fill out some paperwork to lower the speed.
	3. Sergent Dimmick informs her that PennDOT will be conducting a speed study by Spring of 2024.
	4. Mary Jo Moss states she is a Write in Campaign on the Republican Ticket with 8 other candidates. People on the ballot got on there with less than 20% of votes taken. She states you get 2 votes. She hopes to make a change.
4. **MINUTES**
	1. Regular Meeting Minutes were sent to the Board of Supervisors prior to the meeting for review. Motion to Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for October 5th, 2023, made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor motion carried.
	2. Special Meeting Minutes were sent to the Board of Supervisors prior to the meeting for review. Jill Careyva states she does not agree with the comment recorded in the minutes under Public Participation made by Bob Gabardi, stating that it was paved before and the loggers ruined it, not long ago. She states that statement is false. The base coat was put on that road 20 years ago and the supervisors changed. The topcoat was never put on it. Bob Gabardi asks Jon Dettery, you were in office then, what ruined the road? To which Jon Dettery responds the loggers, the base coat was only an inch or two inches thick. Jill Careyva states he said it was the whole Girard Manor Road and it was never paved. Kyle Mummey states that not what is states in the minutes. It does not say the whole road, his opinion was that it was paved, and the loggers ruined it. Shane Hobbs states if there is no motion to remove the statement as it is in public participation we can move forward. Motion to Approve Special Meeting Minutes for October 9th, 2023, made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
	3. Danny Danchision states in his opinion there are an excessive amount of overweight, oversize vehicles and farming equipment that are damaging the roads.
5. **TREASURER’S REPORT**
	1. Liz Tolan reads her reports. Bills paid, income and expense report, payroll report. Recycling money is in the general account for $475 must be paid to Schuylkill County for the fall recycling. Fleet Gas card for the police department and roadcrew. Edwina Matuszkiewicz states the payroll report is a group total rather than by individuals. Kyle Mummey states residents prefer a breakdown of the payroll report by employees. Liz Tolan will change method of payroll summary. Motion to Accept Treasurer’s Report for October 2023 made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
	2. Motion to Approve and ratify the accounts payable from the general fund account and grant permission to pay interim bills made by Jon Dettery, seconded by Jill Careyva. Kyle Mummey abstained; motion carried.
6. **BUILDING AND ZONING REPORT**
	1. Jonathon Biros states there were 0 permits issued, 3 applications are under review, and one Zoning Hearing Board Action that granted Mr. Trutt’s dimensional. Jonathon Biros states the Route 924 was milled and the road will not be paved until Spring of 2024. He also speaks about the loggers and the roads being damaged. The loggers should present the township with their insurance for any damage they cause and are responsible for. Kyle Mummey asks Jonathon Biros, how many acres for logging requires a permit? Jonathon Biros states over an acre. If they do not touch the stumps, it does not require one. Ammy Austra states she is involved in a civil suit against loggers trespassing without permits, are there any penalties after the fact? Jonathon Biros states they can put a stop work order on contractors, but it is a burden on the person doing the work. Motion to Accept Zoning Report for October 2023, made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.
7. **SOLICITOR’S REPORT**
	1. Received legal files from prior solicitor: reviewing. Discussed prior legal issues with Attorney Wallbillich.
	2. Memorandum of law on building permit issue (fence height; approval process). Shane Hobbs put together a written opinion for the supervisors. It’s not an issue for the Board to decide. The issues brought up by the residents are important but there is no jurisdiction for the Board to decide. It must go to the Zoning Hearing Board. Jackie Houser states her concern is with the permit being issued after the fence was already up.
	3. Request Executive Session [Personnel Matters] prior to Adjournment.
	4. Motion to Accept Solicitor’s Report for October 2023, made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.
8. **POLICE REPORT**
	1. Sergent Dimmick states there is a small update on the grant for the police vehicle. The application passed the initial pre-approval. Report given. Motion to Accept Police Report for October 2023, made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.
	2. Marty Kutsko asked if the speed device was fixed? Sergent Dimmick stated yes it was fixed.
9. **ENGINEER’S REPORT**

