

**Douglass Township – Berks County
Board of Supervisors Meeting March 10, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The March 10, 2014 meeting of the Douglass Township, Berks County Board of Supervisors, held at the Douglass Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman Doug Rhoads. Present were Supervisors Doug Rhoads and Grant Yergey. Supervisor Rosemarie Bauman was absent. Also in attendance were Joseph McGrory, Solicitor; Thomas Unger, Engineer and Toni Hemerka, Township Manager. There were two members of the public present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Chairman Rhoads stated that a Keystone Planning Grant was submitted to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as was authorized by the Board. If awarded to the Township, the Grant will be used to do a study of restoration costs and utilization for the Rutter Mansion to determine how best to develop the site and grounds to add value to the Township.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Grant Yergey approving the minutes of the February 10, 2014 meeting with two typo corrections. The motion carried. Rosemarie Bauman was absent.

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 Grant Yergey authorizing the Township Solicitor to modify and advertise the Sewer Ordinance to impose a flexible tapping and connection fee that is permitted to be changed by Resolution. The motion carried. Rosemarie Bauman was absent.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Grant Yergey authorizing the purchase of a computer workstation for the Township Manager for the quote provided by Ridge Support Technologies in the amount of \$1,825. The motion carried. Rosemarie Bauman was absent.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Grant Yergey authorizing a bonus for Sergeant Dzurek in the amount of \$1,807 as compensation for fulfilling the duties of Police Chief, and to appoint him as Acting Chief. The motion carried. Rosemarie Bauman was absent.

A discussion was held regarding park pavilion rentals and a resident who was displeased that he was not able to rent the Ironstone pavilion on the date he preferred. It was agreed that the rule is that reservations for the year are not accepted until February 1st each year and it was also agreed that there has never been a rule that the reservation must be made in person. Since the Ironstone pavilion rental is so popular, the Township Manager was directed to look into the construction of a second pavilion.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Grant Yergey authorizing reimbursement to MaPaw Dog Rescue for services rendered to the Township up to \$1,000 for the current year. The motion carried. Rosemarie Bauman was absent.

A discussion was held regarding the open position on the Planning Commission. There were four applicants for the position. The Board will interview the applicants.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Grant Yergey authorizing the Chairman to sign the System User Agreement with the County of Berks for the new radio system. The motion carried. Rosemarie Bauman was absent.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Grant Yergey authorizing the Chairman to sign the Demolition proposal from M&A Excavating, and the Demolition Agreement with the Allegheny East Conference for the demolition of 857 Douglass Drive. The motion carried. Rosemarie Bauman was absent.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Grant Yergey authorizing the waiver of liens for 857 Douglass Drive to the extent necessary to complete the sale transaction. The motion carried. Rosemarie Bauman was absent.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Grant Yergey authorizing the Chairman to sign the contract with Betta Construction LLC in the amount of \$46,785 to complete the Glendale Road culvert replacement. The motion carried. Rosemarie Bauman was absent.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Grant Yergey authorizing the Township Engineer to provide Betta Construction LLC with the Notice to Proceed with the Glendale Road culvert replacement. The motion carried. Rosemarie Bauman was absent.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

It was announced that the annual Egg Hunt will be held on April 12, 2014.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Hemerka presented the Treasurer's report to the Board.

A motion was made by Doug Rhoads, seconded by Grant Yergey 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. Rosemarie Bauman was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Yergey reported that the WWII plaque has been cleaned, restored and delivered to the Pine Forge Elementary School to be remounted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Alice Borgeit expressed her concern over the evening hours being kept at the Quarry and the noise that is generated by the crusher equipment. Resident Carl Howerter stated that there is a possibility that a previous agreement exists with the Quarry governing noise on their current expansion area. If an agreement can't be located, the Board agreed that a request could be put into the Quarry owner to reduce the use of the crusher in the evening hours.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a motion was made by Doug Rhoads and seconded by Grant Yergey adjourning the meeting at 8:45 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Rhoads, Chairperson

Toni L. Hemerka, Manager/Secretary