

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

The Darlington Township Supervisors met on Monday, January 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.

Executive Session was held prior to the Township meeting for personnel matters.

PRESENT:

Supervisors	Greg Houlette Tom Blinkiewicz Mike Carreon
Solicitor Secretary/Treasurer Engineer/Zoning Officer	Taryn Hardy Brenna Boyde Jeff Frye

ABSENT:

COMMUNICATION:

The Shell owned hopper cars along the Youngstown and Southeastern Railroad in the Township were confirmed to be empty by a contact at Shell.

The Community Fund yielded \$15,842.86 in interest from September 2023 through December 2023. The division of the funding to the Police and Fire Departments was determined during the annual Township Organization meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shirley Lambright of Little Beaver Road, Hilary Flint of Hollow Road, and Lori O'Connell of Darlington Road spoke of their concerns with the Township's usage of the \$660,000 received through the Governor's Community Fund. Remarks were also made about unwillingness of Norfolk Southern to support community requests for financial assistance by diverting residents back to Darlington Township. Requests were made to have the Township coordinate a public forum with the Governor and other representatives to have discussions about derailment recovery efforts.

Michelle Deafenbaugh of Plum Street shared concern over the recent appointment of the Township Emergency Management coordinator.

Bill Shafer of Oakdale Road expressed concern regarding the train derailment and the County tax reassessment. He also inquired about the staff complement of the Police Department.

TOWNSHIP MINUTES:

Mike Carreon motioned and Greg Houlette seconded to approve the December 11, 2023 Township minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mike Carreon motioned and Greg Houlette seconded to approve the Treasurer's report for December 2023 as presented. Motion carried.

BILL LIST:

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

REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Monthly report was available for review.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Monthly report was available for review.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Monthly report was available for review.

ENGINEER: Bid package for East Palestine Road repairs

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Monthly report was available for review.

ZONING OFFICER: Cell tower co-location on Darlington Road and inquiry on solar farm ordinance.

SOLICITOR: No report, but executive session regarding personnel was held before the meeting.

RECREATION BOARD: Christmas Event was well attended.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 1: Mike Carreon motioned to authorize Township Treasurer, Brenna Boyde, to transfer \$250,000 from the Earned Income Tax Account to the General Fund Account for initial 2024 budget year funding.

ITEM 1: Mike Carreon motioned to authorize Township Treasurer, Brenna Boyde, to transfer \$9,505.72 from the Community Fund Account to the Darlington Township Volunteer Fire Department Capital Reserve Account. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 3: Mike Carreon motioned to authorize Township Treasurer, Brenna Boyde, to transfer \$4,752.85 from the Community Fund Account to the Darlington Township Police Capital Reserve Account. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: Mike Carreon motioned to appoint Ron Leindecker as Part-Time Patrolman for Darlington Township Police Department, pending obtainment of all needed clearances and background checks, at a pay rate of \$22.75 per hour. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: Mike Carreon motioned to appoint Paul Smith as Part-Time Patrolman for Darlington Township Police Department, pending obtainment of all needed clearances and background checks, at a pay rate of \$22.75 per hour. 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 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenna Boyde
Secretary/Treasurer