

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, Wendy McKenna from Robert Brant & Associates, Allison Lee of Pennoni & Associates, Pete Hiryak, Andrew Duncan, Mike Heydt, Chief Templin, and approximately 23 residents/developers.

Mr. Stouch led in the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that an Executive Session was held tonight prior to the meeting from approximately 6:00pm to 6:50pm involving personnel and real estate matters. No decisions or votes were taken. A reporter was present for the meeting. The meeting room was set up for social distancing, proper PPE was used by the public.

Chief Templin provided some background information on Sgt. Evans stating that Bob served in the US Army before taking a job with the Colebrookdale Police Department in 2003. He joined our police department in 2006. In 2010 Bob was promoted to Corporal and in 2012 he became the head of the Criminal Investigations Unit as lead Detective and serves in this capacity to this day. He has been with our police department for fifteen years serving nine of those years as Corporal/Detective. Bob was promoted to Sergeant at the Board of Supervisors Re-Organization meeting on January 4th, 2021.

Swearing In Ceremony – District Justice Maurice Saylor performed The Oath of Office for Sgt. Robert Evans who was recently promoted from Detective/Corporal. Sgt. Evans recited the Oath of Office in the presence of his family. After completion of the Oath of Office Ceremony Sgt. Evans thanked the Douglass Township Police Department, Chief Barry Templin, and the Board of Supervisors for their support.

Mr. Stouch asked if there were any additions, corrections, or comments to the minutes of January 4th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the minutes of the January 4th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Reorganization Meeting. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stouch asked if there were any questions, comments, or corrections to the January 19th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Agenda, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Wynne to approve the January 19th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Agenda as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

GF&R and GACAS Reports – Written reports were submitted.

Police Department Report – Chief Templin

A written report was submitted for December 2020 Statistics and 2020 Annual Report. Manager Hiryak stated that he has received complaints of speeding on Detar Road and asked Chief Templin if the police could take the Speed Buggy there and record the speeds and also asked the police to make sure all speed limit signs are in place in the Douglass Estates and Cobblestone Crossing Developments.

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

Treasurer's Report (Authorization to pay the bills) – Peter Hiryak

Manager Hiryak stated that the bills to be paid as of January 19th, 2021 total \$182,015.38, no questions were given on the bills. Copies of the full report are available in the lobby.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Wynne authorization to pay the Unpaid Bills as of January 19th, 2021 in the amount of \$182,015.38. Keiser-Aye, Wynne-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Manager's Report - Pete Hiryak

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Monday February 1st, 2021 BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm, Thursday February 11th, 2021 P/A Meeting @ 7pm, No Workshop Scheduled.
2. Stafy Tract Phase II Escrow Release #1 (\$195,521.13) – Manager Hiryak stated that both Pennoni Engineering and Mr. Brant's Office reviewed the escrow release request and recommended this amount to be released.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Keiser, based on the recommendation of the Solicitor & Engineer, approved the Stafy Tract Phase II Escrow Release #1 in the amount of \$195,521.13. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

3. Fire Company Lot Consolidation Presentation 2/01/2021 (P/A & MCPC recommended approval) – The manager stated that Allison Lee & Gorski Engineering will give a presentation at the February 1st, 2021 meeting.
4. Trash/Recycling Program Change-over Update – Mr. Duncan stated that on January 4th, 2021 the new trash/recycling system was implemented. We are in week three of collection and we are working on additions & deletions, the missed collection calls are down considerably. All in all, the transition is on schedule. Mr. Kolb asked about bulk stickers, Mr. Duncan stated that no stickers are needed with this system and everyone gets one free bulk item pick up on the first full week of every month. Any additional bulk items have to be scheduled through Advanced/Waste Management. Mrs. Parks from Falcon Court stated that the totes are huge, she is paying double for this service and bulk is not free. When will the contract end, Mr. Duncan replied that the contract is for five years guaranteed @ \$77.25/quarterly including the recycling center services. Mr. Stouch said that the tote size is the standard size, the haulers have found that people with smaller totes tend to place additional trash outside of the can that cannot be picked up by the mechanical arm. Mr. Stouch also noted that in New Hanover Township haulers are billing at \$78.00/quarterly with no extra recycling services and subject to price increases. 2010 Census Data helped determine that 65% of families average 3 or more people per household with the cost associated with trash disposal & collection. No company wanted to bid on the bag system, it was too labor intensive and too dangerous for collection, you would not get collection cheaper because this is for a quoted 3300 homes guaranteed for 5 years at \$77.25/quarterly. This also helps prevent wear & tear of multiple trash trucks on the roadways. Laura from Gilbertsville asked how many bids did you receive for the contract, Mr. Duncan said 5 haulers responded with bids and it was awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Laura stated she takes her trash to her sister's house, Mr. Stouch said that there has been an ordinance in place for 30 years that the residents are to use the system that the Township puts in place rejecting these totes does not stop the bill, you would be placed into payment default by the trash company. Mr. Duncan stated that most municipalities tax their residents for trash collection, our contract expired on December 31st, 2020. It was determined that it costs \$6.00 per house to service the trash & recycling we held the cost for 12 years with the bag system and it was not sustaining itself, \$5 per quarter per household comes back to the Township to cover the costs of the recycling center with 3 part time workers. Mrs. Parks asked what is a responsible bidder, Ms. McKenna explained when a municipality puts out a bid they require references, liability, and financial information to determine if the bidder can meet all requirements to perform the service, if not the bid could be rejected, a municipality must provide waste disposal & recycling for the Township. Ms. Eisenhard from Aspen Lane asked for copies of the minutes for when this mandate was discussed and not just thrown at you, the manager stated that meeting minutes are on the website however he will make copies for her to pick up. She complained of how horrible in looks on E. Phila Ave and you can't walk on the sidewalks and her 96-year-old mother can't afford the cost. Mr. Stouch commented that we most certainly tried to look into all issues, we have to do what is right for the entire municipality. We can't provide an individual service for each person we can only do what is best for the municipality as a whole. The manager stated that in order to have smaller

bins people would have to buy them at \$100 and it would take 6-10 weeks to order smaller totes and the cost would still be the same for the service & disposal. We knew that when the contract ended the cost of service was going to increase, a lot of residents were taking trash to work or to other places however still using the recycling services. Ms. Eisenhard asked what do I do with the trash bags since she missed the date for returning leftover bags, Mr. Stouch stated that we will not be buying back the remaining bags, we do not have a reimbursement program for unused packs, you may use them in the totes. No other questions were given on the manager's report.

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

Old Business/New Business

Ms. Eisenhard asked if Gilmore & Associates were still the Township Engineers, the manager replied that Pennoni Engineering is now the appointed Township Engineer. The resident also stated that she has had a water issue and no one will give an answer of how it can be resolved. The manager stated that any resolution would be expensive, there are no easy fixes and work would have to be done on private property and adding to the problem, the water flows from Douglass Township into a wetland in New Hanover Township. The Township's priority is to handle issues with bridges, ditches, swales & cross pipes along our roadways. Time and money for our 80 plus miles of roadway infrastructure must be first. The resident stated that New Hanover keeps building and water is continually coming through storm drains, am I responsible for everyone's water. Mr. Stouch stated that one way or another we will see what the end result will be and she will be notified of what we can or can't do. No other old business/new business was given.

