

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:06 P.M. Attending were Chairman Josh Stouch, Vice Chairman Tom Wynne, Supervisor Alan Keiser, Solicitor Robert Brant, Khal Hassan of Pennoni, Pete Hiryak, Mike Heydt, Andrew Duncan, Chief Templin, and approximately 19 residents/developers.

Mr. Stouch led in the Pledge of Allegiance. A reporter was present at this evenings meeting. Mr. Stouch announced that an Executive Session was held tonight prior to the meeting from approximately 6:00pm to 6:45pm involving real estate matters. No decisions or votes were taken.

Mr. Stouch asked if there were any additions, corrections, or comments to the minutes of October 19th, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch to approve the minutes of the October 19th, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stouch asked if there were any questions, comments, or corrections to the November 2nd, 2020 Board of Supervisors Agenda, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the November 2nd, 2020 Board of Supervisors Agenda as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Solicitor's Report – Robert Brant, Esq.

Fire Company Building & Property Update – Mr. Brant stated that a lot consolidation plan was prepared by Gorski Engineering and formally filed with the Township, and has been reviewed by Pennoni Engineering. This will be processed like a formal lot consolidation plan and proceed to the Planning Agency and the Montgomery County Planning Commission for approvals and ultimately be approved by Resolution of the Board of Supervisors prior to recording.

2021 Emergency Service Tax Resolution – Mr. Brant stated that a proposed Fire Company Tax Resolution is before the Board for support. Mr. Stouch stated that the intent is to return the fire company property back to the fire company. The Fire Company plans to build a new combined fire company and police department facility. Fundraising because of COVID has taken a downward turn so we are proposing a tax for emergency services, the assessment of the existing building was it could not be saved. Mr. Stouch made a motion for an Emergency Services Tax of .4mills for the Fire Company. Mr. Keiser stated that the other concerning factor considered was that there was only a 13% return from the fundraising letters sent out by the Fire Company, and Mr. Wynne added that we talked about a .4mills tax however after the Fire Company is up and running he would like to revisit this again.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser for adoption of Resolution No. 11022020-01 for an Emergency Services Tax in the amount of .4mills under the condition that after the Fire Company is up & running the Board would re-evaluate if determined necessary. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Brant stated that this tax resolution would be used to maintain fire apparatus and the facility. Mr. Brant stated that we are also looking into funding for the Gilbertsville Area Community Ambulance Service.

Niehls, Wild Run Rd, R-1 (2-lot) Minor Subdivision (P/A recommended approval of waivers & plan) - Mr. Tabakelis from All County and Associates gave a brief overview of the proposed 2-lot minor subdivision stating that Lot 1 consists of a proposed 2 acres of land containing an existing residential dwelling, on-lot septic system, well, and its own driveway; Lot 2 consists of the remaining 21.04 net acres of land, containing an existing residential dwelling, existing storage barn, 2 existing equipment barns, existing shed, existing livestock housing, exiting driveway, on-lot septic system, well, and existing driveway. Mr. Hassan of Pennoni went over the waiver requests from SALDO: Section 405 Street Design Standards – Cartway 28 feet, the existing cartway is 17 feet

along Wild Run Road – Mr. Hassan stated that the waiver is in line as there would be no improvement; Section 424.1.A Sidewalk Location, Design, and Construction – Mr. Hassan stated that this waiver is in line as there are no sidewalks along Wild Run Road and no improvements will be made; Section 425.1 Concrete Curbs – Mr. Hassan stated that the waiver is in line as no improvements will be made with the exception of the proposed back-up septic system, no other structures will be added.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Wynne to authorize the preparation of the Final Plan & Waiver Approval for the Niehls 2-Lot Minor Subdivision Plan for 107 Wild Run Road. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

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

Manager's Report - Pete Hiryak

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Thursday, November 12th, 2020 P/A Meeting @ 7pm, Act 209 Committee @ 6pm on 11/12/2020 the manager will contact members. Monday, November 16th, 2020 BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm.
2. Douglass Township Voting Locations for the General Election on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020 District #1 – Remains at Shepherd of The Hills Church, 527 Hoffmansville Rd., Bechtelsville PA 19505 District #2 – (Formerly E.C. Trinity Church) Changed to Shepherd of The Hills Church, 527 Hoffmansville Rd, Bechtelsville PA 19505 Districts #3 & #4 – (Formerly Gilbertsville Fire Company) Changed to Tri-County Bible Church, 142 Buchert Rd, Gilbertsville PA 19525.
3. 2021 Budget Meetings – Monday 11/23 and Monday 11/30/2020 – the manager stated that the meetings are being conducted with the department heads and the public meetings will be scheduled for Monday 11/23 and Monday 11/30/2020 at 5pm. The Board gave authorization to advertise the public budget meetings.

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

Public Comment

A resident asked if anyone is attending the voting locations, Mr. Stouch said that Montgomery County is in charge of the voting areas however he & Mr. Duncan will be monitoring both voting locations. Mr. Hiryak stated that the Township visited the site with the County Election Board and the property should meet the requirements to replace the fire company voting location. Mr. Duncan announced that Fire Police are assisting with traffic to Tri-County Bible Church throughout the day. No other comments were given.

Old Business/New Business

Mr. Stouch asked for Mr. Brant to review Fireman's Association Act 91, Mr. Brant stated that he would be happy to take a look at it. No other old business/new business was given.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

The next Board of Supervisor's Meeting will be held on Monday, November 16th, 2020 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler