

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 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	Attorney Dean, excused
Sheila Weaver, present	Keith Wheeler, excused
Michael Mack, present	Kathleen Stortz, present

The minutes of the Regular Monthly meeting held on October 7, 2015 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 –NONE

BUDGET - The proposed 2016 Budget was read for the first time and is expected to be passed on the December meeting.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN RESOLUTION – On a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver, the following resolution was adopted.

LUZERNE COUNTY 2014 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE
Municipal Adoption Resolution
Resolution No. 3-2015
Dennison Township

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennison, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2000) requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Dennison acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update has been developed by the Luzerne County Planning Commission in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of Dennison Township, and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA2000 was conducted to develop the Luzerne County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update, and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by natural hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body for the Township of Dennison:

- The Luzerne County 2014 Update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of Dennison Township and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Luzerne County 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

ADOPTED, this 4th day of November, 2015

ATTEST: Kathleen Stortz, Secretary

Bruce Thomas, Chairman
Michael Mack, Vice Chairman
Sheila Weaver, Supervisor

HEALTH INSURANCE COOPERATIVE TRUST – Sheila Weaver stated that PSATS offers health insurance, life insurance and a 401K as a benefit to its members. Sheila presented a letter requesting Dennison Township participate in all available forms of insurance policies provided by PSATS. A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver, to advertise for adoption at the December meeting the ordinance required by PSATS in order to participate. Motion carried.

DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS - The supervisors stated that there was one more hearing scheduled at the Magistrates office.

METROCAST – A letter was received from Metrocast informing the supervisors that some of their rates will increase in January.

ROAD REPORT- The road cut in Ramblewood will be checked. A tree on Lake Francis road has fallen over and needs to be cut. Nowak Brothers will be contacted to do the work. Charles Sirosky will be asked to clean the grates over drains.

ZONING –Bruce Thomas read Keith Wheeler’s report as follows:

Zoning Summary:

Township checks were completed with no violations found, applications received were reviewed and appropriate action taken. On-site inspections were done before construction and all new forms were completed. Phone calls received were returned, one call from Metrocast for emergency road cut again in Ramblewood was requested and approved, awaiting application to return.

Pending issues:

Taking Kearns off list due to being in attorneys hands, house on Middleburg Road (Monas) still awaiting demolition, but areas are clean.

Jared Quinn was present at the meeting and asked what he needs to do to clear a lot he purchased on the Peat Moss Road in order to build a home. The supervisors informed him he will need a Storm Water Management Plan and advised he contact Keith Wheeler and the Luzerne County Conservation District.

The supervisors asked Jack Varaly if he would be interested in taking a look at the township ordinances to see if any should be rewritten, repealed and/or consolidated. Jack said he would look at them.

Jack also stated that he would like to discuss the new zoning forms and a new fee schedule with the supervisors and the zoning officer. He suggested the supervisors continue the November 4 meeting to November 9th.

FIRE COMPANY – Bill Bauersfeld reported that there were 14 calls during the month of October.

CONTINUANCE - On a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack, the meeting was continued to November 9, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

The November 4, 2015 meeting was reconvened at 6:00 pm on November 9, 2015. Those attending were:

Bruce Thomas
Michael Mack
Sheila Weaver

Jack Varaly
Keith Wheeler
Kathleen Stortz

The following bills were approved to be paid: Standard Speaker \$44.78; Mengle Oil Co. \$290.84; and H.A. Berkheimer \$141.57. Motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver. Motion carried.

Jack Varaly went over all the new zoning forms with the supervisors and they also discussed a new zoning fee schedule. Jack will prepare a resolution to adopt new zoning fees.

ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried.