

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:36 P.M. Attending were Chairman Tony Kuklinski, Vice-Chairman Fred Ziegler, Supervisor Alan Keiser, Solicitor Paul Bauer, Josh Hagadorn from Gilmore & Associates, Chief Templin, Bob Dries, Mike Heydt, Andy Duncan, Pete Hiryak, Cynthia O'Donnell and approximately 16 residents.

Mr. Kuklinski led us in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any changes, corrections, or comments on the minutes of March 7th, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting, no comments, changes, or corrections were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the minutes of March 7th, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the March 21st, 2016 Agenda, no changes were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Kuklinski to approve the agenda of March 21st, 2016 as presented. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Gilbertsville Ambulance Report – Garry Schmoltze

For the month of February 2016 GACAS handled 115 calls for service: 16 Boyertown, 4 Colebrookdale, 49 Douglass, 4 Earl, 1 East Greenville, 1 Lower Potts, 22 New Hanover, 1 Pennsburg, 5 Pottstown, 2 Upper Frederick, 7 Upper Pottsgrove, and 3 West Pottsgrove. Transported 71, 11 refusals, 5 patient refused care, 9 no patient found, 1 no treatment required, 17 cancelled, and 1 expired on scene. Unit Responses: 332-2 83, 332-4 29, and 332-5 3. Admission Summary Report: Grand View 1, Lehigh 9, 4 Phoenixville, 51 Pottstown, 5 Reading Hospital, and 1 St. Joseph's. Grants: PA State Fire Commissioner's Grant for \$7,201.70 for debt reduction; Reading Hospital & Medical Center 3 modems for life packs plus 5 years data service (Sprint data plan cancelled). Chief Schmoltze also trained Gilbertsville Fire & Rescue on Lucas Device. No questions were asked.

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

Fire & Rescue Report – Chief Ricky Smith

February 2016 calls for service 24: 1 fire, 1 brush/trash fires, 5 fire alarms/CO2 alarms, 2 EMS assists, 1 vehicle rescue, 1 investigation, 6 fire police, 4 assist to other departments. Assists: 1 Boyertown, 2 New Hanover, 1 Upper Pottsgrove. Ambulance assist 1 Gilbertsville, 1 Bally. Recertification of Haz-Mat operations, Lucas Device training with Station 332 & Douglass PD, joint training with Boyertown and Eastern Berks Fire Departments. Fire safety training to the staff at Boyertown Children's Center. On February 8th, 2016 Chief Smith completed a fire inspection at final Results at 1100 Grosser Road for 1 hour. No questions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Ziegler to accept the Fire & Rescue Report as given. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Police Department Report – Chief Templin

Statistics for February 2016: 391 incidents reported, 5 reportable accidents, 11 non-reportable, 24 criminal investigations, 9 criminal arrests, 81 traffic citations, 9 non-traffic citations, 0 parking tickets. Monies received by the Township \$4,019.08. No other questions were asked.

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

Engineer's Report – Josh Hagadorn, Gilmore & Associates

Highway Maintenance Building Update – the specs are 99% complete, plumbing specs to be added for the bid process.

Countyline Road Bridge Update – PennBid has the specs and plans for the bid process, bid opening will be April 27, 2016. No questions were asked.

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

Solicitor's Report – Paul Bauer

Police Contract – Mr. Kuklinski we have come to an agreement with the police bargaining unit, there will be no arbitration. The agreement will be signed and will be made public after the signing is completed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the draft police contract for Douglass Township, Montgomery County Police Department. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-recused himself. Motion passed.

Quigley Bus Service – This matter is to be discussed in Executive Session, Mr. Kuklinski stated that the Board will convene for an Executive Session to discuss this matter after Old Business/New Business.

Repeal of 2009-02 Land Waste Management Ordinance – On March 7th the Board of Supervisors signed a properly advertised Ordinance to repeal the Land Waste Management Ordinance. I received a letter dated March 10, 2016 from the Office of the Attorney General approving the ratification of this Ordinance and confirming that this matter has been resolved. 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. Kuklinski to accept the Solicitor's Report. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Highway Department Report – Mike Heydt

The last 2 weeks we have been cleaning up after the rainstorm, fixed washouts, filled in ditches, graded the dirt roads, filled potholes, and got the equipment ready for a pending snowstorm.

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

Mr. Mashintonio thanked the highway department, Fire Company, and Ambulance Service for all their help for the fish rodeo last year.

Recycling Report – Andy Duncan

No report was given.

Open Space Report – Randy Romig

Mr. Romig stated that Mr. Mashintonio attended the open space meeting this evening and helped to finalize the trout rodeo plans and requested that someone could help put the fish in the pond because last year there was no help available, Mr. Romig asked the manager to get some help with that issue this year. The manager stated that he will notify the open space/recreation committee members when the fish are expected to be delivered. Mr. Mashintonio stated that he contacted R. Gotwals for the porta potties and washstand. Mr. Romig stated that Mr. Updegrove will solicit for donations. Mr. Romig also said that the flyer for the rodeo looks good and asked the manager get the flyers and a solicitation letter together. Sassamansville Fire Company will be contacted for possibly donating hot dogs. Mr. Romig asked the manager to contact him when the Township will deliver the supplies to site so he can be there to help, Mr. Heydt said that the highway crew will deliver the supplies and setup on Friday like they have done every year. Mr. Mashintonio asked the Fire Chief if the fire company could

do some training at his property to clean the sticks out of the pond in time for the rodeo, Mr. Ziegler asked if he needed millings for his driveway, Mr. Mashintonio stated that it would help. No other comments or questions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Ziegler to accept the Open Space Report as given. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Cynthia O'Donnell

The total bills to be paid for March 21, 2016 are \$213,757.31. The unusual bills were Aqua PA, Bill Hood, Echert Seaman's Cherin & Mellot Inc, H A Thomson Co, Herbein & Co, Jon W. & Tracy Ann Daywalt, Morton Salt, Physio-Control Inc, PMRPC, Pro keystone Garage Door Co, Rebecca Zern, Susquehanna Municipal Trust, Pennsylvania State University, and Upbeat Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to authorize payment of the bills for March 2016. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Herbein + Co completed field work for the 2015 audit and will setup a meeting date with the Board to go over their report. The 2013 Recycling Performance Grant has been received in the amount of \$23,989. This grant is received annually based on the tonnage of recycling collected in Douglass Township. The 2013 grant would normally have been received in 2015. Theoretically, we should also be receiving the 2014 grant in 2016. The first reimbursement request for the Recycling 902 grant was received in the amount of \$59,790.00, the second reimbursement request of \$55,721 was approved. Closeout of \$2,500 for first Open Space mini grant was received. No questions or comments were given.

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

Manager's Report - Pete Hiryak

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Monday, April 4th ESB @ 6pm, BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm. Thursday, April 14th P/A Workshop (Green Building) @ 6pm, P/A Meeting @7pm.
2. Judi Wills – Presidential Estates Open Space Land - Ms. Wills stated that the Presidential Estates HOA is considering selling off a portion of their open space land to adjoining homeowners, however due to the late start of the meeting the she asked that the subject be tabled until the next Board meeting and the HOA will write a proposal for the Board to review for the next meeting.

No questions were given.

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

Public Comment

Mr. Kolb stated that on Rt.73 at Saville's Diner the road striping for turn lanes was changed, however the signs have not been changed, Mr. Heydt commented that the signs have recently been removed. A resident addressed the Board with safety concerns at Thrush Drive and Gilbertsville Road, the manager stated that Gilbertsville Road is a State road and PennDot has jurisdiction for any changes on that road, however our engineering firm will be gathering traffic study information at that intersection, before the school year ends, for use with the Act 209 Impact Study. Chief Templin stated 47% of reportable accidents at this area are due to stop sign violations and the next factor is distracted drivers and he is concerned that a 4-way stop at this intersection would cause traffic to back up and also would cause accidents due to not being able to stop in icy conditions. Chief Templin said that the police will monitor the situation to see if stop bars would help and possibly the addition of lights or reflectors on top of the stop signs on Thrush and Grosser Roads, they will also set the speed buggy on Gilbertsville Road

however speed is not causing accidents it is drivers not adhering to the stop signs. The highway department will trim at this intersection to make sure site visibility is not a problem. The police will continue to monitor the roadway & intersection. Mr. Duncan announced that the new flags were donated by Flagstone, a flag company located in our Township, made in the USA. Mr. Stouch commented that he knows that the Gilbertsville Car Wash guys are great guys but nothing is being done with the appearance of the place and he wanted an update, Mr. Bauer stated that he gave an update 6 months ago that in the spring time they will be sealcoating and dressing up the parking spots and parking area. Mr. Stouch asked what the plans for the building are, Mr. Drost replied that it is not feasible to take the building down, it will be painted in the summer, we plan on installing a new sign but we will get back to the Township on that, we know we need a permit. The manager said the neighbor requested that a fence be installed between properties, Mr. Drost said that they tried to contact the neighbor and have not heard back from him, we feel it might be an eyesore, we will try to limit cross traffic between businesses. The manager asked if they could move the cars back from the sidewalk for snowplowing and pedestrian walking. Mr. Sell inquired about the Wynstone Development in New Hanover, the manager replied that the developer does not have approvals on this plan in New Hanover Township and disappointedly this project has not been approved for a funded traffic study by the Pottstown Metro Regional Planning Commission. The Township is still working with PennDot and Montgomery County regarding roadway and intersection improvements as a result of increased traffic from this proposal. No other questions or comments were given.

Old Business/New Business

Mr. Mashintonio complained about the Detwiler property located next to his property saying that there are buses and other vehicles on this property that have not moved for years, it is a junkyard. Mr. Stouch agreed with Mr. Mashintonio but stated that the car wash is an eyesore in the middle of town, he also inquired about the junkyard on Mill Street, what was the enforceable action. The manager replied that he is cleaning it up but it is a long process as is the Wayside Chapel. Mr. Stouch asked, what is the process? Mr. Dries replied that it starts with a signed complaint, the gentlemen on Mill Street brings in receipt slips as he is getting rid of the junk. What about Wayside Chapel? The manager stated that he is taking in more material, and there is also a bank owned property Rt. 73 that is also a junkyard that we are working on. Mr. Dries stated that the Wayside Chapel is an unregistered Christian School and we are waiting for a call with more information, Mr. Sell stated that it is an unsafe situation. Mr. Wrydrzsky asked if anyone knows the student that goes there, he does, and he is doing fine. Mr. Sell said that he meant it is an unsafe environment, a safety hazard, if an emergency occurred the responders would have difficulty getting through the property. No other business was given.

Mr. Kuklinski convened the meeting at 8:25pm for an Executive Session with the Board, Solicitor, Engineer, and Manager.

Mr. Kuklinski reconvened the meeting at 9:05pm. Mr. Bauer stated that the Board had a brief Executive Session, no votes or decision were taken.

Mr. Bauer stated that the Board of Supervisors made two motions in February on the Quigley Bus Service Land Development: to deny a 30 day variance review extension request and to deny the Quigley Land Development Plan. Mr. Bauer asked the Board to recind the denial of the Quigley Land Development Plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Keiser, based on the Solicitor's recommendation, to recind the denial of the Quigley Land Development Plan. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Ziegler to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

The next Board of Supervisor's meeting will be held on Monday, April 4th, 2016 @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler