

# **DINGMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

## **AUGUST 4, 2020 MEETING**

### **AGENDA**

**THERE WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO DEVELOP  
POSSIBILITIES FOR NEGOTIATING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITH DTVFD**

1. CALL TO ORDER - Pledge of Allegiance
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 7, 2020 Meeting
3. COVID-19 RELATED BUSINESS
  - a) County EMT policy
  - b) Miscellaneous
4. OLD BUSINESS
  - a) Culverts Replacements MHE Engineering Proposal
  - b) Alter Covenant re: SRL-9 House Remodel
  - c) Other
5. NEW BUSINESS
  - a) Pike County Second Amendment Sanctuary
  - b) Millcreek Woods – Revised Covenants
  - c) Other New Business
6. SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS
  - a) Dierksen Lot Improvement
7. CORRESPONDENCE
  - a) Shohola Railroad & Historical Society
  - b) Miscellaneous Correspondence
8. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS
9. ROADMASTER REPORTS
10. SEWAGE/ZONING/CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT
11. TREASURER'S REPORT / SECRETARY'S REPORT
  - a) Payment of Bills:     \$ 21,333.88 General Fund  
                                      \$    237.50 Recreation Fund
  - b) General Fund Balance: \$ 1,184,397.63
12. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION
14. ADJOURNMENT

- ATTENDANCE:** Thomas E. Mincer, Chairman; Dennis L. Brink, Vice Chairman; Edward D. Nikles, Supervisor; Karen Kleist, Secretary/Treasurer; John H. Klemeyer, Solicitor; Chris Wood, Sewage/Zoning Enforcement Officer; Mark O'Brien & Al Valente, DTVFD; Bob Roche & Patti Coombs of Pike County Second Amendment Sanctuary; and members of the public and press (both remotely and in-person).
- ITEM NO. 1: CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Mincer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES** MOTION was made by Ed Nikles, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to approve the July 7, 2020 Minutes as presented.
- ITEM NO. 3: COVID-19 RELATED BUSINESS**
- A) County EMT Policy: The Pike County Commissioners came up with a specific Policy on allowing Public Safety employees run volunteer EMS calls on their time off. The Policy makes it near impossible for the employees to volunteer.
- B) Emergency Declaration Resolution: The Board updated the Covid-19 Emergency Declaration to expire when the State declaration expires. MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Ed Nikles, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2020-05, continuing the Covid-19 Emergency Declaration to run concurrently with the State's declaration.
- ITEM NO. 4: OLD BUSINESS**
- A) **Culvert Replacement Proposal** The Board was in receipt of a Memo from Jim Snyder recommending approval of the Proposal for engineering services from the Township Engineer in the amount of \$25,700 for professional services related to the replacement of four culvert pipes. MOTION was made by Ed Nikles, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to approve the Professional Services Agreement from McGoey, Hauser & Edsall for the replacement of four culvert pipes provided the permits will be good for at least a year or can be extended for an additional year.
- ITEM NO. 4(B): Alter Covenant- SRL-9 House Remodel** Kare Kleist reported that the covenant approved by Solicitor Klemeyer has been signed by the owners; she is just awaiting the original for the Board's signatures. MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Ed Nikles, and unanimously carried to authorize signing the Alter Covenant outside a meeting.
- ITEM NO. 4(C): Other Old Business** There was no Other Old Business at this time.
- ITEM NO. 5: NEW BUSINESS**
- A) **Pike County Second Amendment Sanctuary** Bob Roche and Patti Coombs were present to request that the Township adopt a resolution to preserve residents' second amendment rights by not expending any funds or manpower to enforce any new state or federal laws that infringe on the second amendment. A sample Resolution and copies of those adopted by other Pike municipalities were provided. They also have a petition signed by 2000 Pike County residents supporting the resolution. All Board members relayed their support of the second amendment and the groups intent. They also explained that the Resolution may not be something that can be enforced (in the event we get a local police department) without opening the Township taxpayers to potential liability. The Board agreed to review the documents provided.
- ITEM NO. 5(B): Millcreek Woods Revised Covenants** The Board reviewed the revised covenants and recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval. Alternate Solicitor Anthony Magnotta had no objection to the changes. MOTION was made by Ed Nikles, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to approve the Millcreek Woods revised covenants.
- ITEM NO. 5(C): Other New Business** There was no Other New Business at this time.

**ITEM NO. 6:  
SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

A) Dierksen Lot Improvement: The Board reviewed the proposed lot improvement, deeds, letters of adequacy from the County Planning Commission and Township Engineer, and a recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval. SEO Chris Wood requested the Board consider requiring the abandoned sewage tanks be crushed/filled to eliminate a hazard. Following further discussion, the Board directed the secretary to send a letter informing the Dierksens that they are in favor of the lot improvement, but request the abandoned sewage tanks be crushed/filled first.

**ITEM NO. 7: CORRESPONDENCE  
A) Shohola Railroad & Historical Society**

The Board was in receipt of a request from the Society to be able to place a sandwich board sign on the Bridge Preserve property to advertise their monthly speakers. The sign would be placed on Twin Lakes Road past the parking lot. The Board said they would need to look into whether or not the NALT easement would allow it and they would also have to get a permit from Milford Township.

**ITEM NO. 7(B):  
Miscellaneous Correspondence**

The Board reviewed various Miscellaneous Correspondence and had no comments.

**ITEM NO. 8:  
EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS**

DTVFD Chief Mark O'Brien reported that there were 34 Fire and 54 EMS dispatches last month. They are continuing to struggle with medical manpower shortages. There was one potential COVID call in July, which tested negative. Only one company has called Mark back concerning potential EMS staffing proposals.

**ITEM NO. 9:  
ROADMASTER REPORT**

MOTION was made by Ed Nikles, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to approve the July 13-26, 2020 Roadmaster Report as submitted.

**ITEM NO. 10:  
SEWAGE / ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

Chris Wood had nothing noteworthy to report other than he has been very busy with permits and inspections.

**ITEM NO. 11  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Ed Nikles, and unanimously carried to approve the August 4, 2020 Treasurer's Report, Bill Payment List, and General Fund balance as presented.

**ITEM NO. 12: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Executive Session was cancelled as there was nothing to discuss.

**ITEM NO. 13: ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, MOTION was made by Ed Nikles, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to adjourn the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kleist, Secretary/Treasurer