

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Attending were Chairman Tony Kuklinski, Vice-Chairman Fred Ziegler, Supervisor Alan Keiser, Josh Hagadorn from Gilmore & Associates, Chief Templin, Bob Dries, Mike Heydt, Andy Duncan, Pete Hiryak, and approximately 23 residents.

Mr. Kuklinski led us in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any changes, corrections, or comments on the minutes of March 21st, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting, no comments, changes, or corrections were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the minutes of March 21st, 2016 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any changes, corrections, or additions to the April 4th, 2016 Agenda, no changes, corrections, or additions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the agenda of April 4th, 2016 as presented. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Solicitor's Report

The manager announced that Friday, April 1st, 2016 he received a resignation letter from Paul Bauer, the letter reads as follows: As you know in late 2015 I informed you that I was taking a new job as general counsel. With that job I would be closing my law practice. I advised you that by the end of March/beginning of April I would not be available to continue to be the Douglass Township Solicitor. To that end I want to formally thank you for the opportunity to serve Douglass Township and wish you the best of luck going forward. I will be happy to coordinate a file transfer with your new solicitor. Very Truly Yours, Paul A. Bauer, III.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Keiser to accept the resignation of Paul Bauer as Solicitor of Douglass Township, Montgomery County. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

The manager stated that our Conflict Attorney, Robert Brant, is available to fill the position as the Solicitor for Douglass Township at the same hourly rate as the former Solicitor.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Keiser to appoint Robert Brant as the Solicitor for Douglass Township, Montgomery County. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Engineer's Report – Josh Hagadorn, Gilmore & Associates

County Line Road Bridge Replacement – This project is out for bid. We are working with adjacent property owners on the access easements for the bridge construction and maintenance. We have submitted all permit applications and are awaiting approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Specht Road Culvert Replacement - A plan is being prepared for final site cleanup activities and will be submitted to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for project closeout.

Douglass Township Highway Maintenance Building – We are assisting Township staff in preparing the bid specifications and have prepared site plans for the new maintenance building. No questions were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Keiser to accept the Engineer's Report. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

ESB Report – Andrew Duncan

Mr. Duncan stated that he attended a G-235 FEMA course for local level EMS training. Chief Smith attended Ever Ridge Training – a communication tool for Fire, Police, and EMS Personnel. The Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue 2016 Fund Drive letter has been sent to all residents today. No questions or comments were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Keiser to accept the ESB Report as given. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Ziegler-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Ziegler felt ill and excused himself from the meeting at 7:08pm.

Police Report – Chief Templin

Chief Templin stated that intersection issue at Gilbertsville Road/Thrush Drive/Grosser Road is being monitored, PennDot has already installed extra stop signs and stop ahead signs in this area and have also started to do some line painting. Chief Templin stated that he also asked PennDot to extend the barriers on Rt. 100 to stop people from pulling out of Wawa to go South on Rt. 100. Chief Templin commended the Fire Company and firefighters, stating that their actions saved Berks-Mont Camping, and he is hearing nothing but positive comments about our Emergency Services personnel. Mr. Kuklinski stated that he would like the dates and times of all the circumstances handled this week by F&R for future commendations. Chief Smith stated that there were 3 major fires in Douglass Township with 3 different commanders responding, it is a credit to our training – training pays off. Mr. Kuklinski stated that he understands that a responder went into the Berks-Mont Camping office to remove the people inside that were unaware of the fire, he would like the name of that responder. No other comments were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to accept the Police Report as given. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

Manager’s Report - Pete Hiryak

1. The Manager reviewed the upcoming meetings as follows: Thursday April 14th P/A “Green Building Grant” (Parking Area) Workshop @ 6pm, P/A Meeting @ 7pm. Monday, April 18th Open Space @ 6pm, BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm.
2. New Hanover Township, Town Center Project Update – the manager stated that Fran Hanney from Engineering District 6-0 has a significant file on the Town Center and it’s squarely on their radar. A meeting is scheduled for Friday April 15th at 3pm at the Township for all three parties to discuss this issue, no HOP (Highway Occupancy Permit) has been issued to date and this is still in discussions.
3. Staff Meeting Request – Larry Sager (Proposed Turkey Hill/Intersection Improvements) – Mr. Sager is representing Mr. Emery for the proposed Turkey Hill and has requested a staff meeting. The manager stated that there is an escrow established for the staff meeting if the Board wishes to proceed. Mr. Kuklinski and Mr. Keiser agreed to the staff meeting and authorized the manager to arrange the meeting.
4. Montgomery County Municipalities Eligible for Storm Reimbursements – the manager received a MontcoSAFER Notification that there will be an applicant’s briefing for snow assistance for the January 2016 winter storm (Jonas). Approximately \$25,000 is reimbursable to Township’s for overtime costs, salt, equipment, and extra manpower incurred during winter storm Jonas.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Kuklinski to accept the Manager’s Report as given. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye. Motion passed.

Public Comment

No comment were given.

Old Business/New Business

Mr. Sell commented that this meeting will be over before we usually start it.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm. Kuklinski-Aye, Keiser-Aye. Motion passed.

The next Board of Supervisor’s meeting will be held on Monday, April 18th, 2016 @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler