

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:01 P.M. Attending were Chairman Tony Kuklinski, Supervisor Alan Keiser, Solicitor Robert Brant, Josh Hagadorn from Gilmore & Associates, Chief Templin, Bob Dries, Andy Duncan, Pete Hiryak, 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 November 21st, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting, Mr. Keiser stated that on page 3 under the Solicitor's Report there is a sentence that needs to be corrected involving Oberholtzer Road, the ending of the sentence should be "Mr. Brant convey their concerns to Mr. Karver". No other corrections were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the minutes of November 21st, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting with the change under the Solicitor's Report involving Oberholtzer Road to read "Mr. Brant convey their concerns to Mr. Karver". Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any changes, corrections, or additions to the December 5th, 2016 Agenda, no changes, corrections, or additions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the agenda of December 5th, 2016 as presented. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 2016-06 Emergency Services Board (BOS Adoption required). Mr. Brant opened the public hearing at 7:01pm and stated that this is an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2014-06, Part 3 of Chapter 1 of the Douglass Township Code of Ordinances, Sections 344.1 – The Douglass Township Emergency Services Board shall hold meetings at least once a month at the Douglass Township Municipal Building at a time to be determined by the Board, 345.A – Board of Supervisors: One member appointed from the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors; , and Adding a New Section 347, this is changing the Chairman status of the Emergency Services Board by adding section 347– The Chairman of the Emergency Services Board shall be elected by vote of the membership for a two-year term. A motion to advertise the hearing was given on 10/17/16, the legal notice was given on 11/17/16, the Law Library was given notice on 11/17/16, and a proof of notification has been received from the Pottstown Mercury. There was no public comment on the proposed ordinance. The hearing was closed at 7:04pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Kuklinski to adopt Ordinance #2016-06 amending Ordinance 2014-06 Part 3 of Chapter 1 of the Douglass Township Code of Ordinances, Sections 344.1, 345.A, and adding a new Section 347. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

Solicitor's Report – Robert Brant

Oberholtzer Road – Waiting for an update from BMMA Solicitor.

CMERT Ordinance - Mr. Brant stated that the ordinance is being revised because CMERT has been dissolved and will operate under a new name. Mr. Brant asked for authorization for advertisement that there will be a Public Hearing on Monday January 5th, 2017 for the proposed Montgomery County Swat Western Region Agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to authorize Mr. Brant to advertise a public hearing for the Montgomery County Swat Western Region Ordinance for January 5th, 2017. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Brant stated that he needs authorization to draft a letter for the Recorder of Deeds stating that the Clover Hill Agreement can be recorded after the 90-day recording deadline.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to authorize Mr. Brant to draft a letter for the Recorder of Deeds stating that the Clover Hill Agreement can be recorded after the 90-day deadline. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any question on the Solicitor's Report, Reporter Evan Brant asked to repeat the new name that CMERT will be referenced as, Chief Templin replied Montgomery County Swat Western Region. No other questions were given.

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

Engineer's Report – Josh Hagadorn, Gilmore & Associates

Nothing new to report.

ESB Report – Andrew Duncan

No report was given. Mr. Duncan did announce that Janet Bauer will not renew her term with the ESB as recording Secretary. Mr. Duncan thanked Ms. Bauer for her service. Mr. Kuklinski asked Ms. Bauer to attend the next ESB Meeting so we may recognize your service. No other comments were given.

Police Report – Chief Templin

No report was given.

Manager's Report - Pete Hiryak

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Thursday December 15th P/A Meeting @ 7pm, no Workshop Scheduled, Monday December 19th Open Space @ 6pm, BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm.
2. Zoning Hearing board Decisions:
 - a. Gilbertsville Veterinary Hospital Expansion – approved with conditions. The conditions are – that three lots be combined into one lot and that all construction abides by building codes, Storm Water Management, and land use plan requirements.
 - b. Berks-Mont Trading Company – continued until Thursday January 5th, 2017.
3. 2017 Meeting Dates & Holiday Schedule – the manager asked for approval and authorization to advertise. A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Kuklinski to approve the 2017 Meeting Dates, the 2017 Non-Uniform Holiday Schedule, and to authorize the advertisement of the Meeting Dates for 2017.
4. BOS Meeting December 19th, 2016 – Adopt 2017 Budget and set the Real Estate Tax Millage. The manager stated that there are copies of the budget available in the office.

