

The meeting of the Douglass Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Attending were Chairman Anthony Kuklinski, Vice Chairman Alan Keiser, Supervisor Joshua Stouch, Solicitor Robert Brant, Josh Hagadorn, Mike Heydt, Andy Duncan, Chief Templin, Peter Hiryak, and 11 residents/developers.

Mr. Kuklinski led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any additions, changes, or corrections to the minutes of the January 16th, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meeting, Mr. Stouch stated that he did not attend the January 16th meeting however the motion to accept the Police Report has Mr. Stasik listed in error, Chief Smith stated that under the Fire & Rescue Report it should read "Zach Moore returned home after being on a fire call and a few hours later found his daughter unresponsive". No other corrections were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Keiser, seconded by Mr. Stouch to approve the minutes of January 16th, 2018 with the correction on the Board of Supervisors minutes to omit Mr. Stasik from the motion involving the Police Report and corrections to the Fire & Rescue Report stating "Zach Moore returned home after being on a fire call and a few hours later found his daughter unresponsive". Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kuklinski asked if there were any additions, changes, or corrections to the February 5th, 2018 Board of Supervisors Agenda. No corrections or changes were given.

A motion was made by Mr. Stouch, seconded by Mr. Keiser to approve the February 5th, 2018 Board of Supervisor Agenda as presented. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Engineers Report – Josh Hagadorn

Douglass Park Project – Mr. Hagadorn stated that we are gathering specs required for the public bid for the Douglass Park parking lot improvements with the driveway re-alignment and grading work covered under the DCNR and Montco2040 Grants received by Douglass Township. The public bid is expected to be advertised in March 2018 with a construction start date of April 2018. Mr. Kuklinski asked a newspaper reporter for his name, he has not been in attendance at a public meeting before. Sergei Blair stated that he is from the Town & Country Newspaper covering the meeting tonight, Mr. Kuklinski asked him if he was recording the meeting and Mr. Blair replied, yes I am recording the meeting. Mr. Kuklinski stated that you must announce that you are recording the meeting before you do so, Mr. Blair stated that he did not know that. Mr. Kuklinski made the announcement that Mr. Blair will be recording the meeting. No questions were given on the Engineer's Report.

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

Mr. Duncan gave a Trash Bid Update announcing that the Township received 5 trash bid submittals that were due on February 2nd, 2018 at 9:00am for weekly trash/recycling collection and transport to Western Berks Landfill in Birdsboro PA. The results are as follows: 1. Advanced Disposal for \$530,649.02, 2. Whitetail Disposal for \$532,450.00, 3. Waste Management for \$589,872.00, 4. AJ

Blosenski for \$603,506.00, and 5. JP Mascaro for \$923,952.00. The bid is for March 2018 to February 2020. Mr. Duncan requested for two weeks for staff review the bids and to award the bid on Tuesday February 19th, 2018. The Board agreed that no action be taken.

Mr. Sell asked who had the contract and what was the cost, Manager Hiryak replied that Keystone Disposal was the contracted hauler at \$23,194.44 per month. Mr. Brumwell asked if the current hauler submitted a bid, Mr. Brant stated that the contracted hauler Keystone Disposal are no longer in business, Whitetail Disposal has currently taken over the trash/recycling collection in the interim and Whitetail Disposal has submitted a bid which is the second lowest bid out of the five that the Township has received. No other questions were given.

Mr. Duncan stated that PA DEP gave us a 902 Grant of \$350,000 that is to be used for purchasing recycling equipment, he plans to use \$100,000 to purchase a recycling baler, a leaf truck, and recycling bins with the funding. Mr. Duncan asked the Board of Supervisors for authorization for an advertisement to bid for the purchase of this recycling equipment.

A motion was made by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser for authorization for an advertisement to bid for the purchase of a recycling baler, leaf truck, and recycling bins out of the 902 Recycling Grant funds. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Duncan stated that Mr. Greg Herb assessed the recycling department property for matched funding, all grant money will be used for the purchase of this equipment. Manager Hiryak suggested to write a thank you letter to Mr. Herb for all of his help in this grant process. Mr. Updegrove asked what is the need for another baler, Mr. Duncan replied that the current cardboard baler is old however while it is still in use we can utilize the new machine to bale paper and plastics to make it easier for hauling. Mr. Updegrove asked how much money was received from cardboard last year, Mr. Duncan replied it was roughly \$10,000-\$12,000. Mr. Blair asked Mr. Duncan if you are looking for more affordability or service in the new bids for trash/recycling collection, Mr. Duncan replied that he is looking for quality of service. Mrs. Diccio asked why JP Mascaro was so high with their bid on trash/recycling collection, Mr. Duncan guessed that maybe they were stretched too thin to take on the contract, Mr. Brant added that some haulers prefer to deal with totes not bags, some haulers might not like the length of the contract or the area of service was not an economical fit for them. The Manager commented that nine haulers picked up bid packages, only 5 haulers submitted bids however it was interesting to see that all nine attended the bid openings to hear the results.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Robert Brant

Mr. Brant stated that there was an Executive Session this evening from 5pm until 6:30pm involving personnel issues and litigation. Mr. Brumwell asked what does the litigation involve, Mr. Brant replied it involves Keystone Disposal. No other questions were given.

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

Manager's Report – Peter Hiryak

1. Schedule of Meetings:

- a. Thursday February 8th P/A meeting @ 7pm, Landscape Workshop @ 6pm, Monday February 12th Emergency Services Meeting @ 6pm, Tuesday February 20th Open Space/Rec Committee @ 6pm, BOS Agenda Meeting @ 6:30pm, BOS Meeting @ 7pm.

The Manager announced that he and Mr. Dunbar are working on the Obstruction In Street Ordinance and the Traffic Management Ordinance. No questions were given.

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

Public Comment

Mr. Kuklinski, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, wanted to extend his sympathies to Secretary Marcy Meitzler and her family on the recent passing of her mother. Mr. Knisley commented that travelling on Congo Road North before Middle Creek there is an intersection that is not marked and at night it makes it very difficult to see this intersection, there are no signs. Mr. Heydt stated that they will install cross signs as soon as the ground thaws. No other public comment was given.

Old Business/New Business

No new business or old business was given.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm by Mr. Kuklinski, seconded by Mr. Keiser. Keiser-Aye, Kuklinski-Aye, Stouch-Aye. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Meitzler