

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**July 7, 2021**

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

Bruce Thomas, present	Attorney Dean, excused
Sheila Weaver, present	Jack Varaly, present
Michael Mack, present	Kathleen Stortz, present

The minutes of the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved on a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack. 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, as read, were approved on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver. Questions? None. All voted in favor.

**BUSINESS:**

**POLICE REPORT** – It was decided to remove the Police Report as an agenda item going forward since there is not much information on the report.

**ZONING REPORT** – Jack reported that an application was filed by the owner of the Pleasure Dome for a 40 x 60 pole barn as an accessory structure. The lot currently has a principal structure, although it is an unhabitable house, known as the flag house. The application was denied because variances are required for both side yards and a variance for maximum lot coverage. A Zoning Hearing has been scheduled. Jack stated he was informed by a neighbor of Jose Mendez that lumber has been delivered to the Mendez property because Mr. Mendez is putting up a fence. Jack stated he will once again have to site Mr. Mendez because a permit is required for the fence. Sheriff sale is still scheduled for next month for the Mendez property. Bruce asked if the supervisors want to consider authorizing the solicitor to attend the Tax Sale for the Mendez property and purchase the property on behalf of the township. All supervisors said yes. The amount to authorize the solicitor to spend will be discussed at Executive Session at the end of this meeting. Mr. Varaly said he had a call from a realtor regarding a property at 19 Seventh Street. The realtor was inquiring if Short Term Rentals were regulated in the township. Jack will send the realtor a copy of the zoning amendment regarding same.

Sheila Weaver stated she had a copy of Penn Lake’s ordinance regarding Reverse Subdivisions and had the township solicitor update it for Dennison Township and she would like to advertise it. Jack Varaly said it would first have to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. Bill Bauersfeld said the Planning Commission could review it at a meeting in July.

**JONES – SEVENTH STREET** – Mr. and Mrs. Jones asked the board where in the process the township was as far as vacating a portion of Seventh Street to them. A lengthy discussion ensued as to the discrepancy where the pin placement was for the property lines. The deed description identifies that

the property pin is in the middle of Linden Street. The Jones' stated that the pin is in their driveway. It was decided that after the meeting the supervisors would visit the property to physically look at the situation.

**ROAD REPORT** – Jim Yackiel reported some road signs, and a stop sign were stolen. He cut a tree up that was down on Linden Street. He also cut weeds around intersections and cut grass. Bill Bauersfeld informed Jim that the “Watch Children” sign at the entrance to Ramblewood was down as well as the stop sign going out of Fawn Ridge. Bruce stated that a resident had called the township regarding trash he and some volunteers cleaned up along Tunnel Road. The resident wanted to know if Dennison Township would pick up the trash they collected which is piled up on Tunnel Road. The secretary told the resident that the township did not have anywhere to put the trash, but she would call the county to see if they would pick it up because it is a county road. She also informed the resident that going forward they should try to coordinate the clean up with the township clean up which is held the first Saturday in June. The secretary and Sheila Weaver both have called the county and left messages but have had no response. Bruce stated that since it is township residents cleaning up township property, he would have no objection to getting a dumpster for the site so the residents could put the items collected in the dumpster. Bruce made a motion to call the county one more time and if no response to get a dumpster if the residents will load it. The motion was second by Michael Mack. Voice vote taken. Bruce Thomas, yes; Michael Mack, yes; Sheila Weaver, no. Motion carried.

**FIRE REPORT** –There were 7 calls during the month of June with 17.25 hours of service, 12 hours of training, 8 hours of maintenance and 12 hours fund raising. Five calls were in Dennison Township, one in White Haven Borough and one in L&L. Engine 2 is still out of service. The brush truck is back in service.

**COMPLAINTS** – The secretary reported someone called the township and left a message about dogs running loose in the township. Bruce stated that once we get our ordinances codified the intent is to get enforcement of the codes. Bruce asked if the township would use the police for this type of enforcement. He said if the ordinances don't specifically state that the police will enforce the ordinance there is nothing the police can do about it. Supervisors agreed they would like the police to enforce township ordinances. Mike Mack said the sewage odor on Middleburg Road is bad. The fire company has also received complaints about the smell. It was decided the township will send a letter to Aqua Pennsylvania about the odor.

At this point in the meeting the supervisors went into Executive Session to discuss purchasing real property.

The regular monthly meeting was re-convened, and a motion was made by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack, to authorize the township solicitor to attend the tax sale and to purchase the Mendez property for the township, if no one else bids on it, at the opening bid price. All voted in favor. The solicitor will also be asked about updating liens on the Sweitzer property.

**ADJOURNMENT** - On a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M. All voted in favor.