

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Dennison Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Sheila Weaver. Roll call was taken as follows:

Sheila Weaver, present
Michael Mack, present
Bruce Thomas, present

Attorney Dean, excused
Kathleen Stortz, present
Carl Faust, excused

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting held on February 3, 2016 were approved on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas. All voted in favor.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Bruce Thomas second by Michael Mack. All voted in favor.

The bills were approved to be paid on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas. All voted in favor.

BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT –NONE

PLANNING COMMISSION – On a motion by Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas, the resignation of Alex Timinsky effective February 2, 2016, from the Planning Commission was approved. All voted in favor. A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver, to appoint Bruce Thomas to the unexpired term of Alex Timinsky. All voted in favor. Jack Varaly will prepare an Ordinance establishing the membership on the Planning Commission at five members.

MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM – A motion was made by Bruce Thomas, second by Michael Mack, to participate in the Luzerne County Emergency Management Mass Notification System. All voted in favor. The system will enable the township to send text, email or voice calls to township residents, who choose to participate, through SwiftReach 911. Wayne Gower is the point of contact for Dennison Township.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING- 2016 -The township has been notified by Luzerne County that they will not hold their annual recycling program this year. The county has been notified by its recycling provider that due to market costs they cannot continue to provide service at their previous rates. This has caused the county to discontinue their program for 2016. The county will try to resolve the issues so they can hold the electronic recycling program in 2017. Residents are asked to contact DMS Shredding or Brenner Recycling for options regarding disposing of electronics. Sheila Weaver will contact the companies to see if the township can dispose of electronics through them.

SALT CONTRACT 2016/2017 – A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas, to submit the application for salt for 2016/2017 and request 44 tons. All voted in favor.

ROAD REPORT- Sheila reported that there was a tree down on the Peat Moss road during a recent storm.

ZONING – Two permits were issued during the month of February and a permit for James Yackiel, 157 Red Shale Pit Road for a 12' x 25' garage (car port), which has already been erected, was denied because it did not meet the side setback or the maximum lot coverage allowed by the ordinance. The Yackiel's were in attendance at the meeting and stated they will do whatever is necessary to correct the situation.

Jerry Reilly from Honey Hole Road attended the meeting. A portion of his home is in the flood plain and he is trying to have that changed. He stated he needs a letter from the township stating that he did not need a permit to bring in fill. Sheila Weaver said she would speak to the Carl Faust about it.

The supervisors will work with Jack Varaly to come up with a resolution establishing zoning and building permit fees. Jack's recommendation is to keep the fee schedules separate.

James Burke was at the meeting and expressed his opinion that the supervisors should have appointed someone local to the position of Zoning Officer and he asked if Mr. Faust was qualified. The supervisors responded that Mr. Faust is very qualified.

FIRE COMPANY – Bill Bauersfeld presented the Annual Report for 2015 and the township secretary reported that the township received a copy of the fire company's relief association audit from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014 and everything is in compliance. The fire company will hold a block shoot on May 1, 2016. There were 11 calls during the month of February with 61.25 hours of service plus several hours of maintenance and training.

ADJOURNMENT - On a motion by Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M. Motion carried.