

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2021

After Pledge of Allegiance to the flag 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 Dean, excused
Jack Varaly, present
Kathleen Stortz, present

The minutes of the March 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 Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack. Questions? None. All voted in favor.

BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT - There were a total of 65.58 hours of service during the month of March.

THOMAS HUGHES PLANNING MODULE – Pasonick Engineering is doing the work for Thomas Hughes to connect to the sewer system. There were papers submitted by Pasonick for the township to sign which the supervisors had questions about. A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver, to review the documents and authorize signatures when all questions are answered. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT – Jack Varaly reported he issued two permits during the month of March. One for an above ground pool and one for placement of a mobile home. There was also an application for a shed which will require a zoning hearing. Jack reported the hearing was held on the Emergency Injunction against Jose Mendez. The judge turned down the emergency status classification of the complaint. The judge told Mr. Mendez that he did not win but she was just not granting the emergency declaration to prohibit him from being on the property. There will be another hearing, which has not been scheduled yet, on the zoning violations. Jack said he asked Attorney Kristyn Giarratano to do two things. Number one to check to see if the Mendez property is on the list for the sheriff sale in June and number two if Mendez submits a zoning application, even if he meets the requirements, if there is an outstanding violation on the property does the township have to accept or process an application for further improvements.

ROAD REPORT – Jim Yackiel reported he put the plow away and cleaned the truck. He also cleaned out the pipe on Seventh Street where it goes into the creek. Bruce stated where the creek goes under the railroad there is a tree laying sideways across the pipe and he asked Jim to take a look at it and to reach out if he needs help removing it. Sheila reported that a few weeks ago when it was very windy she got two text messages about trees down. One was on a county road and the other on the state road. She called Jim and he told her he had already gotten a call from 911. A discussion ensued as to how the county got Jim's phone number and what the township should do about trees down on a county or state road. It was decided that if this happens again Jim should inform the caller that it is a county or state road and he is not authorized to work on those roads, go investigate and perhaps put cones out so no one gets injured. Jim also reported that he checked the fence on Lake Francis Road and put up a "No Trespassing" sign. The supervisors decided not to repair the fence and just use signage. Jim will order "Road Closed" signs to be placed on the Lake Francis Road. Bruce told Jim to start sweeping the roads at his convenience. Sheila Weaver also reported that she received a text message from

Borough Manager, Linda Szoke, about a Penn Lake resident concerned about the level of the water at the Hollenback bridge. Jim went to investigate and said the creek is not high by the bridge. Jim was told if he starts to see the beavers building a dam under the bridge to let the supervisors know right away. A resident of the township asked if the supervisors knew if any repairs would be made to the Tunnel Road this year. The supervisors replied that they did not know.

ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION – The supervisors decided to do road inspection separately like they did last year. Sheila will do Middleburg and Peat Moss roads, Mike will do Ramblewood, Bruce will do Red Shale Pit, Stolpe road, Ice Lake road and Hollenback road.

FIRE REPORT – There were 4 calls in March, 7.45 hours of service, and 16 hours of maintenance. Three calls were in Dennison Township and one in Kidder Township. Bill Bauserfeld also reported that the fire company was at two brush fires that day, one on Route 80 and one in Foster Township.

ADJOURNMENT - On a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. All voted in favor.