

**MINUTES OF THE DARLINGTON TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS MEETING HELD  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024**

The Darlington Township Supervisors met on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Township municipal building at 6:00 P.M.

Mike Carreon, Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

**PRESENT:**

Supervisors

Tom Blinkiewicz  
Mike Carreon

Solicitor  
Secretary/Treasurer

Garen Fedeles  
Brenna Boyde

**ABSENT:**

Supervisor  
Engineer/Zoning Officer

Greg Houlette  
Jeff Frye

**COMMUNICATION:**

The Township hosted a July press conference with Senator Casey and Congressman DeLuzio regarding continued attempts to improve rail safety through legislation. During this event, it was noted that the \$3.6 million dollars for the public water line was not enough funding for the estimated \$9 million project. Darlington Township sent a letter in March directly to Norfolk Southern requesting \$5 million and has yet to receive a response. Senator Casey, Senator Fetterman, and Congressman DeLuzio followed up with their own letter requesting the same \$5 million in funding from Norfolk Southern for the public water line.

Chairman Mike Carreon and Secretary Brenna Boyde met with Laura Sohinki, the new Southwest Regional Director for Governor Shapiro's office. Train derailment topics pertaining to unresolved concerns were reviewed and discussed in detail. Shortly after the meeting, the State Attorney General's Office released a public comment letter in reference to the EPA Clean Water Act Settlement with Norfolk Southern and the shortcomings that exist for PA Residents. Those shortcomings included extending the healthcare monitoring beyond a two-mile radius, utilizing the EPA's soot deposition map to address the true area of the derailment's impact in PA, and addressing long-term water testing in PA.

The drainage and storm water upgrades to East Palestine Road and McRoberts Road are nearly finished. The resurfacing of East Palestine Road will begin within the next few weeks. The cost of the drainage and storm water projects will be reimbursed to the Township less 20% of the cost through County grant funding. The resurfacing of East Palestine Road will be funded by the monies received from Norfolk Southern directly for the damage claim to the roadway following the extended detour of Taggart Road.

Chairman Mike Carreon and Secretary Brenna Boyde met with representatives from the Fire Department to discuss the need for implementation of a Fire Department operating budget, and the progress on applying for the Department's 501c3 non-profit determination status with the IRS.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**TOWNSHIP MINUTES:**

Mike Carreon motioned and Tom Blinkiewicz seconded to approve the July 2024 Township minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mike Carreon motioned and Tom Blinkiewicz seconded to approve the Treasurer's report for July 2024 as presented. Motion carried.

**BILL LIST:**

Mike Carreon motioned and Tom Blinkiewicz seconded to authorize the payment of vendors on the August 2024 bill list as presented. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Vice-President of the Fire Department, Jason Wade provided an update on equipment repairs for the Fire Department.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Monthly report was available for review.

**ROAD MAINTENANCE:** Monthly report was available for review.

**ENGINEER:** No update provided.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** No report provided

**ZONING OFFICER:** No updates provided.

**SOLICITOR:** No updates to report.

**RECREATION BOARD:** No update provided.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM 1:** Mike Carreon motioned to promote part-time Officer Ron Leindecker to part-time Sargeant effective immediately at a pay rate of \$24.35 per hour. Tom Blinkiewicz seconded. Motion was carried.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business Mike Carreon motioned, Tom Blinkiewicz seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Time 6:19pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenna Boyde".

Brenna Boyde  
Secretary/Treasurer