

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Attending were Chairman Tony Kuklinski, Supervisor Alan Keiser, Supervisor Joshua Stouch, Solicitor Robert Brant, Josh Hagadorn of G&A, Chief Templin, Pete Hiryak, Mike Heydt, and approximately 17 residents.

Mr. Kuklinski led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced an Executive Session was held this evening concerning the Police Contract, no votes or decisions were given.

Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any additions, corrections, or comments to the minutes of the September 17th, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meeting, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the minutes of the September 17th, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any questions, comments, or corrections to the October 1st, 2018 Board of Supervisors Agenda, Mr. Kuklinski asked to amend the agenda by adding New Hanover Supervisor Snook under the public comment section of the agenda. No other changes, corrections, or additions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the amended October 1st, 2018 Board of Supervisors Agenda with New Hanover Supervisor Snook added under the Public Comment section. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Advanced Disposal Presentation – Ron Carlson

Mr. Carlson, the Municipal Marketing Manager for Advanced Disposal, gave a brief presentation stating that the US exports recycling materials to China. China notified the World Trade Association of its intent to ban recycled consumer plastics and mixed paper from being imported. The China ban is creating global stress on the recycling industry and is felt at the local level with longer holding/storage periods increase costs, high capital cost to meet quality standards, higher transportation costs, higher sorting & purification costs due to contaminants, and reduced revenue from depressed commodities. We need to re-educate residents regarding acceptable materials. Options and Solutions: Eliminate some recycling streams like glass and junk mail, increase rate per home to accommodate increased costs, re-educate residents to reduce contamination, lobby to State for immediate action/assistance, elimination of recycling program (related to size), reject contaminated product at curb. Mr. Carlson asked for assistance to clean up recycling, no pizza boxes, no styrofoam, and no mirrors. We must re-educate the residents for this new process – food contaminates are zero tolerance. Mr. Kuklinski asked where the single stream is going right now, Mr. Carlson stated that it is going to Mascaro in Birdsboro. Mr. Kuklinski asked if this was mentioned to the recycling center department, Mr. Carlson responded that he did not get to speak with Mr. Duncan about this. Mr. Kuklinski stated that we get 904 funding for recycling annually and authorized the Manager and Recycling Coordinator to formulate a plan to re-educate the residents of this new process. Mr. Kuklinski asked if the recycling crews could please put the empty recycling bins in the yards, not on the street and not blocking driveways. Mr. Kolb commented that last week they only had one person on recycling doing everything. Mr. Link asked what will happen with the glass recycling, Mr. Carlson responded that glass recycling will be eliminated throughout the State. No other comments were given.

Engineer's Report – Josh Hagadorn, Gilmore & Associates

Douglass Park Improvement Update/Change Order/Payment Request #3 – Mr. Hagadorn stated that he received a request for payment #3 from Floyd G. Hersh in the amount of \$90,239.67 and recommended the release for this amount. Mr. Hagadorn stated that the base repairs and paving (first course) have been completed, final paving expected to be completed in October, we plan to budget to fix the basketball court for next year and we have gotten 30 trees from the Conservation District.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Stouch to authorize the Douglass Park payment release #3, recommended by Gilmore & Associates, to Floyd G. Hersh in the amount of \$90,239.67. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kuklinski asked Mr. Hagadorn how much money is the Township saving by having our road crew pave the parking lot, Mr. Hagadorn stated that the Township is saving between \$40,000 to \$60,000 on the contract by doing the paving and landscape planting ourselves. No other questions or comments were given.

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

Police Department – Barry Templin

Fire Police Request for Auction on Congo Road – Mr. Kuklinski stated that Mr. Wynne requested fire police assistance for an auction on the Yarnall Farm on Friday Saturday October 6th however there are no fire police available. The Board authorized Chief Templin to handle the traffic with all costs to be reimbursed by the Yarnall Estate.

Highway Report

Mr. Kelly stated that there are Ash trees that are dying on Grosser and Buchert Roads which are in the right-of-way and he asked if the Township could take them down. The manager that this is a potential problem with these dead trees especially if they hanging over the roadway, electric lines, and houses. The Township will look into the situation and will discuss setting aside money in the budget to possibly take care of the worst of the trees next year.

Solicitor's Report – Robert Brant

Master Traffic Ordinance – The Board tabled the Master Traffic Ordinance for the November 2018 meeting.
Lockbox Ordinance – Pending Final Draft – Mr. Brant asked for Authorization of Advertisement for the Proposed Lockbox Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Stouch for Authorization of Advertisement for the proposed Lockbox Ordinance. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Gilbertsville F&R Lease Agreement – Mr. Brant stated that his office has prepared the Gilbertsville Fire & Rescue Lease Agreement for the use of the premises located at 1454-56 East Philadelphia Avenue on an interim, annual basis, to occupy and use for the purposes and manner outlined in the lease agreement and in return, Douglass Township will waive the rent from Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue Company from the premises. If the agreement is suitable to all parties, and asked the Board to Authorize the Execution of the Lease Agreement at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch to Authorize the Execution of the Gilbertsville Fire & Rescue Lease Agreement. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

No questions or comments were given on the Solicitor's Report.

Applications which are pending but inactive:

Danny Jake – Hallowell - inactive 2 years

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

Manager's Report - Pete Hiryak

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Thursday, October 11th, 2018 P/A Meeting @ 7pm, P/A Workshop at 6pm – Act 209 discussion, and Mixed Use Overlay for 650 Englesville Road Proposal, Monday, October 25th Open Space/Rec @ 6pm, BOS Agenda Mtg @ 6:30pm, BOS Mtg @ 7pm.

2. Congo Road Bridge – PennDot Presentation 11/15/18 (Replacement to take 8 to 10 months).
3. BMMA – Grosser Road Update – Nearing completion with final overlay expected mid-October.
4. 2019 Budget Meeting Schedule – Approval for Advertisement – (3pm – 6pm on Monday 10/22, Wednesday 10/24, Monday 10/29, and Wednesday 10/31 /18), approval for advertisement is needed and meetings are open to the public.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Stouch for approval of advertisement for the 2019 Budget Meeting Schedule. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

No questions were given on the Manager's Report.

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

Public Comment

Supervisor Snook from New Hanover Township briefly addressed the Board on storm water issues in New Hanover since water flows from Douglass to New Hanover to Limerick. New Hanover took inventory of basins in N.H. few were working efficiently. Added this work to the MS4 requirements, they also got the boy scouts involved in marking inlets, and introduced a sump pump ordinance. You must get a separate rider for insurance for sump pumps. They introduced a 2nd Ordinance for infiltration rates and testing prior to developments being built, and also introduced a 10 question questionnaire for engineers prior to final plan at the builder's expense. This in turn streamlined the process and helped the Planning Agency to better understand plan sets. Advisory Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm and encourages people to attend these advisory meetings. Mr. Kuklinski asked Mr. Snook how things are going on the airport project, Mr. Snook declined to comment as this time. The Board thanked Supervisor Snook for his input this evening. Mr. Sell commented that he was named "Caregiver of the Year Award" and was the guest speaker at the ceremony, Mr. Sell asked if he could read his speech to the Board. The Board and public thanked Mr. Sell and applauded his efforts for cancer patients and in receiving the prestigious award. A resident commented that on October 11th F&R will be having their Firefighters Night at 6:30pm in the Weis Market parking lot in the Gilbertsville Shopping Center. Ms. Diccio, Ms. Janet Bauer, and Ms. Gladys Bauer stated that on Saturday night it sounded like a bomb went off and it shook their houses. They believe it came from Green Hill Road around 7:20pm and also commented that this happens often since the State changed the fireworks laws. Ms. Bauer stated that there have been aerial fireworks coming from that area for years but now it sounds like bombs going off. They would like some kind of ordinance addressing this, Chief Templin stated that his department received the complaint and his officers visited the person involved however he only had aerial fireworks on site at that time. Mr. Brant will look into some sort of compromise with these types of fireworks, Ms. Bauer stated that Earl Township made an amendment to their fireworks ordinance. Mr. Sell mentioned the signs that were installed here at the office say alley where he thought it was always a driveway. No other public comment was given.

Old Business/New Business

The manager stated that there are handouts in the lobby for the Veterans Breakfast hosted by State Senator Mensch. The date is Saturday November 3rd from 8:30am – 6:30pm at Upper Pottsgrove High School..

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Stouch to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Stouch-Aye.

The next Board of Supervisor's Meeting will be held on Monday, October 11th, 2018 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler