

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:05 P.M. Attending were Chairman Alan Keiser, Vice Chairman Joshua Stouch, Solicitor Robert Brant, Josh Hagadorn of G&A, Pete Hiryak, Andrew Duncan, Cynthia O'Donnell, Mike Heydt, and approximately 33 residents.

Mr. Keiser led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Several reporters were present at this evenings meeting. Mr. Keiser announced that there was an Executive Session this evening from 6:00pm-6:38pm involving personnel matters. No decisions or votes were taken. Mr. Keiser announced that Mr. Kuklinski is excused from tonight's meeting.

Mr. Keiser asked if there were any additions, corrections, or comments to the minutes of the February 4th, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the minutes of the February 4th, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Keiser asked if there were any questions, comments, or corrections to the February 19th, 2019 Board of Supervisors Agenda, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the February 19th, 2019 Board of Supervisors Agenda. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Gilbertsville Fire Police – Oath of Office Ceremony

Judge Maurice Saylor administered the Oath of Office to Don Frantz, Jim Scott, Eric Bauer, Bryan Beaulac, Lawrence Bandura, Rick Smith, Andy Duncan, E J Henninger, McKenna Powanda, Matt Weller, Josh Stouch, and Nick Bardman as Special Fire Police for Douglass Township.

Special Presentation from the Board of Supervisors – The Board of Supervisors presented Harvey Price an engraved Bronze Fire Bell for 54 years of dedicated service as Captain of the Special Fire Police for Douglass Township, Montgomery County.

Gilbertsville Area Community Ambulance

Ms. Morrell presented the January 2019 GACAS Report. 71 patients transported, 4 public assists, 6 Unit Assist, 8 canceled (no patient contact), 5 canceled (prior to arrival at the scene), 4 canceled on scene/no patient found, 1 patient dead on scene-no resuscitation attempted (without transport), 1 patient dead on scene resuscitation attempted (without transport), 4 patient evaluated no treatment/transport required, 9 patient refused evaluation/care without transport, 2 patient treated released AMA, 2 patient treated transported by private vehicle, and 3 fire standby for a total of 120 calls for service. Service by Municipality: 50 Douglass Twp, 28 New Hanover, 13 Upper Pottsgrove, 4 Pottstown, 5 Upper Frederick, 1 Amity, 10 Boyertown Borough, 6 Colebrookdale, 2 Douglass Berks, and 1 Earl. No questions or comments were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser to accept the GACAS Reports as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Fire & Rescue Report – Chief Rick Smith

Chief Smith gave the Fire & Rescue Report for January 2019: 1 fire, 1 vehicle fire, 1 brush/trash fire, 3 fire alarms/CO2 alarm, 1 medivac landing, 2 EMS assists, 4 vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle rescue, 2 investigations, 3 fire police, and 7 assists to other depts for a total of 26. Eight members started legal concepts for fire police. The fire company escorted Santa Claus through Douglass. Fire Marshal Report: Chief Smith gave a year-end report stating there was a total of 2 fire investigations for a fire estimated at \$40,000 and 7 fire safety building inspections. Chief Smith gave a brief overview of the 2018 Annual Report of the Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue Company. No questions were asked.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser to accept the Fire & Rescue Report and the Fire Marshal Report as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Police Department-Chief Barry Templin

January Statistics: 358 calls for service, 6 reportable accidents, 15 non-reportable accidents, 15 criminal investigations, 6 criminal arrests, 12 traffic citations (paper), 19 e-citations, 7 non-traffic citations, and 1 parking ticket.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch to accept the Police Report as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Engineer's Report – Josh Hagadorn, Gilmore & Associates

Mr. Hagadorn stated that he attended a Zern Tract staff meeting and the Patriot Buick project is ongoing. No questions were asked.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch to accept the Engineer's Report as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Solicitor's Report – Robert Brant

Mix Use Overlay Ordinance – The P/A has been working on some text amendments to this ordinance to permit a mixed use development in some instances. The P/A has already recommended and “worked through” this ordinance with the developer and a public hearing will need to be held at a future date. Authorization for Advertisement is needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser for Authorization for Advertisement for a public hearing by Solicitor Brant. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Landscape Ordinance (BOS Review Only) – a presentation of this ordinance will be given by Maggie Dobbs of the MCPC at Board meeting.

Fireworks Restriction Ordinance – Letter from Bob Brant's Office explaining the restrictions (for review only). A municipality cannot ban fireworks however you can place restrictions on them. Manager Hiryak asked the ESB Board to also review the ordinance to provide their input. No questions were given.

Applications which are pending but inactive:

Danny Jake – Hallowell - inactive 2 years

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch to accept the Solicitor's Report as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Open Space/Recreation Meeting – Roger Updegrove

Mr. Updegrove stated that he gave By Laws to the Manager for the Open Space/Rec Committee, Mr. Hiryak stated that he will forward them to the Supervisors for review. Mr. Updegrove stated that the committee have been discussing the fish rodeo plans, flyers are needed, Mr. Hiryak stated that he will get a draft of the flyer however he will need to know the number of students for each elementary school. The Rodeo will be on April 27th, 2019 at the Mashintonio Farm on Linsenbeidler Road. The committee asked for permission to secure someone to sing the National Anthem from the school, the Board had no issues with the committee contacting a student to sing the Anthem. Mr. Updegrove asked for the Fire Company and Ambulance to be there, the Township banners are needed. Someone has already agreed to supply the water, soda, and ice. Mr. Mashintonio has a contact for the fish, it may be cheaper than where we got them last year, Mr. Hiryak said he will look into it. The manager said the Township will get the port-a-potties, flyers, condiments, set up trash/recycling containers and help where it is needed to set up for the rodeo. No questions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch to accept the Open Space/Rec Committee as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Highway Report- Mike Heydt

Mr. Heydt stated that the road crew salted and plowed the roads from the recent winter weather, repaired potholes, graded dirt roads, repaired signs, and are now preparing for the next storm. Mr. Frantz commented that more equipment is going through Cross Road and Rick Road to the new development in Upper Pottsgrove, Mr. Heydt said he would call Upper Pottsgrove Township and look into the issue.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch to accept the Highway Report as given. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Recycling Report – Andrew Duncan

Mr. Duncan reported that the 2017 904 Recycling Grant was received in the amount of \$19,626.00. This is for recycling tonnages that are collected curbside and from commercial businesses. The 2004 ODB Leaf Vacuum was sold on Municibid to Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County. We received a high bid of \$5,600.00, this money will need to be returned to the DEP 902 recycling fund because this unit was purchased with state grant funding. Advanced Disposal has advised that they will begin collecting Wednesday trash and recycling at around 4am to beat the forecasted storm. Have your trash and recycling out earlier than 4am. Thursday trash and recycling will be uninterrupted at this time however please keep it back from the curb until the snowplows have been through your communities. No questions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser to accept the Recycling Report as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Cynthia O'Donnell

The Treasurer stated that the total bills to be paid for February 2019 total \$222,535.24.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch for authorization to pay the February 2019 Unpaid Bills in the amount of \$222,535.24. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Manager's Report - Pete Hiryak

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Monday, March 4th, 2019 BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm. Thursday March 14th P/A Workshop @ 6pm, P/A Meeting @ 7pm.
2. Zern Tract Staff Meeting – Financial Documents, Developers Agreement discussions Monday February 25th, 2019 @ 2:30pm. No questions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch to accept the Manager's Report as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Public Comment

No comments were given.

Old Business/New Business

No old business or new business was given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

The next Board of Supervisor's Meeting will be held on Monday, March 4th, 2019 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler