

Douglass Township, Montgomery County

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AGENDA – August 16th, 2021

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Minutes of July 19th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting
 - a. Additions, corrections, motion for approval
 - b. Agenda for August 16th, 2021– additions, corrections, motion for approval.
4. Welcome PA 147th Legislative District, Representative Tracy Pennycuik
5. Emergency Service Reports
 1. GF&R and GACAS – Written report submitted, copies in lobby
 2. Emergency Service Building Update
 3. Public Safety Meet & Greet Saturday 8/21/2021 @ 6pm, Boyertown Ice Cream & Water Ice, 835 E Phila Avenue
6. Police Department Report – Chief Templin
 1. Officer Ziegler – College Tuition Reimbursement Approval
7. Solicitor Report – Robert Brant, Esq.
 - a. Hallowell Phase I - 15 Lots Final Plan Recording Pending
 - b. 303/305 Gilbertsville Road, 16 Lots – Final Resolution Pending
 - c. 400 Gilbertsville Rd, 10 Lots – Final Resolution Pending
8. Public Works Department Report – Michael Heydt
9. Treasurer's Report – Peter Hiryak
 - a. Authorization to pay the Bills. (BOS Approval Required)
 - b. Budget Calendar
 - c. Request for Records Disposition
10. Manager's Report – Peter Hiryak
 1. Schedule of Meetings
 - a. Thursday September 9th, 2021 P/A @ 7pm, No Workshop Scheduled, Monday September 20th, 2021 BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm.
 - b. Congo Road Bridge Replacement – Contract awarded to H&K Group \$1.2 million, construction T.B.A.
 - c. Escrow Release – Zern Tract Phase II #2 (\$83,450.57)
11. Old Business/New Business
 1. Noise Ordinance (Draft Ordinance for staff review)
12. Public Comment
13. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING 7PM MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2021

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:03P.M. Attending were Chairman Joshua 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 13 residents/developers.

Mr. Stouch led in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 July 19th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Meeting, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Wynne to approve the minutes of the July 19th, 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 August 16th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Agenda, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Wynne to approve the August 16th, 2021 Board of Supervisors Agenda as presented. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Welcome PA 147th Legislative District – Representative Tracy Pennycuick

Chairman Stouch stated that Rep. Pennycuick was a major factor in supporting Fire & Rescues funding for the new building. Ms. Pennycuick said she is excited for the new Emergency Services Building, the funds for Fire & Rescue that is allocated from the State to the County has not been received yet. Ms. Pennycuick encouraged Douglass Township to apply for more grants that she can help support, funding is available at a 50/50 match. Rep. Pennycuick also stated that PennDot is advancing with plans to install fencing on the Route 73 bridge over Route 100, completion by end of October. Ms. Bauer asked if there are any fireworks classification updates, Ms. Pennycuick said bills are in the process of rolling back to the PA original fireworks law. Mr. Stouch asked her what she is working on now, Ms. Pennycuick stated that the top thing is a criminal investigation in a Veteran's Hospital benefits, others include a voting integrity bill for auditing voting machines and asking Government to support small business and EMS services. No other questions were given.

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

Emergency Services Building Update – Fire Chief Andrew Duncan announced that a time lapse camera has been installed at the site showing the building progress for the next 90 days. The footers and piers have been installed, the walls will be next, and we hope to have the building weather tight by October. Chief Duncan also announced that there will be a Public Meet & Greet on Saturday August 21st, 2021 from 6pm-8pm behind the Boyertown Ice Cream and Water Ice at 835 E Philadelphia Ave (Town Plaza Parking Lot), come out and support the local business and meet the Police, Fire, and EMS personnel and check out the police cars, fire truck, and ambulance.

Police Department Report – Chief Templin

July 2021 Statistics: 395 calls for service, 3 vacation notices, 5 reportable accidents, 10 non-reportable accidents, 7 investigations, 1 criminal arrest, 3 paper citations, 126 e-citations, 1 non-traffic citation, and 0 parking tickets. Chief Templin stated that PennDot plans to start the installation of the fencing on the Route 73 bridge over Route 100 in Douglass Township in mid-to- late September, also the bridge is on the inspection schedule for later this month. Mr. Stouch said that he was surprised that PennDot says that as far as the sidewalks interior portion and entryway is our responsibility to repair. Mr. Hassan will look into this and report back to the Board.

Officer Ziegler is asking approval for College Tuition Reimbursement, Mr. Stouch stated that under the police contract police officers are eligible for tuition reimbursement for further education pertaining to police work. Mr. Wynne wanted to table this until an estimated cost would be submitted and the Board agreed to table the discussion until 2022 budget meetings since this would not be started until 2022.

Chief Templin asked for the Board's approval to place the 2013 Ford Explorer police vehicle on Municibid.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Keiser to authorize Chief Templin to place the 2013 Ford Explorer police vehicle on Municibid. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

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

Solicitor Report – Robert Brant, Esq.

Hallowell Phase I – 15 lots – Final Plan Recording Pending.

303/305 Gilbertsville Road, 16 Lots – Final Resolution Pending (September 2021)

400 Gilbertsville Road, 10 Lots – Final Resolution Pending – No Action

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

Public Works Department – Michael Heydt

Mr. Heydt said that they did roadside mowing, cleaned inlets. Prepped & paved Bow Lane, prepping 4th Street for paving before school begins, graded dirt roads, and helped Washington Township. Mr. Link asked if he could patch some holes on Brookside Drive entryway and Cleaver Road. Mr. Heydt stated that he would if maybe some paving could be done if there is money remaining in the budget.

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

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

Manager Hiryak stated that the bills to be paid as of August 16th, 2021 is \$141,186.02. 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 August 16th, 2021 in the amount of \$141,186.02. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Hiryak distributed the Budget Calendar for the Board to review. The manager stated that Ms. O'Donnell is asking for the Board's approval of records to be destroyed and provided a list, the Board wanted to table this discussion for the next meeting. Mr. Brant stated that a resolution is needed for records to be destroyed. Mr. Hunter asked when Ms. O'Donnell will be coming to the meetings again, Mr. Hiryak replied that Ms. O'Donnell has been working from home and has been coming into the office several days a week, she is planning to attend the upcoming budget meetings. No other questions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Wynne to accept the Treasurer'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 September 9th, 2021 P/A Meeting @ 7pm, No Workshop Scheduled. Monday September 20th, 2021 BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm.

2. Congo Road Bridge Replacement – Contract was awarded to H&K Group for \$1.2 million, construction to be announced. The manager asked Mr. Heydt, Mr. Hassan, and Mr. Duncan to be present for any pre-construction meetings and for Chief Templin & Mr. Duncan to post road closure/detour information on facebook and website.
3. Escrow Release Request:
 - a. Zern Phase II – Release #2 (\$83,450.57)

Based on the observations of the work performed, Pennoni Engineering recommended release #2 for Zern Tract Phase II in the amount of \$83,450.57.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynne, seconded by Mr. Stouch to approve Escrow Release #2 for Zern Tract Phase II in the amount of \$83,450.57 as recommended by Pennoni Engineering based on the work performed. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Houseknecht asked if Bob Blue is going to clean up his property, Mr. Duncan replied that Mr. Blue is contacting people to mow and clean up the property. No other questions were given.

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

Noise Ordinance (Draft Ordinance for staff review) – Mr. Brant stated that here in Douglass we have a basic nuisance ordinance, a resident gathered information on noise ordinances from other Townships for the Board to review. Mr. Brant stated that he drafted an ordinance which requires training, equipment, and hiring personnel for enforcement. Mr. Brant felt that since a big portion of the Township is farm related operations and since there are only a handful of complaints per year the Township might be satisfied with the present nuisance ordinance. Mr. Wynne is opposed to a noise ordinance because we are rural. Mr. Stouch asked Chief Templin how many noise complaints do the police receive, Chief Templin replied maybe 10-15 per year and we resolve just about all of the complaints. Mr. Stouch stated that this would be an unrealistic cost for a handful of complaints, Mr. Keiser said that the noise ordinance is a great idea but the cost is unrealistic, maybe when we become more urban. Mr. Hiryak asked Mr. Brant if he represents Townships that have a noise ordinance, Mr. Brant said yes but most of those Townships never used the Decibel Meter. Mr. Stouch said if we can handle it without citations we should do so. A resident stated that most of the noise comes from fireworks. No other comments were given.

Public Comment

The Pfeiffer's who run the corn maze farm announced that they are having a First Responder night at the corn maze, free to all First Responders. No other public comment was given.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. Keiser-Aye, Stouch-Aye, Wynne-Aye. Motion passed.

The next Board of Supervisor's Meeting will be held on Monday, September 20th, 2021 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler

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Gilbertsville Ambulance Chief of Operations Report September 2021

Call Volume for August

154 Total for month

1026 Total Year to Date

100 Patients Transported

7 Patient Evaluated/No treatment or transport

8 Public Assist

4 Patient Refusal

3 Unit Assist

2 Patient treated and released

23 Cancelled

1 Patient treated transported by another EMS Agency

3 Dead on Scene

3 Standby

154 Total calls for service for the month

Calls for service by Municipality

54 Douglass Township

Amity Township

44 New Hanover Twp

1 Bally Borough

7 Upper Pottsgrove Twp

2 Bechtelsville Boro

1 East Greenville Boro

13 Boyertown Boro

Limerick Twp

5 Colebrookdale Twp

1 Lower Frederick Twp

5 Douglass Berks

1 Lower Pottsgrove Twp

Earl Township

Pennsburg Boro

Hereford Twp

14 Pottstown Boro

Oley Twp

Red Hill Boro

1 Washington Twp

3 Upper Frederick Twp

Other

Upper Hanover Twp

2 West Pottsgrove Twp

154 Total Calls by Municipality

127 Total Montgomery County

27 Total Berks County

Admission Summary

73 Pottstown Hospital
1 Grand View Health
13 Lehigh Valley Hospital
 Penn State Health-St. Joseph's
7 Phoenixville Hospital
5 Reading Hospital
 St. Luke's Upper Bucks
1 Other
100 TOTAL ADMISSIONS

Call Volume by Unit

26 332-1
60 332-2
67 332-3
1 Chief
 Other
154 Total Volume

Response Locations

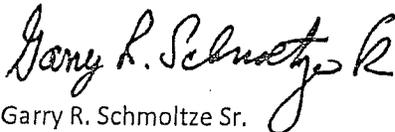
122 Home/ Residence
3 Assisted Living
2 Nursing Home
5 Place of Business
 Police/Jail
1 School
11 Street or Highway
5 Urgent Care
1 Industrial Place
4 Other
154 Total Response Locations

EMS calls By Shift

97 0600-1800
57 1800-0600
154 TOTAL

Details: 5K Race New Hanover United Methodist Church
First Responders Night Argento's Water Ice

Respectfully Submitted,



Garry R. Scholtze Sr.
Chief of Operations



Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue Company

Monthly Fire Report

August 2021

Incidents by type:

111 - Building fire: 1

131 - Passenger Vehicle Fire: 1

311 - Assist EMS: 1

322 - Accident with Injuries: 2

350 - Rescue, Extrication Other: 1

424 -Carbon Monoxide Incident: 1

551 - Fire Police Call: 3

571 - Standby, Cover: 1

600 - Good Intent call, other: 1

745 - Alarm system activation, no fire, unintentional: 5

900 - Special Type of Incident: 1

Total Incidents for August 2021: 18

Fire Company in Service Time: 61 hours, 40 minutes

Calls Year to Date: 177

Fire Company in Service Time Year to Date: 552 hours, 20 minutes

Response per Municipality:

Douglass Township Montgomery: 10

Upper Pottsgrove Township: 1

Lower Pottsgrove Township: 2

New Hanover Township: 1

Colebrookdale Township: 2

Washington Township (Berks County): 1

Earl Township (Berks County): 1

Training:

Engineers night / Equipment Checks

Pump / Drafting Operations

CPR/First Aide

Stop the Bleed Training

Events:

16th Anniversary Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday November 13, 2021.

Fire Prevention Extravaganza – Weis Markets 1050 E. Philadelphia Avenue 10/7/2021 6:30PM

Attended the Boyertown Water and Ice Cream Factory Public Safety Meet and Greet on Saturday August 21, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

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