

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:10 P.M. Attending were Chairman Tony Kuklinski, Vice-Chairman Fred Ziegler, Supervisor Alan Keiser, Solicitor Robert Brant, Josh Hagadorn from Gilmore & Associates, Maggie Dobbs from MCPC, Chief Templin, Bob Dries, Mike Heydt, Andy Duncan, Pete Hiryak, and approximately 34 residents.

Scout Leader Steve Volpi and Gilbertsville Pac 36 led us in the pledge of allegiance, Pac 36 then recited the Scout Oath. Scout Leader Steve Volpi and Pac 36 presented the Douglass Township Police Department with a poster in appreciation for their service to the community. The Board of Supervisors, F&R Chief Rick Smith, and Andrew Duncan were presented with plaques in appreciation for all the support given to the Scouts.

Mr. Brant announced that there was an Executive Session this evening at 6:50pm on personnel matters, no decisions were made.

Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any changes, corrections, or comments on the minutes of September 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any changes, corrections, or additions to the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Agenda, no changes, corrections, or additions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the agenda of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 as presented. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

### **Police Report – Chief Templin**

Opioid-related overdoses have reached national epidemic levels and continue to climb rapidly. In 2010-2011, Pennsylvania ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation for prescription and heroin fatalities, rising quickly to 7<sup>th</sup> place in 2012-2013. Montgomery County saw 83 drug related deaths in 2009 rise to 134 in 2013-an increase of 61% in just four years. In 2009, there were twenty heroin deaths in Montgomery County, rising to 46 in 2013 – an increase of 130%. On July 13, 2016 the Reading Eagle reported that drug related overdoses are up 25% in Berks County. Industry professionals suggest the reason for such a dramatic surge may be attributed to the demand of prescription medications containing highly addictive synthetic opioids. In many cases a patient becomes addicted to these legally prescribed medications. Unable to obtain more of the prescribed medications, they then turn to a less expensive, easier to obtain and illegal drug called heroin. Heroin is being cut with a drug called Fentanyl. Fentanyl is used to treat patients who have cancer, bone injuries, back ailments and in some surgical procedures as an anesthesia. Fentanyl is fifty more times potent than heroin and one-hundred more times potent than morphine which makes blending the two a very deadly combination. Because Fentanyl can be absorbed through the skin, it makes it dangerous, sometimes deadly, for our first responders when dealing with these situations. In Douglass Township, our drug arrests have almost tripled since 2013. Drug cases and arrests have ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> for the past two consecutive years. The drug of choice, heroin. The Douglass Township Police Department, like a lot of other surrounding police departments, are teaming up with Montgomery County's Naloxone Program. Naloxone, a.k.a. Narcan, reverses the effects of a drug overdose saving the patient's life. In order to comply with the Act 139 requirements, all officers have to be trained and a policy has to be adopted. I have drawn up a policy that covers all the respective requirements of Act 139. Our Solicitor's office has looked over the policy and has given their blessing. I respectfully ask for the Board of Supervisors approval of General Order 120.1 Naloxone. A resident asked if there is any information for the general public on this, Chief Templin replied that there is information on the Montgomery County website. Naloxone/Narcan can be administered in two ways, in the nasal passages or by injection, you can get a prescription from the Doctor if you have someone in your family with a drug problem that would need this. Mr. Kuklinski stated that once injected with Naloxone/Narcan they can revive violently, officers have to be trained on the effects of

this drug.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Kuklinski to approve General Order 120.1 Naloxone. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

We will once again be participating in the Drug Enforcement Agency's National Take Back Initiative XII scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10am-2pm. Our drop off site will be here at the Douglass Township Municipal Building. You can drop off your expired and unwanted medications in our drop box this day and also Mon-Fri during normal business hours. On September 25, 2016 our police department in cooperation with F&R and GACAS held our Child Safety Seat Inspection Event. The event was well attended. I wanted to send out a special thanks to Rick Smith and Andrew Duncan from F&R, Gary Schmoltze, Kelly Palermo, and Colleen Haines from GACAS, and Heather Quirk from AAA for making this event a real success. You can see photos of the event on our Facebook page. Mr. Ziegler stated that Fentanyl patches are very dangerous because the drug is released into the body all at once, Chief Templin stated that Fentanyl slows down breathing. Mr. Keiser commented that this is scary stuff and is basically used for cancer patients on hospice, the patches work for 3 days. Chief Templin asked for the Board's approval to begin the process of promoting one of the two Corporals to the rank of Sergeant.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Keiser to authorize Chief Templin to begin the process for Promoting one of the two Corporals to the rank of Sergeant. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion Passed.

Chief Templin also stated that announced that Douglass Township has "Support Your Local Police" signs available for a donation of \$10.00 to recoup the printing costs. No other questions were given.

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

#### **MCPC Updates – Planner Maggie Dobbs**

Ms. Dobbs stated that there are two proposed ordinances from 2013 that have never been formally adopted. The Sketch Plan Ordinance, which outlines the requirements that must be shown on a sketch plan, revisions have been made to Section 302 Tentative Sketch Plan requirements and the amendment is in a form that could be adopted without further modification. The P/A recommended amendment of this ordinance. Ms. Dobbs stated that the County recommends adoption. Mr. Brant stated that proposed developments in Douglass Township could do a sketch plan first, this amendment is adding additional information required on the sketch plan however a sketch plan is not mandatory. Mr. Kuklinski asked if this ordinance/amendment is Regional (PMRPC), Ms. Dobbs replied that many are adopting this County wide. Mr. Kuklinski stated that the Sign Ordinance has been less than favorable on the staff and the Township, this is a different area not like other Counties and we need to model this for our Township. The Township Staff agreed with that statement.

Ms. Dobbs stated that the second proposed ordinance from 2013 is the Riparian Corridor Ordinance which operates as an overlay district applicable to all natural streams, wetlands, and other water bodies, defines uses permitted and prohibited within the corridor- establishes two zones, zone one – 25 feet from edge of stream or water body, more restrictive uses; zone two – 25 feet from edge of Zone One, less restrictive uses, is triggered during a subdivision or land development proposal and/or application for a building permit is submitted for construction of a new structure or expansion of an existing structure located within 100 feet of the bank of a stream, includes addition of new definitions to explain language used in the ordinance, establishes planting requirements in the SALDO for areas within the corridor. Riparian buffers include trees and shrubs to help maintain health & welfare of natural waterways. Ms. Dobbs recommended that the stream map be included in ordinance. Riparian Corridor has nothing to do with the floodplain, only mapped streams. She has updated the Riparian Corridor Ordinance and asked the Board if they wish this to move forward. Mr. Kuklinski asked Mr. Hagadorn for his input, Mr. Hagadorn stated that this is important to the direction the Township is going and

improving stream conditions, Mr. Brant agreed. The manager suggested that after the Board reviews the ordinances it should go back through the P/A process before adoption by the BOS. Mr. Kuklinski authorized Mr. Hagadorn, Ms. Dobbs, Mr. Brant, and Mr. Hiryak to continue with the P/A process for both the proposed Sketch Plan Ordinance and the proposed Riparian Corridor Ordinance.

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

#### **Solicitor's Report – Robert Brant**

Mr. Brant announced that there will be a Public Hearing on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for proposed Property Maintenance Ordinance Amendment, the amendment is to include a Penalty provision to allow enforcement of the ordinance. Mr. Stouch asked if this would allow for enforcement to existing issues, Mr. Brant replied yes. No other questions were given.

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

#### **Engineer's Report – Josh Hagadorn, Gilmore & Associates**

G&A is overseeing the paving work on Douglass Estates Phase II & III and addressing storm water for Cobblestone Crossing with Montgomery County Conservation District (Wet to Dry Basins) and in the process of setting up staff meetings with developers and planning agency. Mr. Sell asked why there wasn't a written Engineer Report or a written Solicitor Report for tonight, Mr. Hagadorn and Mr. Brant both replied that the written reports have been cut back to once a month to be cost effective for the Township.

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

#### **ESB Report**

Mr. Kuklinski stated that he has a resignation letter from Andrew Duncan as the Chairman of the Emergency Services Board, and he asked to table the motion. He asked Mr. Duncan if the reason he is resigning is that the ESB Ordinance states that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is to act as Chairman of the Emergency Services Board, Mr. Duncan replied yes. Mr. Kuklinski asked if that part of the ordinance was written different to reflect Mr. Duncan as the Chairman of the ESB would he rescind his resignation, Mr. Duncan replied yes. Mr. Kuklinski gave direction to Mr. Brant and Manager Hiryak to correct the wording of the ordinance to reflect Mr. Duncan as Chairman of the ESB. Mr. Duncan rescinded his resignation.

#### **Manager's Report - Pete Hiryak**

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> P/A Meeting @ 7pm, Act Workshop Scheduled T.B.A., Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> Open Space @ 6pm, BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm. Open Space notices will be mailed out.
2. Trash/Recycling Bid Opening, Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 @ 10am.
3. BMMA Letter – Oberholtzer Road – 198 Oberholtzer Road has issues with their on-site septic system therefore they have no functioning system and cannot sell the property or live on the property, access was denied by a neighboring property for a stream discharge system and it is 2700 feet to the next available sewer connection on County Line Road. A possible solution is to bore a low pressure grinder system to a forced main on County Line Road, and reach out to other property owners in that area for a cost effective hookup. Mr. Brant will reach out to Mr. Karver for clarifications and background information on this issue. Mr. Dries added that All County & Associates originally reached out to BMMA with this proposal.
4. 2017 Budget Meetings: 10/25 Police Department, 10/28 Recycling Department, 11/1 Highway Department, 11/4 Zoning/Administration, 11/11 (if required) 2pm-5pm. The Board of Supervisors approval for advertisement is required. No questions were asked on the Manager's Report.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Kuklinski to authorize the advertisement for the 2017 Budget Meeting dates and times. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

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

**Public Comment**

Ms. Norton stated that should found two Spotted Lantern Flies on her property, she contacted the PA Department of Agriculture and she was referred to an office out of Boyertown, they came to her property and checked everything and they told her they can't tell her how to remedy the situation because she is in Montgomery County. The manager asked for the Boyertown contact information and will reach out to Montgomery County for additional information. No other comments were given.

**Old Business/New Business**

The manager stated that Mr. Gibson was currently blacktopping roads in his Douglass Estates Development to correct manhole and other road issues, Mr. Duncan is satisfied with the safety of these roads. Ms. Norton questioned why there are still dotted lines on Congo Road, Mr. Heydt replied that they are temporary lines until he can schedule permanent line painting, he is hoping to incorporate other roads with the scheduling to save on line painting costs. No other old business/new business was given.

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

**The next Board of Supervisor's meeting will be held on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 7:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Marcy Meitzler