

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 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 August 7th 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 Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas. Motion carried.

On a motion by Bruce Thomas, second by Michael Mack, the bills were approved to be paid with the exception of the payroll checks for Steven Egenski and Tino Nocchi. Motion carried. Sheila Weaver stated she believes they should be paid as "contractors" and not employees of the township thereby eliminating the need for the township to pay a portion of their social security and medicare tax. A discussion ensued as to why they were on the township's payroll and the secretary stated that in order to be covered by the township's insurance they had to be paid as employees. Sheila stated that since they had their own companies she felt they should have their own insurance. She will contact DGK Insurance regarding this matter.

BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT –No Report

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGREEMENT – The executed Cooperation Agreement for the townships Community Development Grant has been received. Five Profession Advice Questionnaires for preparation of the Comprehensive Plan have been received from various consulting firms. A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas, to award the job and approve the Agreement For Professional Planning Services to Varaly Associates. Motion carried. The supervisors asked Jack about using grant money for demolition. Jack stated that he would send the supervisors the guidelines for using funds for that purpose.

WEAVER SUBDIVISION – Recommendations made by the Planning Commission for the Weaver Subdivision Plan have been received. A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas, to give conditional approval to the Weaver Subdivision pending receipt of the approval of the Request for Planning Waiver and Non-Building Declaration from DEP. Roll call vote: Mack, yes; Thomas, yes; Weaver, abstained. Motion carried.

D & L NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR - Correspondence was received regarding an application of the D&L Heritage Corridor for approval of the consolidation and relocation of the crossing where Middleburg Road crosses the tracks of the Reading Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad. The trails do not line up and the Heritage Corridor is requesting permission to cross the railroad.

TOWNSHIP BUILDING – A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas, to request proposals to have the room where oil tank is located converted into a file storage room and the oil tank moved to the back storage room. Motion carried.

RECYCLING – Bruce Thomas stated that he was talking to someone from Packer Township about their recycling program. He suggested the supervisors meet with Packer Township to discuss their program in detail. All were in agreement.

ZONING REPORT – Keith Wheeler stated he has heard from June Kearns and she is trying to find someone to remove/demolish the trailer on her property. Nothing has been heard from the Bohner's so Keith is still working on that one. The supervisors asked Keith if he has heard anything further regarding the complaint about the Ramblewood resident burning his outdoor wood burner to heat his swimming pool water. Keith said he has not heard anything else but suggested that Jack Varaly review the township's Nuisance Ordinance which Keith feels needs more "teeth".

ROAD REPORT – The supervisors reported brush has been cut at the stop sign at the corner of Second and Walnut and the ash pile has been moved. A younger person has been hired to help cut tree limbs. Bruce Thomas stated that he took Frank Sitko around to see what brush trimming the township wants done along the roads. Sheila stated that the supervisors need to think about the possibly of out-sourcing winter maintenance. Bruce and Sheila undercoated the truck.

A letter was received from PennDot regarding a completed engineering review of all bridges over 20 feet in order to conform to a revised policy concerning bridge weight limits. Respective bridge owners will receive a letter with the results of the engineering analysis including recommended posting weight restrictions.

FIRE REPORT – Bill Bauserfeld was not present at the meeting but submitted the report for August. There were 6 calls in August with 57.5 hours of service, 18 hours of training, 13 hours of truck maintenance and 10 hours of fund raising. Twenty (20) SCBA Bottles were tested and new batteries were installed in Engine 2. The annual Block Shoot will be held on September 29th.

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