



Douglass Township, Montgomery County

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AGENDA – July 19th, 2021

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of Silence – In memory of E. William “Bill” Zern, Longtime Douglass Township Resident, Firefighter, Business Owner, and Planning Agency Member.
4. BOS Executive Session
5. Minutes of June 21st, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting
 - a. Additions, corrections, motion for approval
 - b. Agenda for July 19th, 2021– additions, corrections, motion for approval.
6. Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy 2021 MS-4 Grant Award -Ryan Beltz & Beth Myers
7. Emergency Service Reports
 1. GF&R and GACAS – Written report submitted, copies in lobby
 2. Emergency Service Building Update
8. Police Department Report – Chief Templin
9. Zoning Hearing Board Decision – Niehls Wild Run Road R-1 (Minimum Lot Size Relief from 2 acres to 1.32 acres) - Approved with conditions.
10. Solicitor Report – Robert Brant, Esq.
 - a. Hallowell Phase I - 15 Lots Agreements/Escrows submitted, pending final plan for signatures and payment of outstanding invoices.
 - b. 303/305 Gilbertsville Road, 16 Lots – Draft Final Resolution submitted for review, pending payment of outstanding invoices. (August 16th)
 - c. Boyertown Landfill – Code Violations Pending (after file review is completed)
 - d. Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement (Douglass Township & New Hanover Twp)
11. Public Works Department Report – Michael Heydt
12. Treasurer’s Report – Peter Hiryak
 - a. Authorization to pay the Bills. (BOS Approval Required)
13. Manager’s Report – Peter Hiryak
 1. Schedule of Meetings
 - a. Thursday August 12th, 2021 P/A @ 7pm, No Workshop Scheduled, Monday August 16th, 2021 BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm.
 - b. Zern Tract Phase I – Escrow Release Request #15 (\$295,461.21)

- c. Limerick Fire Department – Annual Fireman’s Parade (100 Years of Service)
Fire Police Request for 9/25/2021.
 - d. Congo Road Bridge Replacement – PennDot Received Bids 7/15 will review
and award. Starting date T.B.D.
- 14. Old Business/New Business
 - 1. Noise Ordinance (Draft Ordinance for staff review)
- 15. Public Comment
- 16. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING 7PM MONDAY AUGUST 16TH, 2021

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:04P.M. Attending were Vice Chairman Tom Wynne, Supervisor Alan Keiser, Solicitor Robert Brant, Khal Hassan of Pennoni & Associates, Pete Hiryak, Andrew Duncan, Mike Heydt, Chief Templin, and approximately 10 residents/developers.

Mr. Wynne led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Wynne asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of E. William "Bill" Zern, longtime Douglass Township Resident, Firefighter, Business Owner, and Planning Agency Member. Vice Chairman Wynne announced that an Executive Session was held tonight prior to the meeting from approximately 6:00pm to 6:40pm involving real estate, litigation, and personnel matters. No decisions or votes were taken. The meeting room was set up for modified social distancing. A reporter was present at the meeting.

Mr. Wynne asked if there were any additions, corrections, or comments to the minutes of June 21st, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Wynne to approve the minutes of the June 21st, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Keiser-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

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

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

GF&R and GACAS Reports – Written reports for June 2021 were submitted to the Board of Supervisors and available in the lobby.

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy 2021 MS-4 Grant Award – Beth Myers & Ryan Beltz

Ms. Myers gave a presentation about the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy. Ms. Myers stated that the Conservancy is a non-profit organization since 1964 geared to conserve & protect 362 square miles of waterways and also provides Outreach Events, Environmental Education, and Conservation Projects. Douglass Township has been awarded a Grant for a project that will entail retrofitting an existing Douglass Park stormwater basin along with the installation of an educational sign. The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy has created a planting plan for the garden and will recruit and oversee volunteers during the planting as well as perform necessary maintenance in the three years following installation, Douglass Township will provide assistance as needed as well as any soil excavation required. For more information on the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy go to www.perkiomenwatershed.org No questions were given.

Emergency Services Building Update – Fire Chief Andrew Duncan announced that the demolition of the old firehouse has been completed and a level surface has been excavated. We are looking at the end of July beginning of August for the concrete footers and pad to be installed, the steel structure is scheduled to start in September.

Police Department Report – Chief Templin

June 2021 Statistics: 341 calls for service, 1 vacation notice, 5 reportable accidents, 13 non-reportable accidents, 3 investigations, 1 criminal arrest, 1 paper citation, 104 e-citations, 4 non-traffic citations, and 0 parking tickets. Mr. Kolb asked Chief Templin on the status of the bridge on E. Philadelphia Avenue, the manager stated that PennDot was doing work on the bridge last week and Mr. Duncan stated that PennDot was working on the bridge today. No word on when netting would be installed on the bridge. No other questions were given.

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

Zoning Hearing Board – Niehls, 107 Wild Run Road R-1 (Minimum Lot Size Relief from 2 acres to 1.32 acres) Granted with the conditions that there should be an alternate septic site location, there should be language on the plan that the owner of this lot will be aware there is a working cattle farm directly behind their rear yard, and some type of buffering between the properties should be included in the subdivision proposal. Mr. Wynne announced that both the Planning Agency & Board of Supervisors were in support of this proposal.

Solicitor Report – Robert Brant, Esq.

Hallowell Phase I – 15 lots – Agreements/Escrows submitted, pending final Plan for signatures and payment of outstanding invoices. Awaiting NPDES Transfer.

303/305 Gilbertsville Road, 16 Lots – Draft Final Resolution submitted for review, pending review of additional environmental soil and water testing. (August 16th).

Boyertown Landfill – Code Violations Pending (after file review is completed).

Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement (Douglass Township & New Hanover Twp) – Mr. Brant stated that the proposed agreement has been sent to Mr. Heydt for review.

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

Public Works Department – Michael Heydt

Mr. Heydt stated that the dirt roads have been regraded, helped McKenna work on the basketball courts & install safety edging in Park, cleaned up downed trees, re-cut ditches and replaced drainage pipe on Paper Mill Road, and continued roadside mowing. Mr. Heydt plans to start the Bow Lane paving project the week of August 1st and hopefully repair Fourth Street before school begins. No questions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Keiser to accept the Highway Department Report as presented. Keiser-Aye, 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 July 19th, 2021 is \$282,879.90. Copies of the full report are available in the lobby.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Wynne for authorization to pay the Unpaid Bills as of July 19th, 2021 in the amount of \$282,879.90. Keiser-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Manager's Report - Pete Hiryak

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Thursday August 12th, 2021 P/A Meeting @ 7pm, No Workshop Scheduled. Monday August 16th, 2021 BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm. The Planning Agency Meeting for July 8th, 2021 was cancelled.
2. Escrow Release Requests:
 - a. Zern Phase I – Release #15 (\$295,461.21)

Based on the observations of the work performed, Pennoni Engineering recommended release #15 for Zern Tract Phase I.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve Escrow Release #15 for Zern Tract Phase I in the amount of \$295,461.21 as recommended by Pennoni Engineering based on the work performed. Keiser-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

3. Limerick Fire Department – Annual Fireman's Parade (100 Years of Service) – Fire Police Request for 9/25/2021 – Chief Duncan stated that Limerick is hosting the Fireman's Association of Pennsylvania

Convention, it is a 4-day event and this year it is celebrating 100 Years of Service. A parade is scheduled for 9/25/2021 which is why they are requesting fire police assistance.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve authorization for Douglass Township Fire Police to assist Limerick Fire Department on 9/25/2021 for the Annual Fireman's Parade (100 Years of Service). Wynne-Aye, Keiser-Aye. Motion passed.

4. Congo Road Bridge Replacement – PennDot received bids on 7/15/2021 for the bridge replacement, they will review all bids and award the bid. Starting date T.B.D. No questions were given.

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

Old Business/New Business

Noise Ordinance – Mr. Brant stated that a draft noise ordinance has been forwarded to the Board for review, some Municipalities have a basic ordinance, other Municipalities have an involved ordinance which requires training, equipment, and hiring personnel for enforcement. Mr. Brant suggested to research prior noise complaint issues in Douglass Township to see what would apply within the draft ordinance.

Public Comment

Mr. Updegrave questioned why the Wild Run Road variance was granted for under 2 acres and do they think it will cause issues with more appeals for under two acres subdivisions. Mr. Wynne stated that he does not believe it will cause more appeals, the property involved in this appeal is a working cattle farm and the subdivision separated the property in a more realistic subdivision to protect the farm and the rights of the separated lot. Mr. Brant stated that the property did not gain financially, it will be less impact on the farming operation to separate from the existing house. Mr. Hiryak stated this is a preserved farm and the County Farm Preservation Bureau reviewed the application and agreed with this proposal.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Wynne to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. Keiser-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

The next Board of Supervisor's Meeting will be held on Monday, August 16th, 2021 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler

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Gilbertsville Ambulance Chief of Operations Report August 2021

Call Volume for July

<u>125</u> Total for month	<u>872</u> Total Year to Date
<u>80</u> Patients Transported	<u>4</u> Patient Evaluated/No treatment or transport
<u>4</u> Public Assist	<u>6</u> Patient Refusal
<u> </u> Unit Assist	<u>2</u> Patient treated and released
<u>23</u> Cancelled	<u>2</u> Patient treated transported by another EMS Agency
<u>1</u> Dead on Scene	<u>3</u> Standby

125 Total calls for service for the month

Calls for service by Municipality

<u>48</u> Douglass Township	<u> </u> Amity Township
<u>30</u> New Hanover Twp	<u> </u> Bally Borough
<u>11</u> Upper Pottsgrove Twp	<u>1</u> Bechtelsville Boro
<u> </u> East Greenville Boro	<u>17</u> Boyertown Boro
<u> </u> North Coventry	<u>3</u> Colebrookdale Twp
<u> </u> Lower Frederick Twp	<u>3</u> Douglass Berks
<u> </u> Lower Pottsgrove Twp	<u> </u> Earl Township
<u>1</u> Pennsburg Boro	<u> </u> Hereford Twp
<u>6</u> Pottstown Boro	<u> </u> Oley Twp
<u>1</u> Red Hill Boro	<u> </u> Washington Twp
<u>2</u> Upper Frederick Twp	<u>1</u> Other
<u>1</u> Upper Hanover Twp	
<u> </u> West Pottsgrove Twp	
	<u>125</u> Total Calls by Municipality
<u>100</u> Total Montgomery County	<u>25</u> Total Berks County

Admission Summary

59 Pottstown Hospital
1 Grand View Health
14 Lehigh Valley Hospital
 Penn State Health-St. Joseph's
1 Phoenixville Hospital
3 Reading Hospital
2 St. Luke's Upper Bucks
1 Other
81 TOTAL ADMISSIONS

Call Volume by Unit

10 332-1
71 332-2
43 332-3
1 Chief
 Other
125 Total Volume

Response Locations

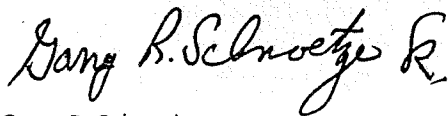
83 Home/ Residence
4 Assisted Living
7 Nursing Home
7 Place of Business
 Police/Jail
 School
15 Street or Highway
 Urgent Care
1 Industrial Place
8 Other

EMS calls By Shift

75 0600-1800
50 1800-0600
125 TOTAL

125 Total Response Locations

Respectfully Submitted,



Garry R. Scholtze Sr.
Chief of Operations



Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue Company

Monthly Fire Report

July 2021

Incidents by type:

111 - Building fire: 3

118 - Trash or Rubbish Fire: 1

311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew: 4

322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries: 1

352 - Vehicle Rescue: 1

412 - Gas Leak: 1

551 - Assist police or other governmental agency: 3 (Fire Police Call)

571 - Standby / Relocate: 1

743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire: unintentional: 6

911 - Citizen Complaint: 1

Total Incidents for July 2021: 22

Fire Company in Service Time: 55 hours, 28 minutes

Calls Year to Date: 151

Fire Company in Service Time Year to Date: 468 hours, 2 minutes

Response per Municipality:

Douglass Township Montgomery: 13

Pennsburg Borough: 1

Boyertown Borough (Berks County): 2

Colebrookdale Township (Berks County): 1

Douglass Township (Berks County): 1

New Hanover Township: 2

Washington Township (Berks County): 2

Training:

Engineers night / Equipment Checks

Pump Training / Tanker Fill Site

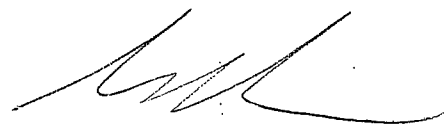
Water Rescue

Annual Ladder and Hose testing completed on July 25th.

Events:

Held ground breaking ceremony for new building on July 6, 2021. Thank you to all of those who attended this event.

Respectfully Submitted,



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