

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2015

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

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

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

The minutes of the May 6th regular monthly meeting were approved on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver. Motion carried.

The bills were approved to be paid on a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT –Officer Szoke reported that there were 42 hours of service in April and 55 hours in May. He also said that White Haven Borough was hiring another full time officer.

PENNDOT ROUTE 437 BRIDGE PROJECT – Engineers from Greenman Pedersen, Inc. and representatives from Penn Dot were at the meeting to discuss the bridge replacement project on Route 437. They explained to those attending the meeting including fire and ambulance personnel the preliminary scope of the project. The entire project should take two to three months to complete. The project as currently designed requires a portion of Route 437 to be closed and a detour put in place for approximately one month. The supervisors and fire and ambulance personnel objected to the road closure and asked why the project could not be designed to close one lane at a time or build a temporary roadway around the area. The engineers discussed what would be involved in doing the project by closing one lane at a time and the problem they would have in designing a temporary roadway considering the area surrounding the bridge is wetlands and there are strict DEP regulations in Pennsylvania regarding wetlands. They stated they would take the comments under advisement and since the project is not slated to be funded until 2018 they will attend another meeting when the final decision is made as to how the project will be designed.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - The grant application for the 2016 Luzerne County Community Development Program has been received. It must be returned by August 21, 2015.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT – Bruce Thomas stated that he spoke to Brian Shields from the Luzerne County Conservation District and Mr. Shields requested a copy of the township's Storm Water Management Ordinance. Bruce told Mr. Shields that the supervisors would like to meet with someone from the Conservation District to discuss storm water management. Mr. Shields suggested Bruce contact Heather from the Conservation District to coordinate a meeting.

NESCOPECK CREEK COMPLAINT – Mike Mack stated he spoke to residents who live along the Nescopeck Creek, who contacted the township, regarding trees that are falling in the creek. Mike said he contacted the Soil Conservation District but he did not receive a reply from them.

DETWEILER SUBDIVISION -A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver to approve the Detweiler Subdivision. Motion carried.

ROAD REPORT – Edgar Getz has finished patching pot holes and will seal cracks at a later date. Metrocast will fix the road cut in Ramblewood. The Tunnel Road is being paved.

FIRE REPORT – Bill Bauersfeld reported 12 fire calls during the month of May involving 85 hours. There were also 47 hours spent on fund raising. Officer Szoke stated that when the Dennison Township Fire Department responds to calls in Dennison Township and a police report is involved that information will be given to the Dennison Township Fire Chief and not anyone else. Gary Shupp, representing the White Haven Ambulance, stated he wanted to thank Dennison Township Fire Company for their professionalism during a recent vehicle accident.

CLEAN UP DAY - Dumpsters will be available June 6th at the fire house from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Electronic recycling will also be held that day. A motion was made by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack, to hire Gary Shupp as the attendant and pay him \$12.00 per hour. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT - On a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Mike Mack, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.