Public Comment

No comments were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Wynne to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

The next Board of Supervisor's Meeting will be held on Monday, February 1st, 2021 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler

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Gilbertsville Ambulance Chief of Operations Report

January 2021

Call Volume for December 2020

<u>131</u> Total for month	<u>1339</u> Total Year to Date
<u>86</u> Patients Transported	<u>6</u> Patient Evaluated/No treatment or transport
<u>8</u> Public Assist	<u>7</u> Patient Refusal
<u>2</u> Unit Assist	<u>1</u> Patient treated and released
<u>18</u> Cancelled	<u> </u> Patient treated transported by another EMS Agency
<u>1</u> Dead on Scene	<u>2</u> Standby

131 Total calls for service for the month

Calls for service by Municipality

<u>45</u> Douglass Township	<u> </u> Amity Township
<u>31</u> New Hanover Twp	<u> </u> Bally Borough
<u>5</u> Upper Pottsgrove Twp	<u>1</u> Bechtelsville Boro
<u> </u> East Greenville Boro	<u>23</u> Boyertown Boro
<u> </u> Limerick Twp	<u>7</u> Colebrookdale Twp
<u> </u> Lower Frederick Twp	<u>3</u> Douglass Berks
<u> </u> Lower Pottsgrove Twp	<u>1</u> Earl Township
<u> </u> Pennsburg Boro	<u> </u> Hereford Twp
<u>12</u> Pottstown Boro	<u> </u> Oley Twp
<u> </u> Red Hill Boro	<u> </u> Washington Twp
<u>3</u> Upper Frederick Twp	<u> </u> Other
<u> </u> Upper Hanover Twp	
<u> </u> West Pottsgrove Twp	<u>131</u> Total Calls by Municipality
<u>96</u> Total Montgomery County	<u>35</u> Total Berks County

Admission Summary

55 Pottstown Hospital
 Grand View Health
15 Lehigh Valley Hospital
 Penn State Health-St. Joseph's
 4 Phoenixville Hospital
10 Reading Hospital
 2 St. Luke's Upper Bucks
 Other
86 TOTAL ADMISSIONS

Call Volume by Unit

 35 332-1
 91 332-2
 3 332-3
 2 Chief
 Other
131 Total Volume

Response Locations

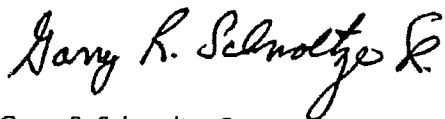
 90 Home/ Residence
 2 Assisted Living
 11 Nursing Home
 9 Place of Business
 Police/Jail
 School
 12 Street or Highway
 Urgent Care
 1 Industrial Place
 6 Other
131 Total Response Locations

EMS calls By Shift

 48 0600-1800
 83 1800-0600
131 TOTAL

Holiday Light Show
2021 Membership mailed 12/20
Standby Sgt. Moyer's retirement escort

Respectfully Submitted,



Garry R. Schmolze Sr.
Chief of Operations



Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue Company

Monthly Fire Report

December 2020

Incidents by type:

111 - Building fire: 4

118 - Trash/Rubbish Fire: 1

131 - Vehicle fire: 1

142 - Brush/Field Fire: 3

162 - Electrical Fire Outside: 1

311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew: 5

322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries: 1

424 - Carbon Monoxide Incidents: 2

551 - Assist police or other governmental agency: 4 (Fire Police Call)

745 - Fire alarm: 3

911 - Citizen Complaint: 1

Total Incidents for December 2020: 26

Fire Company in Service Time: 73 hours, 33 minutes

Total Calls for the year: 288

Fire Company in Service Time Year to Date: 1021 Hours, 13 Minutes

Response per Municipality:

Douglass Township Montgomery: 15

Upper Pottsgrove: 2

Boyertown (Berks County): 1

Eastern Berks: 3

Colebrookdale Township (Berks County): 3

East Greenville Borough: 1

Earl Township (Berks County): 1

Training:

Engineers night / Equipment Checks

Social Media and Public Relations Training

Hazmat Operations Annual Refresher

Driver training continuing

Events:

Santa Run on Sunday December 20, 2020 began at 9:00am and ended at 2:45pm. This year we were not able to hand out candy canes or stop to make contact with the public due to COVID19. Rather than cancel this event, we were still able to bring some Christmas cheer to the community with escorting Santa through the township.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew A. Duncan
Chief of Fire Operations
Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue