

**MINUTES OF THE DARLINGTON TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS MEETING HELD  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

The Darlington Township Supervisors met on Monday, February 12, 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

Tom Blinkiewicz  
Mike Carreon

Solicitor  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Engineer/Zoning Officer

Taryn Hardy  
Brenna Boyde  
Jeff Frye

**ABSENT:**

Supervisor, Greg Houlette

**COMMUNICATION:**

President Biden will potentially be in the area in the next week. And a roundtable was held on February 3, 2024 with local elected officials to recap the response to the train derailment and the status one year later

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sherry Mackenstein (non-resident) inquired about the mini-grant proposal that was shared at the prior meeting as well as whether any local officials would be meeting with President Biden. Ms. Mackenstein also noted that the July 2023 Township Meeting Minutes were not posted on the Township's website.

Tom Jones of Oakdale Road inquired about the method of testing conducted by officials, his concerns about drinking his well water, his health concerns, and the lack of accountability of Norfolk Southern. He also inquired about the level of involvement of local officials beyond the Township Supervisors.

Joe Caler of Oakdale Road asked for follow-up on the condition of 311 Oakdale Road.

**TOWNSHIP MINUTES:**

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

**TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**BILL LIST:**

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

**REPORTS:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Monthly report was available for review. Change in Fire Chief effective immediately. Bill Douthitt will assume the role of interim Fire Chief for the Department.

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

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

**ENGINEER:** Bid package for East Palestine Road repairs will be advertised

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Monthly report was available for review.

**ZONING OFFICER:** Several permits issued, including two for residential solar panels, and several phone calls including one regarding a home-based business

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

**RECREATION BOARD:** No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM 1:** Mike Carreon motioned to appoint Austin Thellman 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. Tom Blinkiewicz seconded. Motion carried.

**ITEM 2:** Mike Carreon motioned to appoint Travis Young 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. Tom Blinkiewicz seconded. Motion carried.

**ITEM 3:** Mike Carreon motioned to authorize the appropriate Township Officials to authorize the signing of the Davies Subdivision. Tom Blinkiewicz seconded. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business Mike Carreon motioned, Tom Blinkiewicz seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Time 7:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenna Boyde  
Secretary/Treasurer