

**MINUTES OF THE DARLINGTON TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING HELD
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024**

The Darlington Township Supervisors met on Monday, APRIL 8, 2024 for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Township municipal building at 7:00 P.M.

Mike Carreon, Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

PRESENT:

Supervisors

Tom Blinkiewicz
Mike Carreon
Greg Houlette

Solicitor
Secretary/Treasurer

Taryn Hardy
Brenna Boyde

ABSENT:

Engineer/Zoning Officer

Jeff Frye

COMMUNICATION:

Discussed Federal, State and Local taxes related to those who received 1099s from Norfolk Southern and the outstanding lack of resolution. Township has requested Norfolk Southern to provide assistance to Township residents should they need to amend their return filings, still no determination.

Communicated the NTSB findings about the controlled burn being unnecessary and the follow-up NTSB meeting in June to discuss further.

Senator Mastriano hosted a follow-up hearing at the Township Fire Department.

Updates were provided regarding change in railroad safety legislation that would require two-man crews on certain trains.

Information was shared regarding the possible water project that would begin at the last connection point in Chippewa Township, come down Route 51, and turn on to Cannelton Road where it would continue until approximately the end of the 500 block. No mandatory tap-ins for anyone along the water line, and no debt to be incurred by the Township for the project. Also considering a water filling station off of the public water line for local filling of potable water in personal jugs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sherry Mackenstein, non-resident, asked questions regarding long-term well testing and the potential for more public water than just Phase I that runs to Cannelton Road.

Tom Young of Oakdale Road wants Norfolk Southern to pay for any public water projects entirely and remains frustrated with the lack of action.

Bill Shafer of Oakdale Road asks questions about the public water project.

Joe Caler of Oakdale Road shared information on a nuisance property that had been sold at the recent County Sheriff's sale.

TOWNSHIP MINUTES:

Mike Carreon motioned and Greg Houlette seconded to approve the Township minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mike Carreon motioned and Greg Houlette seconded to approve the Treasurer's report for March 2024 as presented. Motion carried.

BILL LIST:

Mike Carreon motioned and Greg Houlette seconded to authorize the payment of vendors on the April 2024 bill list as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Monthly report was shared by Fire Chief, Bill Douthitt.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Monthly report was available for review.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Monthly report was available for review.

ENGINEER: No report provided

CODE ENFORCEMENT: No report provided

ZONING OFFICER: No report provided

SOLICITOR: Nothing to report.

RECREATION BOARD: No Report provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Carreon motioned to award Contract 01-2024, East Palestine Road Rehabilitation to Youngblood Paving, Inc as the lowest responsible bidder. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

Bid amount details:

3,000 SY of Base Repair at \$28.50 per unit for a total of \$85,500.00

4,300 Ton of 19 mm Bituminous Binder Course at \$82.24 per unit for a total of \$353,632.00

1 LS of Road Surface Backfill at \$38,000 per unit for a total of \$38,000.00

3,000 Gallon of MC-70 Prime Coat at \$5.00 per unit for a total of \$15,000.00

30,000 SY of Bituminous Double Seal Coat at \$3.22 per unit for a total of \$96,600.00

Project Total of \$588,732.00

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 1:

Mike Carreon motioned to adopt Resolution 09-2024, *Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Darlington Township Establishing Revision to Employee Health Premium Contributions for the Year 2024*. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 2: Mike Carreon motioned to advertise for bids for Contract 02-2024, Darlington Township Culverts and Stormwater Drainage to be funded through Beaver County ARPA Grand Funds for Stormwater Projects. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 3: Mike Carreon motioned to open sealed bids, and award Contract 02-2024 to lowest responsible bidder. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: Mike Carreon motioned to advertise for bids for summer road maintenance and repair commodities including limestone and single bituminous seal coat. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: Mike Carreon motioned to authorize Township officials to sign the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business Mike Carreon motioned, Greg Houlette seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Time 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenna Boyde
Secretary/Treasurer