



# Douglass Township, Montgomery County

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## AGENDA – April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Executive Session
4. Minutes of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting
  - a. Additions, corrections, motion for approval
  - b. Agenda for April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – additions, corrections, motion for approval.
5. ZHB – Middle Creek Rd, Floodplain Management Ordinance – wetland mitigation/steam bank restoration.
6. Police Department Report – Chief Templin
  1. Police Tuition Reimbursements per contract – Castellucci \$2,858.23, Ziegler \$2,123.90 (BOS Approval Required)
7. Solicitor Report – Robert Brant, Esq.
8. Manager's Report – Peter Hiryak
  1. Schedule of Meetings
    - a. Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ARPA Funding Meeting @ 12noon, Monday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ESB Meeting @ 6pm, Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 P/A Meeting @ 7pm, Workshop @ 6pm (Lighting/Signage Ordinance. Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm.
  2. Zern Tract Phase 2 Escrow Release Request #10 \$152,427.85 (BOS Approval Required)
9. Old Business/New Business
  1. Cobblestone Drive Intersection Concerns
  2. Phila Ave – Brake/Trailer concerns
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment

**NEXT MEETING 7PM MONDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:01P.M. Attending were Vice-Chairman Alan Keiser, Supervisor Sara Carpenter, Solicitor Robert Brant, Khal Hassan of Pennoni & Associates, Pete Hiryak, Andrew Duncan, Mike Heydt, McKenna Powanda, Chief Templin, and approximately 12 residents/developers.

Mr. Keiser led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting room was set up for modified social distancing. A reporter was present at the meeting. Mr. Keiser announced there was no Executive Session held this evening and that Mr. Stouch was feeling under the weather and would not be attending.

Mr. Keiser asked if there were any additions, corrections, or comments to the minutes of March 21st, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting, none were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Ms. Carpenter to approve the minutes of the March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Keiser-Aye, Carpenter-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Keiser asked if there were any questions, comments, or corrections to the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board of Supervisors Agenda, no corrections or changes were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Ms. Carpenter to approve the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Board of Supervisors Agenda as presented. Keiser-Aye, Carpenter-Aye. Motion passed.

**ZHB – Middle Creek Rd, Floodplain Management Ordinance – Wetland mitigation/stream bank restoration – Robert Baldwin**

Mr. Baldwin, Project Manager, was present to give a brief informational overview. Mr. Baldwin stated that they are receiving funding from the PA Turnpike Commission for the restoration of streams and floodplains for easements purchased at 265 Middle Creek Road relocating channels to a more meandering pattern for stability, planting natural trees & shrubs, and removing invasive plants. PA Turnpike Commission is required to obtain County and Local zoning permits. Mr. Hassan commented that this would be an involved project but it will enhance the area. The project would involve 43 acres out of the 85 total acres on 265 Middle Creek Rd. Mr. Kolb asked what is the estimated cost of this project, Mr. Baldwin said it is seven figures. Ms. Carpenter asked if this would affect areas downstream, Mr. Hassan said this would help contain more water flow along the creek. Mr. Brant informed Mr. Baldwin that a Zoning Hearing Appeal must be filed with the appropriate fees, no action can be taken at this time. He asked Mr. Baldwin to return to a future Board of Supervisors Meeting for his power point presentation because Mr. Stouch was not present this evening and Mr. Keiser must recuse himself because his wife is a member of the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Baldwin will attend the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and give a power point presentation.

**Police Department Report – Chief Templin**

Chief Templin asked for authorization for tuition reimbursements, per the police contract, for Officer Castellucci in the amount of \$2,858.23 and Officer Ziegler in the amount of \$2,123.90.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Ms. Carpenter to authorize tuition reimbursement, per the police contract, for Officer Castellucci in the amount of \$2,858.23. Keiser-Aye, Carpenter-Aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Ms. Carpenter to authorize tuition reimbursement, per the police contract, for Officer Ziegler in the amount of \$2,123.90. Keiser-Aye, Carpenter-Aye. Motion passed.

**Solicitor Report – Robert Brant, Esq.**

Mr. Brant stated nothing further to report.

**Manager's Report - Pete Hiryak**

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ARPA Funding Meeting @ 12noon, Monday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 ESB Meeting @ 6pm, Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 P/A Meeting @ 7pm, workshop (Lighting Ordinance) @ 6pm. Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Bos Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm.
2. Zern Tract Phase 2 Escrow Release Request #10 (\$152,427.85) – BOS Approval Required. An escrow release request was received from Mr. Rosen for a reduction of funds relating to Zern Tract Phase 2, a site inspection was conducted and the release of \$152,427.85 is recommended by Pennoni, with an escrow balance remaining of \$1,174,829.80.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Ms. Carpenter to approve Escrow Release #10 for Zern Tract Phase 2 in the amount of \$152,427.85 as recommended by Pennoni Engineering with \$1,174,829.80 remaining in escrow. Keiser-Aye, Carpenter-Aye. Motion passed.

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

**Old Business/New Business**

*Cobblestone Drive Intersection Concerns* – Mr. Bressler was concerned with the number of vehicles that drive through the stop sign at Cobblestone and Noble, he nearly got hit while going to his mailbox. It is school buses and commercial vehicles, not just neighborhood traffic. Mr. Bressler asked if there is anything that can be done, Chief Templin said we will be placing flashing lights on the stop sign post and stop bars will be painted at that location as soon as the weather clears. The lights have been on order and we are waiting for delivery. Chief Templin will also have officers patrol that area more often. Ms. Carpenter asked if Mr. Bressler's HOA can do anything, Mr. Bressler stated that the HOA only takes care of the common areas. Ms. Carpenter asked Chief Templin to contact the Berwind II HOA and explain the situation.

*Phila Avenue (Jake Brake/Trailer Concerns)* – Chief Templin had an officer monitor the situation at the A D Moyer section of E. Philadelphia Avenue on Saturday and nothing was observed involving jake brake noise, we will continue to monitor this issue. Mr. Keiser commended the Township and staff for taking quick action on this issue since it was only brought to our attention at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. No other old business/new business was given.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Updegrave asked what are they trying to do at 265 Middle Creek, Mr. Hassan said basically they want to rehab a pre-existing water flow path that is presently non-existent, the rehab will slow down runoff waters before it gets downstream. Mr. Hiryak asked if this type of project could be done at other areas in the Township, Mr. Brant commented that it appears that they are attracted to larger parcels this parcel is 85 acres. Mr. Houseknecht asked what is happening with the old train shoppe property on Jackson Road, Mr. Hiryak stated that the new owner was issued a Cease & Desist Order for violation of permitted use and grading ordinances. No permits have been issued for this property. The Engineer was on site taking pictures and a violation letter was mailed out. PennDot was also notified as well as the Conservation District. Mr. Houseknecht stated that Jackson Road was a muddy mess, the owner had the road blocked and could have knocked out all the electric for Rt.100 by digging in the PennDot right-of-way. Mr. Updegrave complained about the blacktop surface on County Line Road Bridge, Mr. Heydt said he would look at the situation and see what he could do until the bridge is finally replaced. No other public comment was given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Ms. Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. Keiser-Aye, Carpenter-Aye. Motion passed.

**The next Board of Supervisor's Meeting will be held on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Marcy Meitzler