

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 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, excused
Keith Wheeler, present
Kathleen Stortz, present

The minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Monthly meeting held on August 5th were approved on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver. Motion carried

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

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

BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT – Tom Szoke reported 38 hours of service during the month of August. He stated that the township's burning ordinance has no enforcement and suggested it be rewritten. He also recommended that the township enact a Landlord/Tenant Ordinance. He said he would provide the township with a copy of White Haven Boroughs ordinance. Mary Joyce Hosey was in attendance and was seeking help or guidance from the supervisors. She recently moved into 63 Walnut Street, Apartment C. She was only there a few days and there was a fire in her apartment. She stated that the police were blaming her for the fire and it was not her fault. She said the building was recently turned into Section 8 housing and before she moved in there was a list of electrical problems that the county gave to the landlord that needed to be fixed. The landlord did not make the required improvements because he had to go out of town due to a death in the family. Tom Szoke told her that initially they thought that she had caused the fire but now they believed it was an electrical outlet on the porch that was the cause. Ms. Hosey stated she did not know what to do and the supervisors told her to contact County Housing for assistance.

TIRE RECYCLING – The County is holding tire recycling October 3rd at Butler Township and October 10th at Hanover Area School.

ZONING ORDINANCE – On a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack, the new Zoning Ordinance was adopted. Motion carried

DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS - Hearings have been scheduled at the Magistrate's office for delinquent sewer customers.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – A copy of the Luzerne County 5-year update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan has been received. After the plan is approved by the county each municipality will be required to adopt the plan in order to remain eligible for federal and/or state disaster assistance funding.

ROAD REPORT- The supervisors will tar and chip the Red Shale Pit road in the spring. Chris Goetz from Penn Dot's Municipal Services will be contacted to put together the specs so the job can go out for bid early. Quotes will be solicited to fix berms, the roads will be brush cut and cracks will be tarred. The lawn mower is not running. Bruce will take a look at it and the supervisors will begin to look around for a new one.

ZONING –Keith apologized for missing several meetings. He stated that the two homes previously owned by Monas Shellenberger are being addressed. One of the homes will be torn down and the other will have the back porch removed. He will contact Jocelyn Lunny, the owner of the former Mary Morrison property, regarding the high grass. There is nothing new regarding the Kearns property. Keith stated he sent a letter to the residents of the Keenapple property regarding the trash lying around. Keith was asked to provide the township with copies of all correspondence he sends out.

FIRE COMPANY – Bill Bauersfeld reported that there were no calls during the month of August. The Block Shoot will be held September 27th.

COMPLAINT – Kenneth Toohey, 156 Tunnel Road, attended the meeting and asked if the township had an ordinance regulating hours that construction work could take place. He was told the township does not have that type of ordinance. He complained that Weaver Excavating was driving heavy equipment past his house during evening hours and it was interfering with his quality of life. He also said that equipment was parked on his property and that dirt and mud were cleaned out of the tracks of the equipment on the road by his house. He asked Sheila if she was associated with Weaver Excavating and she said she was. Sheila stated that there was only one evening that they worked late hauling fill and that was because the landscaper was coming the next morning. Sheila told Mr. Toohey the job was almost finished.

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