



THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WAS HELD BY THE EAST DEER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023, AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE EAST DEER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CREIGHTON, PA.

MR. TALIANI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll: Anthony Taliani-present: Rick Stoneburner- present; Edward Kissel- present; Joseph Novosat- present; John Nwanski-present.

Also in attendance: Secretary - Chrystal M. Carmen - Public Works Supervisor Herman Bertolini - Engineer Mathew Pitsch – Residents - Jacob Gigger, & Bill Mayhugh (347 West 11th Ave Tarentum Pa 15084)

Mr. Taliani motion to recess the East Deer township Regular meeting to go into the Public Meeting on Ordinance No. 846

Mr. Taliani called the meeting to discuss Ordinance No.846. An Ordinance of The Township of East Deer, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the East Deer Zoning Ordinance to provide for the regulation of billboards including electronic billboards within the Township.

Mr. Taliani asked Solicitor Mr. Alexander the procedure that was taken for the Ordinance. Mr. Alexander reported that the Ordinance was prepared and sent to the township planning commission and Allegheny County Planning Commission. Both the Township Planning Commission and the Allegheny County Planning Commission came back with comments. Those comments were incorporated into the ordinance and when that happens you have to go resubmit to both commissions again to make sure that the revisions are acceptable. The Allegheny County Planning Commission came back with some housekeeping within the ordinance that the Planning Commission agreed with the Allegheny County Planning Commission was acceptable. Then the Ordinance now, comes before the board for a public hearing so the public has a chance to comment on the ordinance prior to the adoption. The ordinance was advertised 1 time each for 2 weeks in a row and also advertised to be acted on after the Public Hearing if the board desires to do so.

Mr. Taliani has a question to Mr. Alexander, we gave you some permeators that we wanted to achieve, do you think that this has all been addressed. Mr. Alexander advised absolutely, the biggest thins was not to have billboards in the residential or commercial zoning areas and they are not. The only area in East Deer Township will then be Industrial zone.

Mr. Taliani the asked if there was any questions from the public.

Mr. Bill Mayhugh (347 West 11th Ave Tarentum Pa 15084) – Out of town here. I live in Tarentum on 11th Ave and I can see for miles and I have been trying to stop it. I wanted to see what you guys are doing here different than Tarentum.

Mr. Alexander advised that since we started the process that there is a pending ordinance act that makes sure that nothing can be done while the ordinance is being approved or amended. This is what will need to be followed going forward. We are in a legal action with the ones that are trying to go in now.

Mr. Taliani asked the board if they had any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments. Now being said I adjourn this Public Meeting of Ordinance 846.

Adjourned at 7:37 PM

With adjournment of the public meeting, I would like to call the regular meeting back to order

MINUTES

Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the Board on the meeting minutes from November 2, 2023, meeting. Mr. Stoneburner motioned to approve the minutes that were duly posted by the secretary from the November 2, 2023, meeting. Mr. Kissel second the motion. Mr. Taliani advised that it was regularly motioned and second, any questions or comments, all in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications this evening

BIDS

No bid's this evening.

RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES

Mr. Taliani advised that we do have a few Resolutions this evening that we need to entertain.

- 1) Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board in relation to **Ordinance No. 846** - An Ordinance of The Township of East Deer, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the East Deer Zoning Ordinance to provide for the regulation of billboards within the Township. Mr. Kissel motioned to approve Ordinance No. 846. Mr. Stoneburner second the motion. Mr. Taliani advised that it was regularly motioned and second, any questions or comments, all in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2) Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board in relation to **Ordinance No. 847** An Ordinance of The Township of East Deer, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the Tax Rate for the Year 2024 @ 4.65 Mills. Mr. Taliani advised that this is a reduction of .25. Mr. Novosat motioned to approve the Ordinance no 847. Mr. Stoneburner second the motion. Mr. Taliani advised that it was regularly motioned and second, any questions or comments, all in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board in relation to **Ordinance No. 848** An Ordinance of The Township of East Deer, in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Appropriating the specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the Municipal Government, hereinafter set forth during the Calendar Year 2024. Mr. Stoneburner motioned to approve Ordinance No 848. Mr. Kissel second the motion. Mr. Taliani advised that it was regularly motioned and second, any questions or comments, all in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Nwranski – nothing this evening

Mr. Novosat – nothing this evening

Mr. Kissel – nothing to report other than the committee and Chrystal & Herman did a nice job on light up night.

