

**Douglass Township – Berks County**  
**Board of Supervisors Meeting February 9, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The February 9, 2015 meeting of the Douglass Township, Berks County Board of Supervisors, held at the Douglass Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:19 PM by Chairman Doug Rhoads. Present were Supervisors Doug Rhoads and Rosemarie Bauman. Grant Yergey was absent. Also in attendance were Bernadette Kearney, Solicitor; Bruce Heilman, Engineer; Toni Hemerka, Township Manager and one member of the public.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

David Babb was present to address the Board as the Townships representative on the Boyertown Area Fire and Rescue Board as well as the Director of the Boyertown Ambulance. Mr. Babb presented the 2014 year-end report for BAF&R and reported that the organization is operating well. A discussion was held regarding the request for the Township to match funds for a potential grant that BAF&R is considering applying for to install a dry hydrant at the pond on Douglass Drive near Route 562. Mr. Babb will obtain more details since the Board expressed interest.

Mr. Babb then distributed the year-end call and financial reports for the Boyertown Ambulance. The Board congratulated him on the fact that the Ambulance Association received a top performer award from the Lehigh Valley Health Network Heart and Vascular Center in pre-hospital cardiac care.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes was deferred to the March meeting.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT**

A written report was given to the Board of activity for the previous month.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Rosemarie Bauman authorizing a \$1,314.11 bonus to be paid to Sgt. Dzurek as compensation for serving as Acting Police Chief for the month of January. The motion carried unanimously. Grant Yergey was absent.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Rosemarie Bauman, adopting Resolution 2015-04, the 2015 Fee Schedule to include the fee of \$2.00 for duplicate tax bills. The motion carried unanimously. Grant Yergey was absent.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Rosemarie Bauman, authorizing the Township to enter into a contract with the Animal Rescue League of Berks County for services in 2015. The motion carried unanimously. Grant Yergey was absent.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Rosemarie Bauman for the Township to join the Uniform Construction Code Countywide Appeals Board. The motion carried unanimously. Grant Yergey was absent.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Rosemarie Bauman authorizing the purchase and installation of a computer server through Ridge Support Technologies for the quoted price of \$6,607 per quote dated October 17, 2014 with the correction of four users not five. The motion carried unanimously. Grant Yergey was absent.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Rosemarie Bauman adopting the Police Performance Standards as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Grant Yergey was absent.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Rosemarie Bauman authorizing the purchase of a 22 ton hydraulic jack for \$649.95 per attached quote. The motion carried unanimously. Grant Yergey was absent.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Kearney reported to the Board that the Planning Commission is recommending approval of the Grim Estate Subdivision along with waivers as well as a Non-building Declaration waiver. The subdivision creates four lots from a 118 acre lot on Colebrookdale Road for estate planning purposes.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Rosemarie Bauman adopting Resolution 2015-05 granting Conditional Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for the Grim Estate including the approval of waiver requests 3a, b, c, d and the approval of the Planning Waiver and Non-Building Declaration. The motion carried unanimously. Grant Yergey was absent.

At 7:56 PM, the public meeting was closed and Solicitor Kearney opened the Hearing for the adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 2015-01, an Ordinance adopting regulations for the control of bamboo in Douglass Township.

### **Exhibit List:**

1. Letter to Reading Eagle: 1/23/15 - B-1
2. Proof of Publication Reading Eagle for: 1/26/15 - B-2
3. Letter to County and Twp. PC: 11/25/14 - B-3
4. Copy of attested ordinance to Law Library: 1/22/15 - B-4
5. Ordinance - B-6
6. Legal Notice - B-7
7. Berks County Planning Commission review letter of 12/29/14 - B-8
8. Copy of enacted ordinance to Law Library - B-9
9. Copy of enacted ordinance to County PC - B-10

There was no public comment. The Hearing was closed at 7:59 and the regular meeting was reconvened.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Rosemarie Bauman adopting Ordinance 2015-01 an Ordinance adopting regulations for the control of bamboo in Douglass Township. The motion carried unanimously. Grant Yergey was absent.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

The monthly report for SEO, Zoning, and Engineering activity for the months of December and January was distributed to and reviewed with the Board, and is on file.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Hemerka presented the Treasurer's report to the Board for the month ending January 31, 2015.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Rosemarie Bauman to approve the financial report as presented and to authorize payment of the accompanying list of bills and to file the same for audit. The motion carried unanimously. Grant Yergey was absent.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no public comment, or further business before the Board, a motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Rosemarie Bauman adjourning the meeting at 8:09 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

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Doug Rhoads, Chairperson

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Toni L. Hemerka, Manager/Secretary