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

Public Comment

Mr. Link commented that after the hearing for Berks-Mont Trading Company was continued he felt that the parties involved in Berks-Mont Trading, were borderline bullying the opposing residents, they stated that it is like Grandview you are not gonna stop it. When asked about the flea market aspect he said that the applicants stated we really don't want the flea market we are using that for a bargaining chip. Mr. Link said that they are using us and that he is not happy with this conduct by the applicants. Mr. Kuklinski stated that it is a matter of litigation with the Township, the purpose of the zoning hearing is to voice your opinion, a new hearing date has been set and Mr. Kuklinski suggested that Mr. Link make a presentation to the Zoning Hearing Board, the Township has objected to the proposal and will be represented by council at the next hearing. Mr. Link stated that he does not recall anyone, in past hearings, play let's make a deal. Mr. Kuklinski said that he respects Mr. Link's concerns and commended him on his actions. No other comments were given.

Old Business/New Business

Mr. Kuklinski stated that he attended a meeting of the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee concerning the New Hanover Town Center and the magnitude of this plan has been brought to light. Several other neighboring Municipalities have voiced their concerns, the School Board was represented, the County Planners are also looking at it. The Montgomery County Planning Commission was authorized to get a Regional Planning Study done, so now it is being looked at regionally we are not alone, Evan Brant stated that Montgomery County is going to see if DVRPC can look into funding this study. Mr. Stouch stated that New Hanover Township was trying to push this plan through however it was deemed a new plan and must go through the planning process again, Mr. Kuklinski stated that he hopes it will elevate concerns regionally. Mr. Kolb commented that in the 80's traffic was made to travel the main routes, nowadays traffic finds the less traveled roads making them congested. Mr. Kuklinski stated that we have to look at the Rt.100 Corridor differently, we have one chance to get it right and hopefully tie this all in together, Mr. Sell said that we will still have the traffic. Mr. Kuklinski said that hopefully the engineers will help lessen the impact, Mr. Brumwell stated that it is going to cost the Township a fortune. Mr. Stouch said that if the New Hanover Town Center goes through the traffic ratings for the roads and intersections are going to get worse, Ms. Bauer stated that people are already using the backroads as short cuts even on Middle Creek, traffic studies should be done using proposed developments, Mr. Hagadorn said that traffic studies do include new developments in the projection. Mr. Kuklinski said he hopes the regional traffic plan will help, Lower Pottsgrove brought up these traffic concerns, the traffic study will be a benchmark for PennDot to say what has to happen. Evan Brant commented that DVRPC money has been freed up, this might be key to get legislature to update Act 209. Mr. Kuklinski stated that we met with representatives from PennDot and addressed some concerns with proposed projects involving Turkey Hill, Market Street, and Swamp Pike. Residents had concerns of what this is going to cost the Township, Mr. Kuklinski said Douglass Township has been invited to the New Hanover Planning Agency Meeting and invited residents to attend on December 14th, 2016 at 6:30pm. Evan Brant mentioned that the same County Planners that looked at the New Hanover Town Center project also looked at Market Street. Mr. Kolb commented that someone from the Borough should also attend the meeting. Mr. Sell said since our Chief did not give a report tonight I am informing you that the Day Care on Hoffmansville Road has a van for sale and its close to the road,– can we get it moved , Chief Templin stated that we will handle it. No other comments were given.

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

The next Board of Supervisor's meeting will be held on Monday, December 19th, 2016 @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler