

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:08 P.M. Attending were Chairman John Stasik, Vice-Chairman Tony Kuklinski, Supervisor Fred Ziegler, Solicitor Paul Bauer, John Sartor from Gilmore & Associates, Chief Templin, Mike Heydt, Andy Duncan, Pete Hiryak, John Cover and Maggie Dobbs from MCPC, and approximately 21 residents.

Mr. Stasik led us in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Stasik asked for the public to put all cell phones on silent mode and no texting during the meeting.

Mr. Stasik asked if there were any changes, corrections, or comments on the minutes of August 17th, 2015 Board of Supervisors Meeting, no changes or comments were given. Mr. Stasik asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 17th, 2015 as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Kuklinski to approve the minutes of the August 17th, 2015 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Kuklinski-Aye, Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stasik asked for a motion to approve the agenda for September 8th, 2015 as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Stasik to approve the agenda for September 8th, 2015 as presented. Kuklinski-Aye, Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

John Cover & Maggie Dobbs from MCPC – Planning Updates

Ms. Dobbs started the presentation by discussing the current MCPC Planning Assistance contract with Douglass Township. We are currently in the second year of a 3 year contract. MCPC provides reviews for all subdivision, land development and ordinance amendments for the Planning Agency. The Rt. 100 Corridor Master Plan, floodplain regulation updates, and Act 209 Traffic Study updates are issues the MCPC Planners are currently involved with in Douglass Township. Mr. Cover used a power point presentation to discuss the Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan guides the growth and physical development of the 62 Municipalities in Montgomery County. The Comprehensive Plan provides guidance on issues such as transportation, flooding, trails, land development growth, economic growth, and preserving open space and farmland. Mr. Cover discussed three main themes of the Comprehensive Plan; connecting communities within and outside their local boundaries, sustaining and enhancing neighborhoods and communities; and improving infrastructure for a vibrant economy. Mr. Cover emphasized that the county Plan is an advisory document that can be used to guide a local municipality's visions and policies.

Engineer's Report – John Sartor, Gilmore & Associates

Provco Pinegood Grosser Road, LP/Wawa Land Development – This project is substantially complete. On 9/3/15 we forwarded our letter of recommendation to the Township regarding LOC reduction request #6. The value of the work completed to date is \$680,504.56. Adding contingency, engineering/inspection, and administrative/legal and subtracting the amounts previously released results in the amount of \$130,863.50. We recommend that the LOC be reduced by this amount. Should the Board approve this reduction request, then the amount remaining in the security would be \$79,647.80. Mr. Kuklinski added that this release will be contingent on no further allocations we be given until all traffic signal lighting issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer and Douglass Township. No other comments were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Stasik to approve Letter of Credit Reduction Request #6 for Provco Pinegood Grosser Road LP/Wawa Land Development in the G&A recommended amount of \$130,863.50 contingent upon there being no further allocations until all traffic signal lighting issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer and Douglass Township. The amount remaining in the Letter of Credit will be \$79,647.80. Kuklinski-Aye, Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Kuklinski to accept the Engineer's Report. Kuklinski-Aye, Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

No police report was given at this time however Mr. Ziegler called Chief Templin to the podium along with Constable Mr. Josh Stouch. Mr. Ziegler stated that Mr. Stouch should be recognized for the capture of a person with a warrant out for his arrest. Chief Templin stated that he planned to address this at the next meeting under his police report. Mr. Ziegler also stated that we should pay Mr. Stouch for the time he puts in on these issues at his own expense. Mr. Kuklinski stated that the Board will discuss this during the 2016 Budget meeting process.

Solicitor's Report – Paul Bauer

Police Contract – A meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, September 10th, 2015 to continue negotiation discussions with the Police Bargaining Unit.

Gilbertsville Car Wash/Dusk Properties – following a meeting previously held and reported on I have sent a letter to attorney Eugene Orlando requesting that he contact the Township to schedule another meeting per the mutual intention of the Township and his client and requested the assistance of Dusk Properties, who were in attendance, in relaying that message to Attorney Orlando.

Trash Enforcement and Parking Ordinances – The (Bartman Avenue) Parking and Trash Ordinances have been scheduled to be advertised in the Pottstown Mercury for adoption at the next meeting currently scheduled for September 21st, 2015.

Traffic Study Requirements Ordinance – A legal notice has been prepared. It is my recommendation that this Ordinance be scheduled for adoption at the October 5th, 2015 meeting so that it can be timely advertised in two separate publications of the Pottstown Mercury. No questions were given.

Applications which are pending but inactive:

Danny Jake – Hallowell inactive 2 years

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Kuklinski to accept the Solicitor's Report. Kuklinski-Aye, Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

ESB Report – Andrew Duncan & Josh Stouch

Mr. Duncan stated that the ESB Board discussed the Papal preplans, radio upgrades for the emergency services, and community outreach for our emergency services. Also discussed was the ongoing problem with basketball nets, skating ramps, and similar equipment placed on roadways that creates safety issues and problems maneuvering snowplows during the winter months. Mr. Duncan stated that it was recommended by the ESB that all equipment be removed by Douglass Township. Ms. Norton agrees with the removal of the nets but will the residents be notified, Mr. Dries stated that we have been notifying the residents and it is still an issue. Mr. Duncan stated this has been done numerous times and the residents do not remove them. Mr. Ziegler stated that he thought there was an ordinance that addressed this issue approximately 10-15 years ago for the Winding Creek Development. Mr. Bauer stated that it would possibly be a resolution, the manager stated that we will research this issue. Mr. Stouch stated that the lease agreements were discussed. Mr. Stouch also stated that we need to make an addendum to add a representative to the ESB Board from the Social Side of Fire Company No. 1, Mr. Kuklinski stated that the Board will take it under advisement however we must weigh the pros and cons and a decision will be made at a later time..

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Kuklinski to accept the ESB Report. Kuklinski-Aye, Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Manager's Report – Pete Hiryak

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Thursday September 10th P/A Meeting @ 7pm, Act 209 Workshop @ 6pm. Tuesday September 15th @ 7pm Zoning Hearing, Dairy Queen sign variance request. Monday September 21st Open Space Meeting @ 6pm, BOS Agenda @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm.

2. Fire Code – Upgrading or adopting new Fire Code – The Board was in agreement for Mr. Bauer to review and make a recommendation to the BOS regarding the fire codes ordinance.
3. MS-4 Storm Water information, Handouts in Lobby & Information on Township Website.
4. 2016 Budget schedule for BOS review and further discussion at the next meeting.
5. Letter from M.C. Board of Commissioners – Papal visit Public Safety Briefing 9/11/15 @ 9:30am. Chief Templin will be attending, Mr. Stouch was also asked to attend. Traffic impact is expected on 422 into Route 100.

A motion was made by Mr. Stasik, seconded by Mr. Ziegler to accept the Manager's Report as given. Kuklinski-Aye, Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Public Comment

No comments were given.

Old Business/New Business

Mr. Kennedy was present to discuss the proposed Turkey Hill with gas pumps at 1500 E. Philadelphia Ave. Mr. Kennedy stated that discussions came to an abrupt end at the last Planning Agency Meeting on August 13th, 2015 because the P/A voted not to recommend adoption of VCC zoning in that area and leave it as currently zoned Limited Commercial. It is a complicated intersection, the traffic study proposed one solution that did not totally solve the traffic issues. G&A gave suggestions and in July we proposed another possible improvement however Mr. Emery does not own all the right of ways at the four corners of the intersection. We proposed rezoning to VCC with a minor amendment but Mr. Wynne wanted to see the final traffic study before the P/A voted on this issue because a traffic solution has not been reached and he would like to hear what PennDot suggests for this intersection, however last meeting the P/A changed their mind and did not wait for the final traffic study and voted not to recommend changing the zoning and not to allow the amendment due to traffic concerns. Mr. Kennedy said there is no guarantee that anything else going in that area can pay for the improvements needed, Mr. Emery & Turkey Hill are willing to put up the money, Mr. Emery is willing to forgo the bank pad and propose only the Turkey Hill development on this site. Mr. Kuklinski stated that he never saw any Turkey Hill representatives at the P/A meetings, Mr. Kennedy stated that representatives were at several meetings. Mr. Kuklinski stated that Mr. Turner said that he cannot relinquish any more right of way at his office building or he will have to tear the building down, Mr. Kennedy replied that the current proposal does not touch Mr. Turner's property. Mr. Kuklinski said that we have entrusted that the P/A Members will make the best possible recommendations and I cannot undermine the P/A, however that is my decision, Mr. Stasik and Mr. Ziegler agreed with Mr. Kuklinski that they will not override the P/A decision. Mr. Kennedy said we only requested to continue with PennDot, Mr. Kuklinski said it is done, no more taxpayer dollars on this unless the P/A agrees to revisit the proposal. The manager commented, the P/A was very concerned about spending additional time and money on something that they don't see happening in the future, in addition Mr. Bauer stated that nothing stops you from going to PennDot with this and maybe if PennDot has a viable solution to this traffic issue then the P/A may reconsider their stand, I suggest that you reach out to PennDot, Montgomery County, and Roads & Bridges to coordinate the New Hanover Town Center, Rt.100 and Bartman Avenue areas for a solution to the combined traffic issue. Mr. Kennedy stated that PennDot will not have a meeting unless the Township is willing to attend, however we will reach out to them and also ask the Township to attend the meeting and we are willing to modify the proposal with no bank. No others comments were given.

Mr. Quigley was present and asked for a six month plan review extension for the Quigley Bus land development plan. Mr. Bauer stated that currently he has a 60 day plan review extension that doesn't expire until September 21st, 2015, the number one issue is the traffic concerns with the large number of school buses using the rural roadways, intersections, and bridges in the area of Swamp Creek and Middle Creek Roads. Mr. Quigley's traffic engineer was supposed to provide the Board of Supervisors and Gilmore & Associates with the traffic study by August 31st and no traffic study was received yet so it is my recommendation to the Board of Supervisors not to take any further action, the current extension expires on 9/21/15 and that is the proper time to request another

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extension, however Mr. Bauer stated that he will recommend to the Board to deny the extension request at that time. No other old business/new business was given.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Kuklinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Kuklinski-Aye, Stasik-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

The next Board of Supervisor's meeting will be held on Monday, October 5th, 2015 @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler