

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:03P.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 11 residents/developers.

Mr. Stouch led in the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that an Executive Session was held tonight prior to the meeting from approximately 5:00pm to 6:30pm involving real estate, litigation, and personnel matters. No decisions or votes were taken. The meeting room was set up for modified social distancing. A reporter was present at the meeting.

Mr. Stouch asked if there were any additions, corrections, or comments to the minutes of May 17th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Stouch to approve the minutes of the May 17th, 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 June 21st, 2021 Board of Supervisors Agenda, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Wynne to approve the June 21st, 2021 Board of Supervisors Agenda as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

GF&R and GACAS Reports – Written reports for May 2021 were submitted to the Board of Supervisors and available in the lobby.

Emergency Services Building Update

Mr. Duncan stated that demolition of the fire company building and asbestos remediation is in progress. The concrete slab has been removed and the bricks & block from the old building are being used to fill in the basement to prepare for installation of a concrete pad after July 4th. Mr. Duncan stated that he appreciates the support from the Board & staff during this process.

Police Department Report – Chief Templin

May 2021 Statistics: 364 calls for service, 3 vacation notices, 9 reportable accidents, 4 non-reportable accidents, 7 investigations, 5 criminal arrests, 1 paper citations, 69 e-citations, 11 non-traffic citations, and 3 parking tickets. Chief Templin stated on June 15th, 2021 we were able to put our new patrol vehicle into service (2020 Ford Explorer). Chief Templin stated that police vehicle (91-8) 2013 Ford Explorer was removed from our active police fleet with 133,000 miles. Mr. Wynne stated that it was discussed that a possible option for this vehicle would be for use by the Constable, he would be responsible for insurance and maintenance on the vehicle however this is just a thought. Mr. Brant stated that in the 2nd Class Township Code it permits the Township to sell or lease a vehicle however he will research this further, there will be no decision this evening. Mr. Kolb asked if you can back the police cars into the new police building to remove prisoners from the car for lockup, Chief Templin replied that we usually take prisoners right to Montgomery County. Mr. Wynne commented that we have discussed possibly adding on to the building for prisoners. No other questions or comments were given.

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

Zoning Hearing Board – Niehls, 107 Wild Run Road R-1 (Minimum Lot Size Relief from 2 acres to 1.32 acres) Mr. Tabakelis stated that this is a 2-lot subdivision and the applicant is asking for relief from the 2-acre minimum lot size to a 1.32-acre lot size which is a better reconfiguration of the farm area and future expansion. There is an alternate septic site on the property. The manager commented that this proposal was discussed at the Planning Agency meeting last week and the Planning Agency was in support with conditions that there should be an alternate septic site location, there should be language on the plan that the owner of this lot will be aware there is a working cattle farm directly behind their rear yard, and some type of buffering should be included in the subdivision proposal. The manager also stated that the Niehls Family did get the support of the Montgomery County Farm Preservation Board for this appeal. Mr. Brant suggested that the Board authorize the Manager to send a letter of support to the Zoning Hearing Board with these conditions.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Wynne to authorize the Manager to send a letter of support to the Zoning Hearing Board for the request of minimum lot size relief from 2 acres to 1.32 acres for the Niehls 2-Lot Subdivision with the conditions to provide an alternate septic on-site location, there should be language on plan that the owner of this lot will be aware there is a working cattle farm directly behind their rear yard, and some type of buffering should be included in the subdivision proposal. Keiser-Abstain, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Solicitor Report – Robert Brant, Esq.

Hallowell Phase I – 15 lots Agreements/Escrows Pending – Awaiting documents from the Developer 303/305 Gilbertsville Road, 16 Lots (Under Environmental Review) – Mr. Brant stated that we are discussing environmental concerns brought up by Pennoni Engineering.

Boyertown Landfill – Code Violations Pending – An inspection of the landfill by EPA, DEP, Board of Supervisors, and Montgomery County Health Department was initiated due to maintenance concerns, also dirt fill is being deposited on the landfill site without any permits from NPDES and violations of the SALDO requirements. Mr. Brant's office is researching how to remedy this situation and Mr. Brant suggests that the Solicitor to file an Injunction that no more material be deposited on the landfill site until permits are obtained.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser to authorize Solicitor Brant to file an Injunction that no more material be deposited on the landfill site until permits are obtained. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Swanson asked if the developer for 303/305 Gilbertsville Road could cut the grass again, the manager stated that he will email the developer. A resident asked what was found in the report on 303/305 Gilbertsville Road, Mr. Hassan stated that traces of pesticides from an old orchard were found in some areas. The Agriculture Board will be doing soils testing and monitoring wells. Additional updates will be coming. No other questions were given.

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.

MS-4 Year 3 Update – Khal Hassan, Township Engineer

Mr. Hassan stated that the Township's MS4 permit became effective on March 16, 2018. Year 3 of the permit ends on June 30, 2021. The Annual MS4 report is due by September 30, 2021 with a \$500 annual report fee. A Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) is required as part of the new permit. The PRP requires a 10% reduction in sediment in Green Lane Reservoir and Swamp Creek. Six (6) Minimum Control Measures are required to be met to be in compliance with the MS4 permit: Public Education & Outreach, Public Involvement & Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination, Construction Site Runoff Control, Post-Construction Runoff Control, and Pollution Prevention/Municipal Good Housekeeping. Stormwater information is available on the Township's website. All stormwater outfalls in the Township are required to be screened once before the permit expires in 2023. Existing constructed BMP's will be scheduled for inspection. Upcoming Events: Perkiomen Watershed

Conservancy - MS4 Grant – Basin Conversion and native plantings project in Douglass Park. Mr. Hassan told the Board that we are up to date and in compliance. No questions were given.

Recycling Grant Award – Andy Duncan (\$108,512.00)

Mr. Duncan announced the approval of a Recycling Development and Implementation Grant under Section 902 of the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101) for Douglass Township. The grant award is for \$108,512.00, to be used for a new chipper and any remaining funds will be used towards another piece of recycling equipment.

Public Works Department – Michael Heydt

Mr. Heydt stated that Henry Road and Himmelwright Road (paving and tar & chip) are completed and line painting on all roads have been completed, we were fortunate because there is a shortage on white paint. Road crew and McKenna worked on the basketball court resurfacing project as part of our parks grant. Mr. Heydt stated that the courts look great however he had to put signs up to keep the bicycles and skateboards off the courts. Roadside mowing is ongoing and we plan on overlaying Bow Lane in August hopefully to be completed before school starts. No questions were given.

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

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

Manager Hiryak stated that the bills to be paid as of June 21st, 2021 is \$240,551.73. Copies of the full report are available in the lobby.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Wynne for authorization to pay the Unpaid Bills as of June 21st, 2021 in the amount of \$240,551.73. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Manager’s Report - Pete Hiryak

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Thursday July 8th, 2021 P/A Meeting @ 7pm, No Workshop Scheduled. Monday July 21st, 2021 BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm, Monday July 12th, 2021 Zoning Hearing Board – Niehls, 107 Wild Run Rd R-1, variance request from required 2-acre lot size @ 5:00pm.
2. Escrow Release Requests:
 - a. Zern Phase I – Release #13 (\$21,846.05)
 - b. Zern Phase I – Release #14 (\$119,329.86)
 - c. Zern Phase II – Release #1 (\$141,712.77)

Based on the observations of the work performed, Pennoni Engineering recommended these releases for Zern Tract Phase I and Zern Tract Phase II.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Wynne to approve Escrow Release #13 for Zern Tract Phase I in the amount of \$21,846.05; Escrow Release #14 for Zern Tract Phase I in the amount off \$119,329.86; and Escrow Release #1 for Zern Tract Phase II in the amount of \$141,712.77 as recommended by Pennoni Engineering based on the work performed. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

3. 2021 American Rescue Plan – The manager stated that Douglass Township is entitled to a maximum allocation of up to \$1,104,155.52 of this 4-year federal funding program to support public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, replace lost public sector revenue due to the pandemic, provide premium pay to essential workers, and to invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. No questions were given.

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

Old Business/New Business

Noise Ordinance – Mr. Brant stated that in order to adopt a noise ordinance and enforce it you would need to purchase a decibel reader which is costly and then train people to run it, we are trying to rework an existing ordinance to accommodate excessive noise complaints, a draft ordinance will be prepared and sent to Township Staff for review and comments.

Boyertown Citizen of the Year Committee, Award to “First Responder of the Year” (Andrew Duncan) – Mr. Stouch announced that Andrew Duncan has been awarded the First Responder of the Year by the Boyertown Citizen of the Year Committee. Mr. Stouch thanked Mr. Duncan for what he does for the Township and congratulated him on receiving such an honor.

Public Comment

No public comment was given.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Wynne to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

The next Board of Supervisor’s Meeting will be held on Monday, July 19th, 2021 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler



Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue Company

Monthly Fire Report

June 2021

Incidents by type:

111 - Building fire: 3

130: Vehicle Fire: 1

162 - Outside Electrical Fire: 2

311 - Medical Assist: 3

323 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries / Pedestrian: 1

424 - Carbon Monoxide Incident: 1

444 - Powerline Down: 1

551 - Assist police or other governmental agency: 5 (Fire Police Call)

571 - Standby/Relocate: 1

745 - Fire alarm: 4

Total Incidents for June 2021: 22

Fire Company in Service Time: 51 hours, 36 minutes

Calls Year to Date: 129

Fire Company in Service Time Year to Date: 412 Hours, 34 Minutes

Response per Municipality:

Douglass Township Montgomery: 9

Pottstown Borough: 1

Upper Pottsgrove: 7

Boyertown Borough (Berks County): 2

Bechtelsville Borough (Berks County): 2

Washington Township (Berks County): 1

Training:

Engineers night / Equipment Checks

Media Relations

Emergency Medical Technician (R. Kelly and E. Kelly)

Pumping / Drafting

Driver training continuing

Events:

Nothing scheduled at this time.

Building Update:

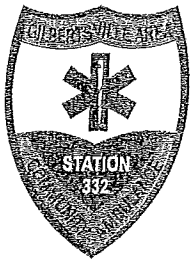
Demolition is complete. Site work continuing for level pad. Footer construction to begin second week of July.

Ground breaking ceremony scheduled for Tuesday July 6, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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Gilbertsville Ambulance Chief of Operations Report

July 2021

Call Volume for June

130 Total for month

747 Total Year to Date

89 Patients Transported

4 Patient Evaluated/No treatment or transport

2 Public Assist

6 Patient Refusal

1 Unit Assist

1 Patient treated and released

20 Cancelled

1 Patient treated transported by another EMS Agency

3 Dead on Scene

3 Standby

130 Total calls for service for the month

Calls for service by Municipality

42 Douglass Township

 Amity Township

31 New Hanover Twp

2 Bally Borough

13 Upper Pottsgrove Twp

6 Bechtelsville Boro

 East Greenville Boro

12 Boyertown Boro

 Limerick Twp

6 Colebrookdale Twp

1 Lower Frederick Twp

3 Douglass Berks

1 Lower Pottsgrove Twp

1 Earl Township

2 Pennsburg Boro

 Hereford Twp

7 Pottstown Boro

 Oley Twp

 Red Hill Boro

1 Washington Twp

2 Upper Frederick Twp

 Other

 Upper Hanover Twp

130 Total Calls by Municipality

 West Pottsgrove Twp

99 Total Montgomery County

31 Total Berks County

Admission Summary

59 Pottstown Hospital
2 Grand View Health
14 Lehigh Valley Hospital
2 Penn State Health-St. Joseph's
5 Phoenixville Hospital
5 Reading Hospital
4 St. Luke's Upper Bucks
 Other
91 TOTAL ADMISSIONS

Call Volume by Unit

24 332-1
31 332-2
73 332-3
2 Chief
 Other
130 Total Volume

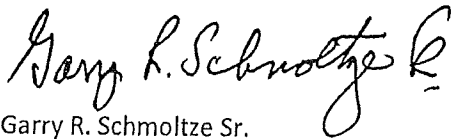
Response Locations

87 Home/ Residence
1 Assisted Living
5 Nursing Home
10 Place of Business
 Police/Jail
 School
18 Street or Highway
3 Urgent Care/doctors office
1 Industrial Place
5 Other
130 Total Response Locations

EMS calls By Shift

91 0600-1800
39 1800-0600
130 TOTAL

Respectfully Submitted,



Garry R. Schmolze Sr.
Chief of Operations