

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2013

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

Sheila Weaver, present
Bruce Thomas, present
Kathleen Stortz, present

Michael Mack, present
Keith Wheeler, present
Attorney Maier, excused

The minutes of the February 6th meeting were approved on a motion by Bruce Thomas, second by Michael Mack. Motion carried

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

The bills, as read, were approved to be paid on a motion by Bruce Thomas, second by Michael Mack. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

POLICE REPORT – Chief Shupp reported 14 calls and 43.5 hours of service during the month of February. Mike Mack asked Chief Shupp if there was anything new regarding the recent string of robberies in the area. Chief Shupp said the robberies seemed to have stopped and all they know is the suspects are 3 males between the ages of 20-24 and they drive a black or grey SUV. Chief Shupp also informed the board that he is retiring in 2 months.

UC-RELIEF FROM CHARGES – Sheila reported that Dennison Township is a reimbursable employer which means when someone files for unemployment the township has to reimburse the Department of Labor and Industry Unemployment Fund for whatever percentage of the claimant's weekly payment that gets charged to Dennison Township and the Township was not eligible to request Relief from Charges. For the year 2013 the Township paid the Department of Labor and Industry a Solvency Fee which enables the Township to request Relief from Charges which they will be doing.

AMBULANCE – Sheila stated the supervisors spend a lot time during the month thinking about the ambulance situation and they are not prepared to make a decision. The 90 day time frame to cancel the current contract with APTS has passed, therefore, the contract has automatically renewed for another year. Bruce Thomas stated that he had requested a report from 911 indicating the call out times for emergencies in Dennison Township and the average time it took for APTS to arrive on site for calls in the township was 28-33 minutes. The supervisors agreed that having the White Haven Ambulance for Basic Life Support (BLS) service seemed in the best interest of the residents but they do not want to do anything illegal as far as the current contract with APTS. Members of the White Haven Ambulance in attendance at the meeting were of the opinion that if the township contacted APTS and informed them that they wanted to switch to White Haven for BLS service, APTS would not have a problem with it. They offered to contact APTS on behalf of the township however Sheila told them the township would contact APTS. As far as Advanced Life Support (ALS) service the township could still retain APTS for that service. Chief Shupp stated that ALS was called out according to 911 protocol which means if the patient were being transported to a hospital in the Hazleton area an ALS service from the Hazleton area would be called out and if the patient was being transported to the Wilkes-Barre area a ALS service from the Wilkes-Barre area would be called out no matter who the township designated as the ALS service. Darrin Gallagher stated that Dennison Township Fire Company has the ability to put any ambulance service on as

mutual aid and asked if the White Haven Ambulance could respond to calls with the Dennison Township Fire Company. A motion was made by Bruce Thomas, second by Michael Mack to appoint the White Haven Ambulance to respond to fire calls and also to appoint the White Haven Ambulance as the second responder for BLS. Motion carried.

BILLING FOR FIRE CALLS – Sheila stated that an issue has come up regarding a fire company called into the township through mutual aid allegedly billing the insurance company of a township resident for services. The Dennison Township ordinance states that any emergency service responding to a call in the township may bill an insurance company to recoup costs incurred. However apparently there is an understanding between fire companies that only the fire company in the municipality in which the fire occurs will bill even when other fire companies are called through mutual aid. Bill Bauersfeld stated the Dennison Township Fire Company will schedule a meeting with the mutual aid fire company in question to resolve the issue.

ALTERNATE UCC INSPECTOR – The supervisors have reviewed the proposal that was submitted last month but will obtain other proposals before making a decision.

ELECTRONICS COLLECTON – Luzerne County will hold its annual electronics collection on June 8th at Butler Township Fire Hall and June 15th at the Hanover Area Jr./Sr. High School.

HODA SUBDIVISION – No action was taken on the Hoda Subdivision due to a question regarding ownership and access over Dixon Lane. It was decided to have the Planning Commission meet again in March with the applicant regarding this issue and have the supervisors make a decision at the April meeting.

SALT CONTRACT 2013-2014 – A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas, to submit the application for the 2013-2014 Salt Contract. The township will request 66 tons of salt. Motion carried.

PENN LAKE BOROUGH'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – The secretary reported that a copy of the proposed comprehensive plan for Penn Lake Borough was received for review and comment.

ROADMASTER REPORT – The supervisors reported no problems.

ZONING REPORT – Keith Wheeler stated he received an application from the Pietrak's on Route 437 and they have filed a conservation plan. Jerry Reilly, a resident of Dennison Township, was present at the meeting regarding notification he received from his mortgage company that he is now considered to be in the flood plain and will need to purchase flood insurance. Keith Wheeler stated that he looked at the new flood plain maps and due to the scale of the maps it is not possible for him to determine if Mr. Reilly is in the flood plain or not. It was suggested the Mr. Reilly hire a surveyor to find the elevation of his property which will determine whether or not he is in the flood plain.

FIRE REPORT – Bill Bauersfeld reported 5 calls in February involving 23 man hours. Bruce Thomas commended the fire company on their response time based on the report he received from 911.

ADJOURNMENT - On a motion by Michael Mack, second by Bruce Thomas the meeting adjourned at 9:00.m. Motion carried.