Mr. Stoneburner – nothing this evening

Mr. Taliani – nothing this evening

OLD BUSINESS

No old business this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Taliani advised that the 2023 Closing meeting and other business for East Deer Township will be held on December 29, 2023 @ 12:00 PM.

Mr. Taliani advised the Mr. Stoneburner will be looking for the new Christmas Decorations with a budget of max \$10,000. Mr. Stoneburner advised that we see what we can do.

Mr. Taliani advised that events for 2024 have been established. Easter Egg Hunt – March 23rd: Trunk or Treat October 26th: and Light Up Night – December 6th. Mr. Taliani advised that the 2 new events were well liked and the volunteers did an outstanding job and we hope to approve as the events go on.

Mr. Stoneburner asked Mr. Taliani to go back to the Christmas decorations and that when we take them down that we are all in agreement that we scrap and throw away what we can. Mr. Taliani advised that is what he thought they were going to be doing. Mr. Stoneburner just want to make sure.

Mr. Taliani wanted to discuss the guidelines for towing in East Deer Township. We have always advised our police to alternate between Terry Lilly Towing Service and Bastin Towing Service. There is a situation that has come up that legal counsel of the Allegheny Valley Regional Police Department has recommended that our officers have no interaction with Mr. Bastin. Not because of his service is doing nothing wrong but a legal suit he has filed with Cheswick Boro and the Chief of Police. In this day of age police should not have to worry about who to call, Intention of the municipality id to get the accident cleaned and hauled away as soon as possible. I think going forward from today we should only utilize one vendor so there is no confusion and no complaints. Terry Lilly Towing will handle all towing for East Deer Township. Rick, you're the Chairman of the Police Committie is that basically what our solicitor advised. Mr. Stoneburner advised that this is correct, our officers should have no contact with Bastin while the litigation is going on. So, at this point officers should not have to worry who they are calling in. If the person has a request the officers will honor the request other than that. Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board for going solely with Terry's Towing for all accidents in East Deer Township. Mr. Stoneburner motioned to approve the use of Terry's Towing for all accidents in East Deer Township. Mr. Novosat second the motion. Mr. Taliani advised that has been regularly motioned and second, any questions or comments, all in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Taliani advised that with the Brewery and Distiller there has been a lot of activities at the facilities. Having done research on municipalities that have entertainment they all have a unformal have a amusement tax. I believe that East Deer Township should enact an amusement tax concerning events within the township that will be occurring. I have reviewed Pittsburgh, and it is a little over kill. I did see on from Erie PA that I think we would benefit from. I would like to see us do some more research and enact one in January for the amusement tax for East Deer Township. Exclusions would be High School and charitable events. It can be a flat fee or a percentage. I think a 5% would be good, it would be added to the ticket and the event holder would need to collect and then send to the Township. I think that it is logical we for they will be having an event of 6000 to 7000 people.

Mr. Taliani advised that we will be holding our Reorganization Meeting January 4, 2024, at 7:30 PM with the Monthly Meeting immediately following. Magistrate Bengal will be here at 7 PM to sewar in the reelected and newly incoming Commissioners. Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board. Mr. Stoneburner motioned to hold the 2024 Reorganization meeting on January 4th, 2024, at 7:30 PM. Mr. Novosat second the motion. Mr. Taliani advised that it has been regularly motioned and second, any questions or comments, all in favor say I. Motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Mr. Taliani asked the wish of the board on the monthly bills presented by the Township Secretary. Mr. Novosat motioned to approve this month's bills presented by the township secretary. Mr. Kissel 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Taliani did ask that we start giving a breakdown of the credit cards.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Nwranski motioned to Adjourn. Mr. Stoneburner 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting Adjourned: 8:02 PM

Board Chairman

Township Secretary