

**MINUTES OF THE DARLINGTON TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS MEETING HELD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023**

The Darlington Township Supervisors met on Monday, December 11, 2023 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 7:03 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 Township Budget has been available for the last month in the Secretary's Office. There are no increases in 2024, and the Township has been able to establish capital accounts for each department to replace equipment in the future without loans.

East Palestine train derailment relocation program will be ending in February 2024.

The Community Fund received through the Governor's office will be saved and the interested accrued annually will be utilized to fund both Police Department and Fire Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sherri Mackenstein, daughter of residents on Acorn Lane, shared concerns about contamination of railcars that are stored on the railroad tracks from Cannelton Road to Darlington Road. Also inquired about utilizing the Community Fund to give to the residents in the area.

Bill Shaffer of Oakdale Road had questions about the open Police Chief position and the funding of the Fire Department.

Joe Caler of Oakdale Road had questions regarding the properties on Oakdale Road.

Glenda Tetemanza of Darlington Borough shared concern about speed limit signs and stop signs that are in need of replacement. She also inquired about the status of the code enforcement complaint of a barn on Anderson Road.

TOWNSHIP MINUTES:

Mike Carreon motioned and Greg Houlette seconded to approve the November 13, 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 November 2023 as presented. Motion carried.

BILL LIST:

Mike Carreon motioned and Greg Houlette seconded to authorize the payment of vendors on the December 2023 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: Annual Christmas event on December 16th

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 1: Mike Carreon motioned to approve Resolution 12-2023 fixing the tax rate for the year 2024 to comply with the County wide reassessment. The millage rate will be set at 1.508 dollars on each one thousand dollars of assessed value. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 2: Mike Carreon motioned to adopt the 2024 General Fund Budget as presented. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 3: Mike Carreon motioned to appoint Brian Speer as Chief of Darlington Township Police Department effective December 18, 2023 at a pay rate of \$26.00 per hour. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: Mike Carreon motioned accept the resignation of Part-Time Police Officer Hannah Shepler effective November 27, 2023. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: Mike Carreon motioned to accept the resignation of Full-Time Road Department Equipment Operator Eric Capots effective November 17, 2023. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: Mike Carreon motioned to appoint Marc Youngdahl as Part-Time/Seasonal Road Department Equipment Operator at a pay rate of \$19.96 effective November 1, 2023. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: Mike Carreon motioned to authorize the appropriate Township Officials to sign the Component One Sewage Planning Module for the Davies subdivision on McCaughtry Run Road. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: Mike Carreon motioned to authorize Township Treasurer, Brenna Boyde, to initiate the opening of two separate savings accounts with First National Bank for future capital reserve deposits. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 9: Mike Carreon motioned to authorize the appropriate Township Officials to sign *Election Form UC-1692*. 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 7:42PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenna Boyde
Secretary/Treasurer