

**MINUTES OF THE DARLINGTON TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS MEETING HELD  
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025**

The Darlington Township Supervisors met on Monday, January 13, 2025 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 7:01 P.M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

**PRESENT:**

Supervisors

Tom Blinkiewicz

Mike Carreon

Solicitor

Shannon Steele

Secretary/Treasurer

Brenna Boyde

**ABSENT:**

Engineer/Zoning Officer

Jeff Frye

Supervisor

Greg Houlette

**COMMUNICATION:**

Township Chairman Mike Carreon shared reported there are no current updates on the East Palestine train derailment.

The proposed Public Water Project timeline was reviewed:

- March of 2024 the Township was awarded \$3.66 million after applying for Federal funding.
- April of 2024 the Township sent a letter to Norfolk Southern requesting their financial assistance of at least \$5 million to fund the remaining project budget (project was to run the public water line down Route 51 from Chippewa and onto Cannelton Road extending to the Industrial Park, no mandatory tap-ins)- to date, NO response from Norfolk Southern
- August of 2024, Senator Casey, Senator Fetterman, and Congressman DeLuzio also sent a letter to Norfolk Southern requesting they financially support the project- to date, NO response from Norfolk Southern
- December of 2024, Township reached back out to Senator Casey, Senator Fetterman, Congressman DeLuzio, and Governor Shapiro's office for guidance.
  - Senator Casey's office was proposing state funding through grants, which Darlington Township is opposed to pursuing since those grants are tax payer funds and there is an obvious accountable party of the derailment.

- Governor Shapiro’s Office said they would get back to Darlington on assistance, and there has been no additional follow-up; Senator Fetterman’s Office reported they are working on assistance; and Congressman DeLuzio’s Office said they are going to reach back out. No information has been relayed no from McCormick’s team with Casey now out of office.
- The Township continues to reiterate it is not an unreasonable ask of Norfolk Southern to provide around \$5 million to complete the public water project for Darlington Township as East Palestine has carbon filters in their public water treatment facility that were installed out of “an abundance of caution” with a cost of \$4.3 million, but there is no willingness to assist Darlington Township residents out of an abundance of caution.

The Township Building is in the final stages of being online with a natural gas generator to power the entire building. This will be tremendously useful during power outages. The funding for the generator was received through a competitive grant application process with Norfolk Southern’s Community Thriving program.

The Reorganization Meeting was held on January 6<sup>th</sup>

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| Chairman of the Board-            | Mike Carreon            |
| Vice-Chairman of the Board-       | Greg Houlette           |
| Secretary/Treasurer-              | Brenna Boyde            |
| Road Master-                      | Kevin McRoberts         |
| Police Chief-                     | Brian Speer             |
| Emergency Management Coordinator- | Bill Douthitt           |
| Township Meetings-                | Mondays at 6PM, not 7PM |

The new Darlington Township Secretary Office Hours, effective January 5, 2025 are Monday through Wednesday 9:30am to 3:30pm, and by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bill Shaffer of Oakdale Road inquired about the Township’s well at the Industrial Park and how not getting public water continues to create a problem for the Township with DEP regulations and providing water to the businesses there. He also discussed how he is worried that those purchasing property are not aware of what they need to do to be compliant with Township ordinances.

Butch Hrenko of Logtown Road wanted to inquire about lowering the speed limit on Logtown Road. He is concerned about the speeding on his roadway now that there are young families building homes with young children in the area. He is concerned someone is going to get hurt. He also inquired about a demolition permit for a deteriorated trailer.

## **TOWNSHIP MINUTES:**

Mike Carreon motioned and Tom Blinkiewicz seconded to table the December 2024 Township minutes. 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 January 2025 bill list as presented. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Jason Wade shared an updated report including information on a new UTV.

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

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

**ENGINEER:** Unavailable

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Report provided by Township Secretary.

**ZONING OFFICER:** Unavailable

**SOLICITOR:** Nothing to report.

**RECREATION BOARD:** No update provided.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM 1:** Mike Carreon motioned to adopt *Resolution 03-2025* whereby the Township Board of Supervisors appoints Members of the Township's Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board for the 2025 Calendar Year. Tom Blinkiewicz seconded. Motion carried.

**ITEM 2:** Mike Carreon motioned to authorize appropriate Township Officials to sign the Return of Uncollected Taxes to the appropriate taxing authority for 2024 tax levying purposes. Tom Blinkiewicz seconded. Motion carried.

**ITEM 3:** 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 2025 budget year funding. Tom Blinkiewicz seconded. Motion carried.

**ITEM 4:** Mike Carreon motioned to authorize Township Treasurer, Brenna Boyde, to transfer \$21,918.37 from the East Palestine Train Derailment Community Fund to the Darlington Township Volunteer Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. Tom Blinkiewicz seconded. Motion carried.

**ITEM 5:** Mike Carreon motioned to authorize Township Treasurer, Brenna Boyde, to transfer \$6,262.39 from the East Palestine Train Derailment Community Fund to the Darlington Township Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. Tom Blinkiewicz seconded. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6:** Mike Carreon motioned to authorize for the advertisement of the meeting schedules for 2025 in the newspaper of general circulation. 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 7:42 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenna Boyde". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Respectfully Submitted," text.

Brenna Boyde  
Secretary/Treasurer