

PUBLIC HEARING

August 5, 2015

A hearing for the purpose of considering public input and comment on the proposed new Zoning Ordinance was called to order by Chairman Bruce Thomas at 6:30 P.M. After Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, roll call was taken as follows:

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

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

Jack Varaly went over some of the changes made to the proposed new Zoning Ordinance. One of the major changes in the ordinance deals with unattached accessory structures. This change was discussed at some length and the supervisors decided to rethink how they wanted to handle unattached accessory structures. Sheila Weaver had concerns that some properties may be allowed to have too many accessory structures which would be a detriment to neighbors.

On a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver the public hearing was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2015

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, present
Keith Wheeler, excused
Kathleen Stortz, present

It was announced that an executive session was held with Attorney Dean on July 2nd to discuss various litigation matters.

The minutes of the July 1st regular monthly meeting were approved on a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack. Motion carried

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

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

BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT –NONE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Sheila Weaver stated that she contacted Chris Goetz from Municipal Services and he will write up the estimate to be submitted to Community Development for a grant to pave Stolpe Road. The application will be submitted by the deadline of August 21, 2015.

RECYCLING GRANT – Beth DeNardi from the county recycling program met with Sheila Weaver and the secretary to go over the application to apply for a Recycling Grant. The completed application must be submitted by September 30th.

LUZERNE COUNTY ROADS A letter was received from Luzerne County informing Dennison Township that the County owns 9.84 miles of roadway and 13 bridges in Dennison Township and they are requesting that

the township take ownership of these roads and bridges. A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver to send a letter to the county declining the offer. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS -There are several delinquent sewer customers in Dennison Township and Attorney Dean stated that complaints were filed against the delinquent parties at the magistrate's office.

MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – Sheila Weaver stated that the township is set up to put the Maintenance Contract on Pennbid but the bid will also have to be re-advertised in the newspaper. Dave Yarmey, a local contractor, stated in his opinion the township will not receive any bids for the Maintenance Contract because the bidding documents are not very specific. After a brief discussion the supervisors decided to tweak the bid before advertising.

DAVID YARMEY – Dave Yarmey was at the meeting to request the supervisors improve First Street, which is in need of paving, where he lives. He stated that the upper portion of First Street was vacated by ordinance in 1985 but nothing was ever done with the lower portion which he travels over to get to his home. The supervisors stated that it is their opinion that since the lower portion of the street was never dedicated it is not owned by the township. Sheila stated that she sent copies of the deeds for the abutting property owners to Frank Miller, a surveyor, who is going to plot the deeds to try to determine the ownership of that section of unopened road.

ROAD REPORT- Bruce Thomas stated that Sitko's Farm will start cutting brush along the roads this month. An Ordinance has been drafted to vacate the Lake Francis road but a survey still needs to be completed. Bruce Thomas thanked the fire company for assisting in cleaning out and flushing the culvert on Seventh Street.

ZONING - It was the intention of the supervisors to adopt the New Zoning Ordinance at the August meeting but it was tabled until a future date in order to have some additional discussion regarding unattached accessory structures

The property on the Tunnel Road that the township received an anonymous complaint about through DEP has been cleaned up by the property owner.

Residents Ronald Harman, Ed Cawley and Milton Miller attended the meeting regarding vacant properties that need to be cleaned up. Mr. Cawley complained about the former Mary Morrison property which needs to have the grass cut. The owner of the property will be contacted regarding the high grass. The Kearns property was also discussed. Mr. Miller stated that the Zoning Officer sent a letter to the property owner a year ago and nothing has been done about the condition of the property as of this date. Attorney Dean said the township is in the process of trying to taking ownership of the property but it is a long process since there is no owner of record for the property due to the death of the owner and no one has opened an estate. After some further discussion regarding the condition of the Kearns property Attorney Dean suggested the township hire someone, with insurance, to cut the grass. A motion was made by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack to hire someone to cut the grass. Motion carried. Charlene Miller attended the meeting regarding a neighbor that is burning garbage. Keith will be notified, however, Attorney Dean suggested Charlene call the police if it happens again.

FIRE REPORT – Bill Bauersfeld reported a quiet month with only 2 calls and 12 hours of training. Bill also reported that at the Family Night Out recently held on Lehigh Park, Ed Jarick was recognized for his service to the community. .

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