

The Board of Supervisors of Dallas Township held their monthly Meeting for August on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 5:00 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 Vice Chairman William J. Grant, Supervisor Robert J. Wagner, Solicitor, Attorney Thomas P. Brennan, Solicitor Attorney Thomas J. Mosca, Township Manager/Roadmaster, Martin K. Barry, Secretary/Treasurer, K. Gary Kirk as well as 14 other individuals.

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

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve the Minutes** from the July 2, 2019 Meeting, seconded by Supervisor R. Wagner and carried.

Supervisor R. Wagner made a **Motion to approve employee health reimbursements** that had been requested since the last meeting in the amount of \$2,174.13, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried. Total employee health reimbursements made for 2019 is \$2,740.08.

Citizens' Comments Concerning Agenda Items:

None.

Agenda:

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve Resolution #2019-13, Authorizing the Board of Supervisors and Staff Positions to Participate in Public Meetings by Speakerphone**, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried.

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve Resolution #2019-14, Plan Revision for New Land Development for Dallas Bell, LLC and Authorization for the Township Secretary to sign**, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried.

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve Resolution #2019-15, Authorizing the Township Manager to Submit PennDot Application for Traffic Signal Approval, Form TE-160**, relating to the traffic signal located at State Route 309 and State Route 1045 (Main Road), seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried.

Township Engineer Thomas Doughton informed the Supervisors that the Highway Occupancy Permit for Taco Bell is pending PennDot review. Per Taco Bell's Engineer, Thomas Barlow, they are close to receiving the Permit and PennDot needs the Resolutions/forms that were just approved by the Township. Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve a Highway Occupancy Permit for Dallas Bell, LLC**, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried.

The bids for auditing services for 2019, 2020 & 2021 were opened by the Supervisors. The 8 bids submitted were:

Bidder	2019	2020	2021	Total
Anthony Galani, CPA	\$8,500	\$8,750	\$9,000	\$26,250
Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP	\$11,000	\$11,500	\$12,000	\$34,500
BBD, LLP	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$49,500
Hall Milalos Straub & Co., LLC	\$10,750	\$10,750	\$10,800	\$32,300
JH Williams & Company, LLP	\$8,750	\$8,900	\$9,000	\$26,650

Kohanski Company PC	\$9,500	\$9,750	\$9,950	\$29,200
Robert Rossi & Company	\$11,000	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$36,000
Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$46,500

The bids will be reviewed to verify that all requirements have been met and the bid will be awarded at the September Supervisors' Meeting.

Supervisor Grant stated that we have received that Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation Budget for 2020 for both the Police Pension Plan and Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. The Police Pension Plan amount will be \$103,605 and the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan will be \$189,125.

Supervisor Grant made a **Motion to provide a donation to the Back Mountain Railroad Club in the amount of \$1,000**, seconded by Supervisor F. Wagner and carried.

Township Engineer Doughton and Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Carl Alber informed the Supervisors that based on inspections, the Dallas School District has received a 30-day Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the new Dallas Elementary School. The school is expected to open September 9, 2019 and there are not any issues at this time to prevent them from opening on time.

Township Manager Barry informed the Supervisors that Harry Hiscox, 23 Rice Court would like to have the rain water runoff coming on his property be connected to an existing stormwater drain that is on his property. The situation has been reviewed by Township Engineer Doughton and does not see any issues. Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve the connection**, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried.

Township Manager Barry informed the Supervisors that he has had several discussions with Tom Yoniski from Senator Baker's office concerning the intersection of State Route 309, Irem Road and Church Street. There have been several citizens' complaints about the intersection to Senator Baker's office and to the Township including from Rob Finlay of the Country Club Shopping Center. The Supervisors will have Township Manager Barry submit a letter, after being reviewed by Attorney Mosca, to PennDot requesting that changes be made to the intersection to make it safer. Mr. Joe Hardisky, who has expressed concerns about this intersection at this meeting and previous meetings, thanked the Township for trying to make the intersection safer.

Township Manager Barry stated that Ryan Doughton and Trumbower & Associates are working on the design and bid specifications for the renovations of our Route 309 building.

Supervisor Grant and Township Manager Barry provided an update on the Southside Avenue Park and Lt. Michael Cleary Drive Land. Ryan Doughton and Trumbower & Associates have completed a plan that has been given to the Dallas School District concerning the possibility of moving the playground to an area near the little league fields. Based on the appraised value, an offer of \$174,500 was made on the land behind the Administration Building. The land owners do not feel it is sufficient and have asked for an extension of time to make a decision. The playground must be completed by December 31, 2020 per the grants we have received.

Police Update:

Supervisor F. Wagner stated that Chief Douglas Higgins was not at the meeting as he is at the National Night Out which takes place tonight from 6pm to 9pm and encouraged everyone to attend after the Supervisors' Meeting.

Road Department Update:

Township Manager Barry provided the road department update and stated that they have been working on the gravel roads and have 5 of the 9 miles of gravel roads complete. They will be working on Reservoir Road in conjunction with Dallas Borough as the road is located in both municipalities and then to Fern, Ridge and Summit streets. They are continuing to do pot hole patching.

Additional Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Barlow asked if the Traffic Signal Mylar for the Taco Bell project could be signed tonight. Township Engineer Doughton recommended that the Planning Commission review it before it is signed by the Supervisors.

Supervisor Grant asked as a resident about the high weeds and appearance of the retention basin at State Route 309 and Hildbrandt Road. Township Engineer Doughton indicated that it is a rain garden designed by DEP and owned by PennDot, and recommended that he contact his state legislator. Township Manager Barry suggested that when he contacts PennDot about the Route 309/Irem Road/Church Road intersection that he includes the retention basin issues in his request.

Mr. Hardisky requested a copy of the letter that Township Manager Barry will be sending to PennDot concerning the State Route 309/Irem Road/Church Road intersection.

Nick Belfino asked if the Township is able to do anything about a neighbor who is photographing/videoing his family. Solicitor Brennan indicated that based on the information we have, there is not anything the Township is able to do to stop his neighbor from taking pictures on his own property and that he may want to consider contacting an attorney and pursue a civil action against the neighbor. The neighbor was cited for some property maintenance issues and they were resolved this past Sunday. Supervisor Grant and Attorney Brennan suggested that we look in to the updated International Property Ordinance and consider adopting some of these updates.

Adjournment:

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to adjourn**, seconded by Supervisor R. Wagner and carried. The Meeting adjourned at 5:39pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

K. Gary Kirk, CPA
Secretary/Treasurer