

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:03 P.M. Attending were Chairman Tony Kuklinski, Supervisor Alan Keiser, Solicitor Robert Brant, Josh Hagadorn of G&A, Chief Templin, Pete Hiryak, Andrew Duncan, Cynthia O'Donnell Mike Heydt, and approximately 55 residents.

Mr. Kuklinski led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Kuklinski announced that there was an Executive Session this evening involving personnel issues and the police contract. No decisions or votes were taken. Mr. Kuklinski announced that Mr. Stouch was out of town and will not attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any additions, corrections, or comments to the minutes of the July 16th, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meeting, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Kuklinski to approve the minutes of the July 16th, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any questions, comments, or corrections to the August 20th, 2018 Board of Supervisors Agenda. No changes, corrections, or additions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Kuklinski to approve the August 20th, 2018 Board of Supervisors Agenda as given. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

Spotted Lanternfly Presentation – Brian Walsh & Eve Mahoney

Mr. Walsh gave a presentation on the Spotted Lanternfly which is an invasive insect imported from Asia. This insect is threatening our native forests, ornamentals and agriculture in Southeastern PA. Few predators will feed on it, and it exhibits a need for near-constant feeding on plants and it freely moves between trees and other vegetation. The insects do not harm people or structures. Residents can use tree bands or pesticides, if they follow instructions, to help control the pests. The Spotted Lanternfly can harm vegetation areas due to their numbers. The County and State is allocating more funding to combat these pests.

Gilbertsville Ambulance Report-Garry Schmoltze

July 2018 GACAS Report: 107 calls for service. 80 transports, 4 public assists, 1 no patient contact, 1 cancelled (prior to arrival at scene), 10 cancelled (no patient found), 1 patient evaluated no treatment/transport required, 4 patients treated and released, 3 refused treatment/transport, 1 fire standby, and 2 dead on scene. Calls for Service: Douglass 41, New Hanover 30, Upper Pottsgrove 12, Pottstown Borough 7, Upper Frederick 4, Boyertown 8, Colebrookdale 3, Bechtelsville 1, and East Greenville 1. Admission Summary: Pottstown-Tower Health 58, Lehigh 12, Phoenixville-Tower Health 5, Reading 2, Penn State Health-St. Joseph 1, and Grandview 2. No questions or comments were given.

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

Bike Night 2018 & Food Truck Night – Andrew Duncan

Mr. Duncan stated that the Food Truck Night was a success and plans to have another food truck event. Bike Night was successful however he felt that the possible storms kept people away. Mr. Duncan thanked Fire Company No.1/Social for donating \$15,000 from the event. October 8th through October 12th is fire prevention week, F&R will have all fire equipment on display at the Gilbertsville Shopping Center on Thursday, October 11th. On October 21st the Fire Company will hold their first Trunk or Treat for the kids at Station 67.

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

Zoning Hearing Board

Manager Hiryak stated that the zoning hearing board granted zoning relief with conditions on August 7th to Patriot GMC located at 933 E. Philadelphia Avenue in the General Commercial zoning district. The plans are to demolish the old pre-existing building on Williams Way to make a vehicle display area, improve curb line & sidewalk along Williams Way and Rt. 73 and install additional landscaping requested by the P/A, addition of a 4000 S.F. building addition to the existing dealership and construct a 6000 S.F. future accessory structure for vehicle display storage to the rear of the property in its northernmost corner. The conditions are that the applicant follows the Douglass Township review process for storm water & land development; improvements will be made to sidewalks on Rt.73 and Williams Way where building is being demolished; combine the 3 parcels into one; and get input during planning process from emergency services. Mr. Brant added that basically they will go through the Planning Agency plan review process. Mr. Kuklinski stated that tearing down the old building will improve that area and will blend in better with the new look of McDonalds. No questions or comments were given.

Fire & Rescue Report – Chief Rick Smith

Chief Smith arrived after a fire call and gave the Fire & Rescue Report for July 2018: 1 fire, 1 vehicle fire, 2 wires, 3 fire alarms/CO2 alarm, 2 EMS assists, 4 vehicle accidents, 1 misc rescue, 1 investigation, 3 fire police, and 2 assist other depts for a total of 20. Annual pump and hose testing completed. All pumps passed the test and 2 lengths of hose were repaired. Fire Marshal Report for July: A fire inspection and fire safety training was completed at Playmation 429 Hoffmansville Road (1 hour). No questions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to amend the motion to accept the Fire & Rescue & Fire Marshal Report and Bike Night Reports as given. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

Police Department Report – Chief Templin

Chief Templin read the Statistics for July 2018: 419 incidents reported, 6 reportable accidents, 11 non-reportable, 13 criminal investigations, 8 criminal arrests, 104 traffic citations, 14 non-traffic citations, and 1 parking tickets. No questions or comments were given. Chief Templin stated that on July 25th & 26th our officers participated in an Active Shooter detail at the Boyertown Area Senior High School. Detail was put on by Montgomery County SWAT – Western Region. On August 10th Patrick Covalski, a student from West Chester University, completed his internship with our police department. Patrick logged over 450 hours with our police department. Patrick wanted to pass along his many thanks. We wish Patrick great success in his future endeavors. As you already know on July 16th the Douglass Township Police Department went live on the new records management system, A.L.E.I.S.. We are currently in the process of having the e-ticket scanners and printers installed in our vehicles. We hope to be up and running by next week. On August 18th we participated in Bike Night and I am happy to report that there were no problems. A resident asked if we track opioid instances, Chief Templin stated yes, we carry narcan and must report the usage, the County also gives a monthly report. Mr. Kuklinski added that J-Net also tracks this activity state wide and the hot spots are identified. A resident asked how we compare to the other areas, Chief Templin replied that it is wrecking havoc everywhere, we have undercover details on this now. Mr. Kulp on Swamp Pike had concerns that he saw patrol cars doing 90MPH on Swamp Pike, the Chief replied that he will address this with the officers.

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

Engineer's Report – Josh Hagadorn, Gilmore & Associates

Douglass Park Improvement Update – the project is progressing, the sidewalks and ADA access are being finalized. Phase 2 is ongoing with the DCNR Grant and the driveway re-alignment and drainage is being installed.

Douglass Park Improvement Project Payment Request #2 for \$84,780.90 – Floyd G. Hersh Inc. has submitted an application for payment in the amount of \$84,780.90, which accounts for 10% retainage for the work performed, Gilmore & Associates has inspected the completed work and find it acceptable; therefore we recommend payment

in the amount of \$84,780.90. Mr. Kuklinski asked Mr. Knisley, a next door property owner, if he was satisfied with the improvements, Mr. Knisley stated that he had a constructive meeting with the Township Staff about the project and he believes the curb will improve the issues with the alley between the properties.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to authorize the Douglass Park Improvement Release #2 to Floyd G. Hersh Inc. for the work performed in the amount of \$84,780.90 as recommended by Gilmore & Associates, contingent upon receipt of all required paperwork and certified payroll, and confirmation that all work has been completed. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Hagadorn asked for direction concerning two change orders for lights and their installation. Mr. Hagadorn stated that the lights and installation was removed from the bid and the lights would be purchased by the Township and installation would be completed by the contractors at a cost of \$6,000 plus \$26,000 (lighting purchase) which would be a savings to the Township from the original bid.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the change orders for the Township to purchase lights for \$26,000 and contractor installation of lights for \$6,000 as per Engineers recommendation. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

Flooding Issues – Oak Street, Aspen Lane – the manager asked the Engineer to explain the steps that the Township took to control water regarding the parking lot project, Mr. Hagadorn explained that we installed a series of rain gardens toward the park which handles runoff from 73 and neighboring properties as far as storm water. A resident addressed the flooding issues at 1344, 1345, 1350, and 1351 Second Avenue behind the soccer fields. Mr. Kuklinski asked if there are plans for those homes, the manager replied it is not a development the homes were individually built, no development plans are available. Mr. Heydt stated that years ago two of the homes flooded out and we fixed the area then the soccer fields went in and those homes were sold. When there is 4" of rain there will be issues anywhere. Mr. Kuklinski asked for one or two of the residents to meet with Mr. Heydt, Mr. Hiryak, Mr. Duncan, and the Engineer to see what is going on before we dig up anything and asked Mr. Moser of BMMA for the use of their telecam to see if pipes are clear. Residents of Colonial Manor (Oak St & Aspen Lane) complained of flooding in their development. The manager stated that everyone got flooded with the large amount of water. We need to look at where water is leaving the Township and goes into New Hanover, we need to review the plans to see what is slowing the water leaving Douglass Township. Mr. Kuklinski asked Mr. Brant to talk to New Hanover to have them clean out debris behind that area to allow the water to exit. Residents on Oak Street stated that water comes past Hampton Circle and the catch basin can't handle the overflow, one resident claimed they got damage from the water from the pump station, there was a power failure at the pumping station and the generator never kicked in, no one has called her back from BMMA. Mr. Kuklinski asked her to talk to Mr. Moser. The Muirs on Mill Street stated that they get water from the Chandlers Crossing development stating that the swale was not installed properly. Mr. Brumwell commented that after 30 years I was told you can't clear out creeks, now all of a sudden you can, you let people move dirt around and this is what happens, I get flooded out too and no one does anything about it. Mr. Kuklinski instructed the residents with flooding issues to write their contact information down so the manager can set up an onsite meetings in the weeks ahead.

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

Solicitor's Report – Robert Brant

Andrew Bellwoar, 650 Engelsville Road – Mr. Bellwoar stated that they are looking to develop this 50 acre parcel currently in the R-3 Zoning District, the developer is looking to re-zone this parcel to Mixed Use (residential townhomes & commercial) with walking paths and open space areas, this development expands into both Douglass Township and Colebrookdale Township. Mr. Specht also owns property in this area. Mr. Graf gave a brief overview of the proposed development, Mr. Brant asked if they are looking at a by right on this property and

asked about the ramifications of not re-zoning, and what type of mixed use. Mr. Graf stated that the overlay wants small uses like barber shops, restaurants, dry cleaners. Mr. Brant referred Mr. Graf and Mr. Bellwoar to the Planning Agency, this is in the early planning stages and should go through the Planning Agency review process. Mr. Brant asked the developer for additional information on numbers of residential units comparing the current zoning to the proposed mixed use zoning for the P/A to review.

Master Traffic Ordinance – September 2018

Proposed Lockbox Ordinance Draft – Mr. Kuklinski tabled this discussion for next meeting when Mr. Stouch can be present. 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. Keiser to accept the Solicitor Report as given. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

Highway Report- Mike Heydt

Mr. Heydt stated that the roadcrew milled roads and blacktopped roads, patched potholes, patched Swinehart Road and Rick Road, graded dirt roads, repaired washouts, repaired pipe on Cross Road, roadside mowing is ongoing, and repaired a pipe on Buchert Road. Mr. Heydt stated that he was asked to explain why we use the tar & chip method of paving stating that it is less costly, you can pave more roads with this process, it holds up longer, seals better, and a sweeper comes along to clean up debris. Mr. Heydt said he is working on drainage issue on Windward Drive. A resident complained that there is a tremendous amount of traffic on Cross Road, Mr. Heydt replied that it is because of the development in Upper Hanover, Upper Hanover is going to have to repave the roadway. The manager stated that Upper Pottsgrove Township directed the construction traffic to use Moyer Road and Rt.100. No other questions were given.

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

Recycling Report – Andrew Duncan

No report.

Treasurer's Report – Cynthia O'Donnell

The Treasurer stated that the total bills to be paid for July 2018 amount to \$306,852.02. The Treasurer announced that in September the budget preparation process begins. No question or comments were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser for authorization to pay the July 2018 Unpaid Bills in the amount of \$306,852.02. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

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

Manager's Report - Pete Hiryak

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Thursday September 13th P/A Staff Meeting, no workshop scheduled. Monday September 17th BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting at 7pm.
2. Building/Zoning Department Monthly Report – Mark John stated that there were 37 permits with a construction value of \$579,185.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to accept Building/Zoning Department Report as given. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

3. BMMA Projects – the Manager stated that the Montgomery Ave sewer project replacement is completed, the blacktop overlay will be in mid-September, the main sewer line is being replaced on Grosser Road and is almost 50% completed, blacktopping is scheduled for October.
4. PennDot Bridge Update – Congo Road Bridge is scheduled for replacement in 2019-2020, Niantic Road Bridge is scheduled for 2021-2022, and the Gilbertsville Road Bridge replacement project has not been scheduled at this time.
5. Aqua Water – PUC Hearing notices are pending as Aqua Water requests price increases. Notices will be mailed to our rate payers.

No questions were given on the Manager's Report.

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. Sell stated on a lighter note that Chief Templin looks good in uniform.

Old Business/New Business

Mr. Kuklinski asked residents that had flooding issues were to give the manager their contact information.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

The next Board of Supervisor's Meeting will be held on Monday, September 17th, 2018 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler