

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:04 P.M. Attending were Chairman Josh Stouch, Vice Chairman Tom Wynne, Supervisor Alan Keiser, Solicitor Robert Brant, Khal Hassan of Pennoni & Associates, Pete Hiryak, Andrew Duncan, Mike Heydt, Chief Templin, and approximately 9 residents/developers.

Mr. Stouch led in the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that two Executive Sessions were held tonight prior to the meeting one from approximately 5:30pm to 6:30pm involving real estate matters and another from 6:45pm to 7:00pm involving personnel matters. No decisions or votes were taken. The meeting room was set up for social distancing, proper PPE was used by the public. A reporter was present for the meeting.

Mr. Stouch asked if there were any additions, corrections, or comments to the minutes of February 16th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch to approve the minutes of the February 16th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stouch asked if there were any questions, comments, or corrections to the March 1st, 2021 Board of Supervisors Agenda, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the March 1st, 2021 Board of Supervisors Agenda as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

TCIP Public Hearing & Resolution – Khal Hassan (BOS Approval Required)

Mr. Brant opened the public hearing at 7:05pm stating that the purpose of the proposed resolution is to update and implement impact fees for capital transportation improvements within the Township. The Exhibit List consists of: T-1 The Act 209 Traffic Advisory Committee of Douglass Township letter dated December 11th, 2020, addressed to the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors to approve and recommend adoption of the Transportation Capital Improvement Plan, T-2 Minutes of December 21st, 2020 of the board of Supervisors requesting the Solicitor to prepare a Resolution for the adoption of Transportation Capital Improvement Plan, T-3 Douglass Township Supervisors Meeting Minutes of February 16th, 2021 indicating that a public hearing has been advertised for March 1st, 2021 for a proposed Resolution approving the Transportation Capital Improvement Plan, T-4 Legal Notice, T-5 Proof of Publication – Publication dates: February 10 and February 17, 2021, T-6 Resolution No. 03012021-01(Transportation Capital Improvements Plan) of the Board of Supervisors of Douglass Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Approving the Capital Improvements Plan Submitted by the Douglass Township Traffic Impact Advisory Committee. Mr. Hassan of Pennoni Engineering said at a Public Hearing on December 10th, 2020 the Township's Act 209 Advisory Committee voted to approve and recommend the TCIP to the Board of Supervisors for adoption. The TCIP identified 23 intersections throughout the Township that required upgrades to handle any increased traffic from proposed developments. The next step would be the preparation, advertisement, public hearing, and enactment of a new traffic impact fee ordinance which would increase the current per peak traffic cost from \$2,760.35 to \$3,362.38 which is an increase of \$602.03. No comments were given. Mr. Brant closed the public comment period at 7:09pm. Mr. Brant added that any developments filed prior to adoption of this resolution will remain at the present rate, any project filed after adoption of this resolution must comply to the new fees.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Keiser to adopt Resolution No. 03012021-01 Transportation Capital Improvements Plan. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Solicitor Report – Robert Brant, Esq.

Fire Company Lot Consolidation Final Resolution (Pending 3/15/2021) – Mr. Brant stated that the resolution will be prepared for the March 15th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

400 Gilbertsville Road Final Resolution (Pending 3/15/2021) – Mr. Brant asked for authorization to prepare the Resolution for 400 Gilbertsville Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Keiser to authorize Solicitor Brant to prepare a Resolution for the 400 Gilbertsville Road Development. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Zern Tract Phase II – Jackson Road Storm Water Easement (BOS Approval Required) – Mr. Brant stated that authorization by the Board is needed for the Chairman of the Board to sign the Easement Agreement between Warren K. Frame, Douglass Township, and Danny Jake Corporation.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Keiser authorized Chairman Joshua Stouch to sign the Easement Agreement between Warren K. Frame, Douglass Township, and Danny Jake Corporation. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Wynne to accept the Solicitor's Report as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Manager's Report - Pete Hiryak

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Thursday March 11th, 2021 P/A Meeting @ 7pm, No Workshop Scheduled, Monday March 15th, 2021 BOS Agenda Mtg @ 6:30pm, BOS Mtg @ 7pm.
2. Staff Meeting Request – 650 Mill Street, Mixed Use Active Adult Community. The manager stated that they are digging test holes on this property and the developer is requesting a meeting with staff to review the development options for the property at the intersection of Mill Street and Swinehart Road. The Board agreed to authorize Manager Hiryak to set up a staff meeting with the representatives of the 650 Mill Street Mixed Use Active Adult Community proposal, contingent upon an escrow established for costs.
3. Montgomery County Open Space Program – 10,000 Acres Preserved Farmland Milestone. The manager stated that Douglass Township contributes 2000 acres of this milestone with Upper Hanover and New Hanover also being huge contributors to this milestone achievement.

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

Public Comment

No public comment was given.

Chairman Stouch – Special Announcement

Mr. Stouch announced that Andrew Duncan was named First Responder of the Year. Mr. Duncan is the Fire Chief for Gilbertsville Fire & Rescue, the EOC Coordinator, and Zoning Officer for Douglass Township. This award is in conjunction with the Boyertown Citizen of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and Mentor of the Year Awards given yearly. We congratulate Mr. Duncan and thank him for his service to the community.

Old Business/New Business

Zoning Hearing Board Application Submitted – 1001 Swinehart Rd, R-1 zoning, a variance request for a Landscape Equipment Storage Facility has just been received a ZHB date is to be determined. The history of this property has been numerous business uses from a restaurant equipment to a limousine service, it has not been used as a residential property.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

The next Board of Supervisor's Meeting will be held on Monday, March 15th, 2021 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler