

The Board of Supervisors of Dallas Township held their monthly Meeting for September on Tuesday, September 3, 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 Vice Chairman William J. Grant, Supervisor Robert J. Wagner, Solicitor, Attorney Thomas J. Mosca, Township Manager/Roadmaster, Martin K. Barry, Police Chief Douglas J. Higgins, Secretary/Treasurer, K. Gary Kirk as well as over 60 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 August 6, 2019 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 \$159.89, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried. Total employee health reimbursements made for 2019 is \$2,899.97.

**Citizens' Comments Concerning Agenda Items:**

None.

**Agenda:**

Chief Higgins shared that in February 2019 there was a very serious accident where a car went off the road and caught on fire with the driver, Justin Shantz, still trapped. Officer Bradley Balutis used his fire extinguisher to knock down the fire until Back Mountain Regional Fire & Ambulance arrived. Trucksville Fire Department and Kunkle Fire Department also arrived and everyone worked together to free the driver where he was life flighted to an area hospital. Chief Higgins would like to recognize the first responders for what they did that day. He presented Officer Balutis with the Life Saving Award from the Policeman's Hall of Fame. Chief Higgins also presented a Life Saving Award to Kunkle Fire Chief Jack Dodson, Back Mountain Regional Chief Harry Vivian and Trucksville Fire Department Chief Steve Mathers. Chief Dodson also thanked Chief Higgins and recognized him for also being a first responder on the scene. Chief Vivian thanked all the first responders who helped that day, many who are in attendance at tonight's meeting. Chief Higgins thanked Justin Shantz for coming to the award presentation and Justin's father thanked everyone for saving his son's life.

Police Department Administrative Assistant Susan Maloney stated that the Dallas School District will have an additional School Resource Officer. Officer John Mendygral will join current SRO Gina Kotowski beginning with the new school year.

Chief Higgins announced the appointment of two Police Sergeants. Officer Brian Feeney and Officer Todd Adams have been promoted to Sergeant.

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to award the 2019, 2020 & 2021 audit to JH Williams & Company, LLP at a cost of \$26,650**, seconded by Supervisor R. Wagner and carried.

Township Manager Barry stated that funds from the Fire Protection Tax will be given to Back Mountain Regional & Kunkle Fire Departments on a quarterly basis.

Township Manager Barry stated that we are still looking at alternatives for the playground equipment due to citizens request that it not be located at the Southside Avenue Park location. He also stated that the MS4 project for Southside Avenue and the Park is still in design.

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to change the November monthly Supervisors' Meeting from Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>** since that Tuesday is election day, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried.

**Police Update:**

Chief Higgins had no additional updates to what has already been covered during the 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 completed restoration and summer improvements to 8 of the 9 miles of gravel roads. Due to work being done by the gas company Stredney Road will not be completed until the end of September. They are replacing storm water pipes and are doing pave patching and repair work to Campground Road and Eddinger Road.

**Additional Citizens' Comments:**

Ms. Elizabeth Martin offered her congratulations to Chief Higgins and all the first responders.

Mr. Bruce Kerr asked if there was any new information on the adjoining land purchase. Supervisor Grant stated that we had made an offer of \$175,000 based on an appraisal of around \$195,000. The Township is not allowed to pay more than the appraised value. The owner presented an counter offer of \$300,000 with a \$50,000 credit at closing for a net amount of \$250,000 which is still above the appraised value. The Township is waiting to hear back from the owners with another offer and the Township is also looking at land owned by the Dallas School District near the Back Mountain Little League Fields.

**Adjournment:**

Supervisor Grant made a **Motion to adjourn**, seconded by Supervisor R. Wagner and carried. The Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



K. Gary Kirk, CPA  
Secretary/Treasurer