

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2021

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

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

Attorney Kristyn Giarratano  
Jack Varaly, present, virtually  
Kathleen Stortz, present

Bruce Thomas stated that since Attorney Giarratano was at the meeting to discuss possible litigation we would start with Jack Varaly's zoning report. Jack reported that Mr. Mendez is trying to get electrical service to his property and his zoning fines now total \$36,000.00. Jack also stated he would like to discuss with the supervisors issues with the Zoning Ordinance regarding animal regulations, specifically animal kennels, horse riding academies and he would like to revisit section 325 and 326 in the current ordinance. The supervisors asked Mr. Varaly to draft something and they would review his recommendations.

At this point in the meeting the supervisors went into Executive Session to discuss the Jose Mendez litigation.

The meeting resumed and a motion was made by Bruce Thomas, second by Michael Mack, to authorize the township solicitor to proceed to take Mendez to the Court of Common Pleas to abate the zoning violation and to collect the fines due. All voted in favor.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver. Questions? None. All voted in favor.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver. Questions? None. All voted in favor.

The bills were approved to be paid on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver. Questions? None. All voted in favor.

### **BUSINESS:**

**POLICE REPORT** - November report indicated a total hours 53.97. December report has not been received yet.

**ROAD REPORT** – Jim Yackiel reported did some snow removal, cleaned up roads due to heavy snow, rain and wind. He put barriers up on the Hollenback bridge and replaced a stop sign at the corner of Fifth and Walnut Streets which was stolen. Mike Mack asked Jim to call the police and report the stolen stop sign. Mr. Yackiel also stated that a culvert in Ramblewood was cleaned out and the whole ditch will need some work in the summer. The secretary reported there was a complaint about a tree on Barry's road that is hanging over the road. The resident will be called back and advised to contact the county since this is a county road. The supervisors discussed problems that occur with trees in the township. Sheila Weaver suggested getting a large firm like Tree Smiths to come into the township annually to cut back trees especially on the Red Shale Pit road. For immediate needs it was suggested to call Leroy Stewart to help with tree maintenance.

Sheila reported on the Jones' request to have a portion of 7<sup>th</sup> Street deeded to them. She said Attorney Dean found the same problem that she mentioned at a previous meeting with the pin location on their survey map. Attorney Dean was going to contact the surveyor regarding the placement of the property pin. Sheila will

contact Attorney Dean again to find out the status of this issue because the supervisors would like to have it settled.

**FIRE REPORT** – There were 10 calls during the month of December, 34.75 hours of service, and 6 hours of maintenance. Nine calls were in Dennison Township and one in Wright Township. The supervisors discussed the request by White Haven Borough to pay one-third of a bill for PPE items that Chis Zweible, EMS Coordinator, ordered for White Haven Borough, Dennison Township and Penn Lake Borough. Sheila stated she spoke to Fire Chief, Jay Marotta, who said he told Mr. Zweible that Dennison didn't need any PPE items but if the items were free from the county the fire company would take them. The supervisors declined the request to pay one third of the bill.

Bruce Thomas stated he read an article in the Township News about a bill that was passed that allowed for a property tax abatement for volunteers. He said he would like to find out more about it and will reach out to Representative Mullery.

On a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. All voted in favor.