

The Board of Supervisors of Dallas Township held their monthly meeting for September on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm. 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 25 other individuals.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance Supervisor F. Wagner & Kunkle Fire Chief Jack Dodson informed everyone that volunteer firefighter Edward Nulton recently passed away from injuries sustained while responding to an emergency. They shared about his dedication and commitment to serving as a volunteer firefighter.

Supervisor Grant acknowledged Attorney Thomas Brennan is retiring as Township Solicitor and thanked him for his 15 years of service to the Township. State Representative Karen Boback presented him a certificate of appreciation from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He was also presented with a gift certificate to Coal City restaurant, Dallas Township hats, Dallas Township shirts and some homemade cookies. Attorney Brennan thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the Township. There will be cake for everyone after the meeting.

Supervisor R. Wagner made a **Motion to Pay the Bills**, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried.

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve the Minutes** from the September 3, 2019 Meeting and September 13, 2019 Special Meeting, seconded by Supervisor Grant 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 \$308.86, seconded by Supervisor F. Wagner and carried. Total employee health reimbursements made for 2019 is \$3,208.83.

Citizens' Comments Concerning Agenda Items:

None.

Agenda:

Based on the recommendation from Township Engineer Thomas Doughton, Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve Resolution #2019-16, Plan Revision for New Land Development for C&N Dining, LLC and Authorization for the Township Secretary to sign**, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried.

Township Engineer Doughton stated that he has reviewed the Engineer's Estimated Costs for Taco Bell-Dallas and recommends that the Township approve it. Supervisor F. Wagner made a **motion to approve the Engineer's Estimate of Costs for Taco Bell-Dallas and a \$276,502.60 Letter of Credit as Security to the Township**, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried.

Based on the recommendation from Township Engineer Doughton, Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve Resolution #2019-17, Plan Revision for New Land Development for Works Words Wonders, LLC and Authorization for the Township Secretary to sign subject to the review of our Solicitor**, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried.

Engineer Doughton recommends that we update our ordinance concerning fencing around retention/detention basins. Currently, fencing is only required if the water level inside the retention/detention basins is 3 feet or more. The retention/detention basin at the new Dallas School sometimes has 2 feet of water in it. Engineer Doughton has recommended to them that they put a

fence around it for the students' safety even though one is not required by ordinance. The Dallas School District will be doing some testing on their retention/detention basin and Engineer Doughton will report back to the Supervisors the results of the test. At this time, they do not plan to install a fence.

Attorney Brennan stated that in 1950, John & Alta Parsons donated 50 acres of land to Dallas Township which is known as Kunkle Park. However, the access to the land was only 30 feet. Supervisor F. Wagner **made a Motion to approve the Roadway Easement Agreement with Dr. John Boger, Dr. Anja Landis, Jeffrey Bolton and Wendy Bolton** which will provide for a larger roadway access to the land, seconded by Supervisor R. Wagner and carried.

Township Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Carl Alber stated that there is a 2015 version of the Property Maintenance Code. There are small changes and he will be working with Attorney Mosca to see if we need to make any changes to our ordinances.

Township Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Alber stated that the wording of rental inspection fees in our ordinance should be clarified concerning properties that do not pass inspection and need to be re-inspected. He will be working with Attorney Mosca on updating the wording for the ordinance.

The cost for 34 Dallas Township residents participating in the Kingston Township Summer Recreation Program was \$9,337.19 which exceeds the budget of \$5,500.00. This was due to better weather this summer and more programs being offered. Supervisor Grant suggested that Secretary/Treasurer Kirk contact Kingston Township to ask them to provide a price not to exceed for the 2020 budget.

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve a \$4,000.00 donation to the Back Mountain Memorial Library**, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried.

The Supervisors meet with Martha Kahan, President of No Nonsense Neutering. They are providing neutering services for feral cats in several municipalities in Pennsylvania. They charge \$35 per cat for these services and will be having meetings with Township residents later this month. The plan is to provide services to 30 cats in 2019 and 70 cats in 2020.

Township Manager Barry provide an updated on the Route 309 & Irem Road intersection and the issues concerning its safety since changes were made to the intersection a couple of years ago. PennDot engineers are going to change the intersection to how it used to be without the concrete dividers and barriers. Police Chief Higgins stated that it is his position that the intersection should be closed for safety purposes.

Township Manager Barry provided an update on the Fire Protection Tax (FPT) and the disbursements. The Township and the fire departments are working on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Resident Alan Pugh asked some questions concerning costs coming out of the FPT that used to be a General Fund expense. During discussion between the Supervisors, Attorney Mosca, Kunkle Fire Chief Jack Dodson and residents, it was stated that fire hydrants (\$10,000.00), volunteer workers' compensation (\$25,000.00) and the annual Township donation to the fire departments (\$60,000.00) will now be paid from the FPT that were previously in the General Fund. Also, the total FPT is expected to be about \$490,000.00 and additional expenditures to be covered are for paid drivers (\$250,000.00), operational expenses and capital expenses. The MOU is being reviewed by the Fire Department's

solicitor with their comments to be given to Attorney Mosca. The MOU will set the criteria for what items will be covered by the FPT and how the funds will be disbursed.

Supervisor F. Wagner reminded everyone that the November monthly Supervisors' Meeting has been changed from Tuesday November 5th to Monday November 4th since that Tuesday is election day.

Police Update:

Chief Higgins stated that the Police Department will be doing Aggressive Driving, Seat Belt & Teen Enforcement from now until the end of 2019.

Road Department Update:

Township Manager Barry provided the road department update and stated that they have been doing surface repairs to multiple roads. They are primarily working on Main Road and getting ready for a big project on Church Road.

Additional Citizens' Comments:

Drs. Thomas & Joan Byron shared concerns about what has happened to their property by Williams Pipeline and that Williams Pipeline has not done what was agreed. After discussion it was decided that they provide information to the Supervisors and Attorney Mosca and see if there is anything Dallas Township could do to resolve their issues.

There was a question about the road lines on Routes 309 & 415 intersection. Township Manager Barry stated that the intersection is in Dallas Borough and that they have not completed all the relining since the roads have been repaved.

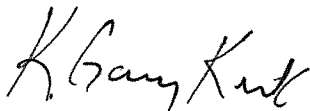
There was a question about some street signs fading. Township Manager Barry state faded street signs are scheduled to be replaced in November.

Mrs. Brenda Pugh stated that the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be on Saturday December 7th. There was discussion about removing some older trees and planting a new tree.

Adjournment:

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to adjourn**, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried. The Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



K. Gary Kirk, CPA
Secretary/Treasurer