

The Board of Supervisors of Dallas Township held their monthly Meeting for June on Tuesday, June 4, 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 P. Brennan, Township Manager/Roadmaster, Martin K. Barry, Police Chief, Douglas J. Higgins, Secretary/Treasurer, K. Gary Kirk as well as 14 other individuals.

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

Supervisor R. Wagner made a **Motion to approve the Minutes** from the May 7, 2019 Meeting, seconded by Supervisor F. 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 \$345.80, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried. Total employee health reimbursements made for 2019 is \$427.40.

Citizens' Comments Concerning Agenda Items:

None.

Agenda:

Ordinance 2019-2 is an ordinance to regulate Bring Your Own Bottle Clubs. Attorney Brennan gave a background on the ordinance. Supervisor Grant asked a question concerning Dallas Township being possibly being sued and would there be liability to the Township and Attorney Brennan responded that if we stay in compliance with our own ordinances, that we should not have any liability. We are not here to monitor these facilities to see if they are serving to underage people, serving after hours or serving someone visibly drunk any more than an LCB sponsored organization. Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-2, an Ordinance to Regulate Bring Your Own Bottle Clubs**, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried.

Ordinance 2019-3 is an ordinance prohibiting certain water discharges into a public sewer system. Attorney Brennan provided information based on what DAMA had presented at last month's meeting. Supervisor Grant reminded everyone that there is no charge to our residents for the inspections and that DAMA expects to inspect every home. If someone is found to be in violation of the ordinance, there are fines of up to \$1,000. Ms. Brenda Pugh asked if this would eliminate the real estate sales inspection and it was stated that it would not. Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-3, an Ordinance to Prohibit Certain Water Discharges into a Public Sewer System**, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried.

Township Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Carl Alber stated that there are concerns about the number of chickens that someone may have on their property. The Township does not have a specific ordinance on this issue in residential area. After some discussion it was determined that Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Office Alber would check into some possible solutions and provide information to Attorney Brennan to review and be discussed at the next Supervisors' meeting.

Township Manager Barry provided an update on the DCNR Park Grant and park equipment for the Southside Avenue Park. There are reoccurring stormwater issues which result in parts of the park becoming swamp like. This location will not be a good location for the playground equipment that has already been purchased. There has been some public opinion from residents of New Goss Manor and Orchard View Terrace that have safety concerns with crossing route 309. The Dallas School District property that is used for the ice-skating rink and the property behind the Township Administration building have been reviewed as possible new sites. The DCNR grant requires that construction be completed by the end of 2020. The Dallas School District is not willing to sell the land and the grant cannot be used on leased property. The property adjacent to the Township Administration building is about 2 acres. The playground would need about 1 acre. Supervisor Grant stated that it was previously discussed to move the police department to the new administration building. Renovation construction bids were over \$900,000, but if the adjacent property was owned, then a \$300,000 elevator could be eliminated from the renovation project due to being able to build a road to the back lower level of the building. The adjacent property for the park would also provide a street with street lighting and be near the Back Mountain Trail Mile 7. The property has been appraised at \$195,000 and has a tax assessed value of \$174,500. There was discussion concerning both properties and both buildings about uses, costs to renovate each building, parking issues, detention basins, ADA issues, ADA grant and the DCNR park grant. Several residents in attendance stated that the best location and the most cost-effective location would be for the playground to be at the adjacent property. Supervisor Grant made a **Motion to offer \$174,500 for the purchase of the adjacent property**, seconded by Supervisor R. Wagner and carried.

Township Manager Barry provided an update on the Fire Protection Tax. The Fire Protection Advisory Committee had its first meeting last month and will be meeting again tomorrow. They are reviewing the fire department needs. The fund has brought in about \$425,000 and a \$30,000 operating expense contribution has been made to each department. We are working on the job description and advertisement for the new paid day time staffing positions.

Supervisor F. Wagner stated that there will be a special Supervisors' meeting on Thursday June 20, 2019 at 3:30pm concerning Pear Tree Lane miscellaneous repairs and wearing course overlay.

Police Update:

Chief Higgins provided the police update and stated that on May 20th the police department went through an accreditation process and they should receive the results by July 16th. They have just created a Facebook page and will be providing information. He would like to recognize Officer Adams for the outstanding job he did in getting ready for the accreditation and Officer Kotowski organized a career day for about 20 high school students. They have received approval for an aggressive driving grant called Summer Drive Time and will run between July 8th and August 25th. National Night Out is August 6th. It is a community event involving police and fire departments and we would be one of the few municipalities in Luzerne County doing this. The Supervisors were in support of our Police Department participating. He will also be looking into a Neighborhood Watch program and will be applying for grant funding from Walmart.

Road Department Update:

Township Manager Barry provided the road department update and stated that the street sweeping has been completed with some street done 2 or 3 times. They have been cleaning storm water facilities and Monday they started the summer gravel road maintenance. Due to all the water there have been

a lot of sinkholes. If you encounter one, please contact the Township and they will follow a process to fix it. DAMA has been very helpful with cameras to assist us.

Additional Citizens' Comments:

Mr. Anthony Usavage and Mr. James Gilbert from Midland Drive had some comments concerning road issues that he believes is the result of a project from 10-12 years ago that he does not feel has been resolved. Water is coming down Fallbrook Avenue into their properties and causing flooding. The subdivision building project from that time was stopped and the land was supposed to be backfilled within 30 days and restored to its original form. He claims it took 18 months to 2 years to be backfilled and that it was never inspected after it was backfilled. Mr. Usavage stated that several neighbors were afraid to come to the meeting because of retaliation. There was much discussion by Mr. Usavage, Township Engineer Thomas Doughton and Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Alber about what had transpired. Supervisor Grant asked to review the information and Mr. Usavage agreed.

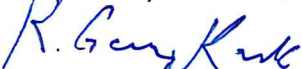
Mr. Leo Charney from Goldsmith Road asked questions concerning the improvements to Goldsmith Road. Township Manager Barry stated that the gravel road improvements to Goldsmith Road began on Monday and it should take a couple of weeks. Mr. Charney had additional questions concerning the dust on the road especially with his wife's respiratory condition. Supervisor Grant and Township Manager Barry stated that we have received a grant to improve the road and have to have it completed by the end of June. The improvements to being done should eliminate the dust issue.

Mr. Robert Oley asked questions about excess cats and dogs. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Alber indicated that Blue Chip will take dogs but not cats. Mr. Oley also stated that the SPCA will not take cats either. There were several comments about the problem. Some suggestions included that they should not be fed by residents as well as a catch, neuter and release program.

Adjournment:

Supervisor F. Wagner made a **Motion to adjourn**, seconded by Supervisor Grant and carried. The Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Gary Kirk".

K. Gary Kirk/CPA

Secretary/Treasurer