10.1. Joseph Zucofski states PennDOT will be replacing 3 bridges and there are proposed detours. One for cars, one for trucks. Route 339 and Nuremberg Mountain Road will be wight restricted. There is a form with the project information that has substantial detail. No information as to how long this project will take. The 3 bridges on Route 924 are between Brandonville and Sheppton. The project is set to be between the year 2025 and 2026. Marty Kutsko asks about the bridge on Route 329. The car detour will be from Route 924 to Route 329 North up to Nuremberg and coming down Oneida. Liz Tolan states getting a PennDOT representative to come down and explain the project. The Legion Playground plans are in process to include 2 handicap parking spaces and an accessible walkway. The utility pole might need to be moved. There are deep sections of mulch. Liz Tolan asks if someone from Carbon Engineering will contact her so she can include the project in the budget. Marty Kutsko asks about any updates on 2nd Street in Brandonville. Joseph Zucofski states there will be a pre-construction meeting at the site with the contractors on 11/3/2023. They decided to keep the bid at the bidding price, they will pave 2nd Street and remove a couple of the pro storm limits to stay within budget. Motion to Accept the Engineer’s Report for October 2023, made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.

1. **ROAD REPORT**

11.1. Jon Dettery states he been up at the garage helping the roadcrew get the trucks ready for winter. Painting the frames on the trucks, as they were rusting. 200 tons is usually what we order each year, we must take at least 60% of it. Ordered 60 ton of anti-skid and 60 ton of salt rock. Mix-up thought we order salt in March, going to call and investigate it with Liza. Jill Careyva states she would like to give credit to Sergeant Dimmick as he called constantly to get the road milled. Motion to Accept Road Report for October 2023, made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried.

1. **PUMPY PROJECT REPORT**
	1. Motion to Accept Pumpy Project Report for October 2023- No report.
2. **OLD BUSINESS**
	1. DCED Police Survey update- Sergeant Dimmick states he is not involved with it. He states it’s between Chief Rentschler and Kyle Mummey. Kyle Mummey states Chief Renschler is working on it as the new reporting software was just purchased in October. Reports were handwritten up until now. Amy Austra asks Kyle Mummey has he seen the study and are they working on it as it’s been brought up since February and its not completed. Kyle Mummey states it takes time to go through over 12 years of reports and get them into the new software. Marty Kutsko asked if we would get any information by the next meeting. Kyle Mummey will speak with Chief Rentschler about the progress made.
	2. Discussion on use of the Township Walking Trail for the Haunted Trail on October 28th. Maryanne Hall states it was great turnout a lot of kids participated. Received a lot of donations.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:** No new business to discuss.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS)**

15.1. Attendees may make public comment; your name and address may be recorded in

meeting minutes.

1. EUT Sewer Authority letter sent to the Board of Supervisors. Representative of the EUTSA, Louis Onore asking for funds from the Board of Supervisor. Liz Tolan asks if there is a specific time frame for the funds. Liz Tolan will have to review the budget first. Edwina Matuszkiewicz asks what the problems are that they are facing. Louis Onore states they are spending a lot of money on collections, going to court for actions. Oneida’s water can be shut off, but Sheppton is more difficult.
2. Fran Bretowski complaint of the speed limit sign.
3. Joseph Deluca complaint on the speed limit sign in Ringtown.

15.2. Comments/questions not serving a legitimate Township purpose may not be addressed or answered by the Supervisors.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION {Personnel}** Motion to enter Executive Session made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried. Start time 7:14pm. Motion to reconvene meeting made by Jill Careyva seconded by Jon Dettery. All in favor, motion carried.

**Start time:** 7:14pm **End time:** 7:20pm

1. **ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn made by Jill Careyva, seconded by Kyle Mummey. All in favor, motion carried. **Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm**
2. **MEMBERS OF PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE (Please see attached sign in sheet):** Jackie Houser, Edwina Matuszkiewicz, Wendy Danchision, Danny Danchision, Kris Pasupuleti, Stephen Hall, Marianne Hall, Francine Brestowski, Joseph Deluca, Pat Loftus, Lou Onore, John Grohol, Mary Jo Moss, Bob Gabardi, and Amy Austra.