

The Board of Supervisors of Dallas Township held their monthly Meeting for July on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building located at 105 Lieutenant Michael Cleary Drive, Dallas, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Those in attendance included: Supervisor Chairman Frank E. Wagner, Supervisor Robert J. Wagner, Solicitor, Attorney Thomas P. Brennan, Township Manager/Roadmaster, Martin K. Barry, Police Chief, Douglas J. Higgins, Secretary/Treasurer, K. Gary Kirk as well as 18 other individuals. Supervisor Vice Chairman William J. Grant was on a speaker phone and Attorney Brennan informed everyone that he would be listening to the meeting but would not be commenting or voting on any items.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to Pay the Bills**, seconded by Supervisor R. Wagner and carried.

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve the Minutes** from the June 4, 2019 Meeting and June 20, 2019 special meeting, seconded by Supervisor R. Wagner and carried.

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve employee health reimbursements** that had been requested since the last meeting in the amount of \$138.95, seconded by Supervisor R. Wagner and carried. Total employee health reimbursements made for 2019 is \$565.95.

Township Manager Barry informed everyone that Attorney Brennan is planning on stepping down as our solicitor soon and that Attorney Thomas Mosca has been selected to be our new solicitor. They are working together on the transition over the next couple of months.

Citizens' Comments Concerning Agenda Items:

Mr. Alan Pugh thanked Attorney Brennan for his many years of service and others also agreed.

Mr. Carl Miers had some questions about the Fire Protection Tax concerning billing for the ambulance services and the tax on vacant properties. Township Manager Barry will discuss this with him after the meeting.

Agenda:

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve Resolution #2019-12, Revised Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Task Activity Report**, seconded by Supervisor R. Wagner and carried.

Supervisor R. Wagner made a **Motion to award M&J Excavation the Pear Tree Lane-Miscellaneous Repairs & Wearing Course Overlay Bid including Alternate 1, Concrete Swale Removal at a total cost of \$258,363.80**, seconded by Supervisor F. Wagner and carried.

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to Release a portion of Dallas School District's Financial Security concerning their building project which will reduce the financial security from \$2,743,855.40 to \$1,620,683.90**, seconded by Supervisor R. Wagner and carried.

Supervisor R. Wagner made a **Motion to Lease a portion of the Administration Building to the Back Mountain Chamber of Commerce subject to USDA approval**, seconded by Supervisor F. Wagner and carried. Attorney Brennan stated that we are working on some signage issues.

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to provide an Insurance Rider for the Dallas Harvest Festival**, seconded by Supervisor R. Wagner and carried.

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to provide an Insurance Rider for the National Night Out**, seconded by Supervisor R. Wagner and carried.

Township Manager Barry stated that both Route 309 building and the Administration Building were evaluated and it has been determined that renovating the Route 309 building would be the best option for the police department. There are Office of Community Development funds available for ADA improvements. Once the design and bid specifications are completed it will be advertised for bid.

Township Manager Barry provided an update on the Southside Avenue Park and Lt. Michael Cleary Drive Land. He stated that an offer of \$174,500 was made on the land behind the Administration Building, but a reply has not yet been received from the land owners.

Township Manager Barry provided an update on the Fire Protection Tax. Both fire departments have advertised for the new paid staffing positions and applications are due by July 5, 2019.

Police Update:

Chief Higgins provided the police update. The National Night Out event will be August 6, 2019 from 6pm to 9pm. The Dallas Borough and Kingston Township Police Departments will bring their police cruisers, the Pennsylvania State Police will bring their helicopter and cruisers, and the National Guard and several local fire companies will be there. It is an event designed to have the community get closer to the police and fire departments. Amanda Faneck, Fuel Interactive Media, has been working on sponsors. He reminded people to lock their car doors and house at night and that more crimes are being committed by people from out of the area. The Police Department now has a Facebook Page which will be providing information about the police.

Road Department Update:

Township Manager Barry provided the road department update and stated that they have doing pot hole patching and gravel road work. Goldsmith Road is about 95% completed. They have also worked on Fern Street and Jake Moore Road. The new Ram 5500 mini dump truck should be ready by the end of July.

Additional Citizens' Comments:

Dallas Township Tax Collector Holly Daubert informed everyone that due to computer problems at Luzerne County, that the school tax bills would not be issued until August 3rd and that the discount period will go until October 1st.

Mr. Miers stated that he has received 2 bills for ambulance services. Since he makes a donation to the ambulance companies, he wants to know why he is being billed for services not covered by his insurance. He thinks the State Auditor General should inspect the ambulance books as well as the Medicare Inspector General. Kunkle Fire Chief Jack Dodson stated that they are audited every year by Medicare, explained that 1 bill is for Basic Life Support and the other is for Advanced Life Support. If everything is submitted to the insurance and you donate to the ambulance company, then they will reduce or write off the amount not covered by insurance.

Mr. George Kebles thanked the Road Department for the work done on Goldsmith Road.

Ms. Lenore Janoski asked questions about ordinances on someone redirecting rainwater/stormwater onto another person's property. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Carl Alber will look into the specific situation concerning her property on Church Street.

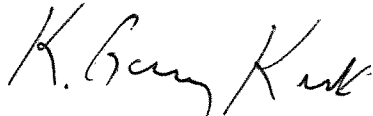
Mr. Dave Schocki has some concerns about a neighboring property that he considers is not being kept up to standards and has high grass and rodents. Township Manager Barry & Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Alber will check it.

Mr. Robert Oley asked questions about if a decision has been made about excess cats such as catch & release or spay & neuter program. The Township is not aware of any programs like this and the SPCA and Blue Chip Farms are not taking cats. The only ordinance that the Township has concerning cats is no more than 5 inside a house. There is not an ordinance concerning people feeding outside cats. Township Manager Barry and Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Alber stated that we will look into the situation to see what the Township may be able to do and provide more information at next month's meeting.

Adjournment:

Supervisor R. Wagner made a **Motion to adjourn**, seconded by Supervisor F. Wagner and carried. The Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Gary Kirk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "K" and "K" at the end.

K. Gary Kirk, CPA
Secretary/Treasurer