

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:10 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 10 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 6:00pm to 6:30pm involving potential litigation and one from approximately 7:00pm to 7:10pm 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 at the meeting.

Mr. Stouch asked if there were any additions, corrections, or comments to the minutes of April 5th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the minutes of the April 5th, 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 April 19th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Agenda, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch to approve the April 19th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Agenda as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Public Hearing – Ordinance 2021-01 Landscape Ordinance (P/A & MCPC Recommended Adoption)

Mr. Brant opened the public hearing at approximately 7:12pm stating that the public hearing this evening is on the proposed ordinance amending section 201 and repealing and replacing sections 420 through 420-9 of the Douglass Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to revise the landscaping requirements for development within the Township. The Exhibit List is as follows: B-1 Montgomery County Planning Commission review by Jamie Magaziner – February 24, 2021; B-2 Motion to Advertise – Board of Supervisors Minutes from the March 15, 2021 Meeting; B-3 Legal Notice; B-4 Correspondence to the Montgomery County Law Library on March 29, 2021; B-5 Proof of Publication – Publication date: March 31, 2021; and B-6 Ordinance No. 2021-01- An Ordinance of Douglass Township Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, Amending Section 201 and Repealing and Replacing Sections 420 through 420-9 of the Douglass Township subdivision and Land Development ordinance to Revise the Landscaping Requirements for Development within the Township. Mr. Hassan of Pennoni Engineering stated that updates were incorporated into buffering, water quality, storm water, and definitions. Mr. Wynne stated that Pennoni Engineering recommended to add provisions to allow for a periodic update to the Plant List instead of rewriting the ordinance. No comments were given during the hearing. Mr. Brant closed the public hearing at approximately 7:14pm. Mr. Brant stated that at this time the Board may act on this ordinance if they choose to do so.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 Amending Section 201 and Repealing and Replacing Sections 420 through 420-9 of the Douglass Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to Revise the Landscaping Requirements for Development within the Township. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Solicitor Report – Robert Brant, Esq.

400 Gilbertsville Road – Final Resolution (Pending)

Hallowell Phase I – 15 Lots (Pending)

303/305 Gilbertsville Road – 15 Lots (Pending)

Act 209 Traffic Impact Fee Ordinance – Hearing advertised for 5/03/2021

No questions were given on the Solicitor Report.

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.

Mill St/Swinehart Rd, R-3 Introduction to Proposal – Rolf Graf

Mr. Graf stated that 3 years ago this project started as a proposed townhouse plan, the R-3 District was changed to allow for a neighborhood overlay. The project has changed hands and is under agreement by D R Horton/Jeremy Smith for Twin and Single-Family homes involving Douglass Township and Colebrookdale Township on Mill Street, Swinehart Road, and Englesville Road. A total of 136 proposed units will be in Douglass Township and 68 units proposed in Colebrookdale Township. Mr. Kolb said this was supposed to be a retirement housing area now you are impacting the school district and traffic will also be impacted if you take into consideration 2 vehicles per unit. Mr. Graf stated that age qualified housing didn't make sense right now. Mr. Kolb again voiced his concerns about impacting the schools, Mr. Stouch explained that the zoning in R-3 permits this use by right, meaning they have the right to develop it as permitted by zoning. No other comments were given.

GF&R and GACAS Reports – Written reports were submitted to the Board of Supervisors and available in the lobby.

Police Department Report – Chief Templin

March 2021 Statistics: 398 calls for service, 7 reportable accidents, 11 non-reportable accidents, 20 investigations, 10 criminal arrests, 4 paper citations, 66 e-citations, 4 non-traffic citations, and 2 parking tickets. Chief Templin stated on March 18th, 2021 the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Accreditation Commission officially approved, by unanimous vote, the Douglass Township Police Department's sixth re-accreditation and we were presented our framed certification certificate. Chief Templin thanked Accreditation Manager Sgt. Steffie as well as all the officers who made this possible. The Chief also thanked the Board for being part of the program and presented the Board with the framed certification, Chairman Stouch stated that Chief Templin can hang all six certificates on the wall in the new emergency services building when construction is completed. On April 21st, 2021 we are scheduled to participate in a virtual (Zoom) Career Expo held by the Boyertown Area Senior High School. On April 24th, 2021 from 10am - 2pm our police department will be participating in the National Take Back Initiative. The community will be able to bring their unwanted, expired, and unused medications to our municipal building for proper destruction and disposal. Our police department investigated a tragic, fatal motorcycle accident where the operator was ejected over the bridge guide-rail and down onto the highway below. We also have heavy pedestrian traffic traversing the bridge both east and west bound on Rt. 73. There are sidewalks on both sides of the bridge. In an effort to prevent anymore tragedies, I have been working with our local Representative and PennDot to see if some type of safety fencing can be installed on both sides of this bridge. I was informed from our local representative that PennDot will be conducting a safety assessment. I will keep the Board informed should I hear of any updates. No questions or comments were given.

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

Zoning Hearing Board Application – 1001 Swinehart Rd, R-1 Landscape Business (Greenleaf Landscaping) in existing Commercial Building. Manager Hiryak stated that on April 12th, 2021 the Zoning Hearing Board granted the variance with conditions.

Treasurer's Report (Authorization to pay the bills) – Peter Hiryak

Manager Hiryak stated that the bills to be paid as of April 19th, 2021 total \$239,653.64, the Manager announced that this included the first check to the Gilbertsville Fire Company in the amount of \$43,400.00 from the Fire Tax collections. Copies of the full report are available in the lobby. Mr. Wynne asked Chief Templin if a police car got damaged because he noticed a hefty repair bill for a patrol car, Chief Templin replied that Car 5 needed a new engine.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Wynne for authorization to pay the Unpaid Bills as of April 19th, 2021 in the amount of \$239,653.64. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Manager's Report - Pete Hiryak

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Monday May 3rd, 2021 BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm, Thursday May 13th, 2021 P/A Meeting @ 7pm, No Workshop Scheduled.

The Land Lease Agreement between Gilbertsville Fire Company & Windstream for a maintenance building is expiring, for review by Solicitor Brant. The Douglass Township/New Hanover Municipal Agreement will also be reviewed by the Solicitor. No questions or comments were given on the Manager's Report.

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.

Old Business/New Business

Mr. Kolb asked what happened with the hospital proposal. Mr. Brant stated that at some point the developers will submit a re-engineered plan with no height amendment. This will be submitted as a by right plan with no zoning or building amendment changes. But no official word from the project since last year.

Public Comment

No public comment was given.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Wynne to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

The next Board of Supervisor's Meeting will be held on Monday, May 3rd, 2021 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler

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Gilbertsville Ambulance Chief of Operations Report

April 2021

Call Volume for March

129 Total for month

363 Total Year to Date

83 Patients Transported

6 Patient Evaluated/No treatment or transport

13 Public Assist

 Patient Refusal

 Unit Assist

1 Patient treated and released

10 Cancelled

9 Patient treated transported by private vehicle

1 Dead on Scene

6 Standby

129 Total calls for service for the month

Calls for service by Municipality

51 Douglass Township

 Amity Township

29 New Hanover Twp

1 Bally Borough

8 Upper Pottsgrove Twp

 Bechtelsville Boro

1 East Greenville Boro

21 Boyertown Boro

 Limerick Twp

7 Colebrookdale Twp

 Lower Frederick Twp

2 Douglass Berks

 Lower Pottsgrove Twp

 Earl Township

1 Pennsburg Boro

 Hereford Twp

6 Pottstown Boro

 Oley Twp

 Red Hill Boro

 Washington Twp

1 Upper Frederick Twp

 Other

 Upper Hanover Twp

129 Total Calls by Municipality

1 West Pottsgrove Twp

98 Total Montgomery County

31 Total Berks County

Admission Summary

60 Pottstown Hospital
1 Grand View Health
9 Lehigh Valley Hospital
3 Penn State Health-St. Joseph's
6 Phoenixville Hospital
4 Reading Hospital
1 St. Luke's Upper Bucks
 Other
84 TOTAL ADMISSIONS

Call Volume by Unit

52 332-1
 332-2
77 332-3
 Chief
 Other
129 Total Volume

Response Locations

96 Home/ Residence
2 Assisted Living
9 Nursing Home
12 Place of Business
 Police/Jail
 School
7 Street or Highway
1 Urgent Care
 Industrial Place
2 Other

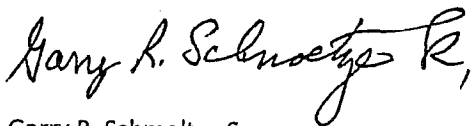
EMS calls By Shift

90 0600-1800
39 1800-0600
129 TOTAL

129 Total Response Locations

Annual 2021 subscription drive still in progress
Second Annual Carnival June 15-19th 2021
2005 Kodiak Ambulance donated by benefactor

Respectfully Submitted,



Garry R. Schmolze Sr.
Chief of Operations



Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue Company

Monthly Fire Report

March 2021

Incidents by type:

111 - Building fire: 6

113 - Cooking Fire: 1

162 - Electrical Fire Outside: 1

300 - Helicopter Landing: 1

322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries: 3

352 - Vehicle Rescue - 1

551 - Assist police or other governmental agency: 4 (Fire Police Call)

745 - Fire alarm: 3

900 - Special Incident / Citizen Complaint: 2

Total Incidents for March 2021: 22

Fire Company in Service Time: 115 hours, 44 minutes

Calls Year to Date: 66

Fire Company in Service Time Year to Date: 264 Hours, 37 Minutes

Response per Municipality:

Douglas Township Montgomery: 10

Upper Pottsgrove: 3

Boyertown Borough (Berks County): 3

Colebrookdale Township (Berks County): 1

Washington Township (Berks County): 1

East Greenville Borough: 1

Lower Frederick Township: 1

New Hanover Township: 1

Pottstown Borough: 1

Training:

Engineers night / Equipment Checks

Air pack / Interior Firefighting

Hydrants / Hose Line Advancement

Pumping / Drafting

Rope Rescue / Rescue I Hybrid Learning

Driver training continuing

Events:

All events are cancelled due to COVID19

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Duncan', written in a cursive style.

Andrew A. Duncan
Chief of Fire Operations
Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue