

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Dennison Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Sheila Weaver. After Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken as follows:

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

Attorney Maier, excused
Keith Wheeler, present
Kathleen Stortz, present

The minutes of the July 3rd meeting were approved on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas. Motion carried

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Bruce Thomas, second by Mike Mack. Motion carried.

The bills, as read, were approved to be paid on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT – Office Szoke attended the meeting. He apologized for not attending prior meetings. He presented police reports for May, June and July. May: 46.2 hours of service, 26 calls; June: 54.75 hours of service, 23 calls; July: 61.25 hours of service, 21 calls. He informed the supervisors that prior to budget preparation the White Haven Mayor and he would like to meet with the supervisors. He asked the Zoning Officer to look into a person living in a garage on Walnut Street. Keith stated he would contact the property owner.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGREEMENT – A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas to execute the Cooperation Agreement with Luzerne County. Motion carried. Funds received will be used to update the township's Comprehensive Plan. Sheila asked Jack Varaly if the township could be reimbursed for the money they paid him to do the Survey in 2012. Jack said the township could not use grant money for any work that was done prior to the agreement being signed. Jack reported that a public notice will be advertised in the Standard Speaker requesting professional services for the Comprehensive Plan. Proposals are to be returned to the township by August 24th and the job will be awarded at the September 4th meeting. Once a contract is signed the Planning Consultant will meet with the Planning Commission to formulate the plan

ZONING REPORT – Keith Wheeler stated that he has been busy with building applications. Two certified letters were sent out regarding unsafe structures. One on Middleburg Road for the Bohner properties and the other on Walnut Street for the trailer owned by June Kearns

FIRE REPORT – Bill Bauserfeld reported 9 calls in July with 18 hours of service, 28 hours of training and 3 hours of truck maintenance. Bill stated the fire company sponsored the Safety Break on July 6th and 7th. The Block Shoot is scheduled for September 29th. Bill also reported he used a magnet and picked up a coffee can full of nails and screws from the fire house driveway which were left there on Spring Clean Up Day. The fire company met with ISO regarding the township rating which is used by insurance companies to determine rates. Most of the township has a rating of 9 with some properties rated at 6. Ratings are based on proximity to fire hydrants or water supplies. Bill reported that the lower the rating the better. The fire company is scheduling a tanker drill with the Mountain Top Fire Company with ISO in attendance to hopefully lower the township's rating below a 9. Bill was asked how everything was going with the ambulance and he replied that everything is fine and the White Haven ambulance is doing a good job.

ROAD REPORT – The supervisors reported summer maintenance is being done. Road crew was informed that the visibility at stop sign at the corner of Second and Walnut is very poor and they were asked to trim around it.

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

