

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**December 2, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Dennison Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Bruce Thomas. Roll call was taken as follows:

Bruce Thomas, present  
Sheila Weaver, present  
Michael Mack, present

Attorney Dean, excused  
Keith Wheeler, excused  
Kathleen Stortz, present

The minutes of the Regular Monthly meeting held on November 4th were approved on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver. Motion carried

The Treasurer’s Report was approved on a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack. Motion carried.

The bills were approved to be paid on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS:**

**POLICE REPORT –NONE**

**INSURANCE PACKAGE** – Bridget White from DGK Insurance attended the meeting to go over the township’s insurance package for 2016. A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver, to add Errors and Omission Insurance for the fire company at a cost of \$264.00 per year. Motion carried. Abuse and Molestation coverage was discussed but was declined by the supervisors.

**BUDGET** - On a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack the Resolution No. 4-2015 was adopted approving the 2016 Budget.

**DENNISON TOWNSHIP  
LUZERNE COUNTY  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
BUDGET RESOLUTION  
RESOLUTION NO. 4-2015**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNISON IN THE COUNTY OF LUZERNE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the year 2016.

**BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED**, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Dennison, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

1. That for the expenditures and expenses of the fiscal year 2016 the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the fund equities, revenues, and other financing sources available for the year 2016 for the specific purposes set forth on the following pages.
2. That any resolution conflicting with this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this resolution.

**ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.**

Bruce Thomas  
Michael Mack  
Sheila Weaver

ATTEST: Kathleen Stortz

**GENERAL FUND:**

INCOME:

ESTIMATED BALANCE 1/1/2016  
INCOME  
**TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE**

EXPENSES:

ADMINISTRATION  
TAX COLLECTION  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT  
FIRE PROTECTION  
POLICE PROTECTION  
ZONING  
EMERGENCY SERVICES  
PLANNING  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
STREETS & HIGHWAYS  
**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**STATE ROAD FUND:**

INCOME:

ESTIMATED BALANCE 1/1/2016	\$74,000.00
INCOME	\$46,019.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$120,019.00</b>

EXPENSES:

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	\$65,000.00
MAINTENANCE OF ROADS & BRIDGES	\$53,319.00
BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP	\$1,700.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$120,019.00</b>

**SEWER REVENUE:**

INCOME:

ESTIMATED BALANCE 1/1/2015	\$59,500.00
INCOME	\$26,000.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$85,500.00</b>

EXPENSES:

RURAL UTILITIES	\$21,100.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$59,000.00
LEGAL	\$2,400.00
DUE TO GENERAL FUND - AUDIT	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$85,500.00</b>

On a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack, Resolution No. 5-2015 was adopted setting the tax rate.

**DENNISON TOWNSHIP  
LUZERNE COUNTY  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
TAX LEVY RESOLUTION  
RESOLUTION NO. 5-2015**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DENNISON, COUNTY OF LUZERNE,  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, fixing the tax rate for the year 2016**

**BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED**, and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board of Township Supervisors of the Township of Dennison, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property within the Township subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2016 is follows:

Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of **.6 mills** on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of **.0006 cents** on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

The same being summarized in tabular form as follows:

	<b>Mills on Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation</b>	<b>Cents on each One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Valuation</b>
<b>Tax Rate For General Purposes</b>	<u>.6</u> Mills	<u>.0006</u> Cents

That any resolution, or part of resolution, conflicting with this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this resolution.

**ADOPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.**

ATTEST: Kathleen Stortz

Bruce Thomas  
Michael Mack  
Sheila Weaver

**DELINQUENT SEWER ACCOUNTS** – Two delinquent sewer customers, Chris Keil and Brian Ladner, have paid their sewer bills in full but have not paid the filling fees. Sheila reported that she has reviewed the township Sewer Ordinance and it does allow for cutting off sewer service. It will be discussed with Attorney Dean. Others who have had judgments filed against them have made one or two payments but nothing more.

**HEALTH INSURANCE ORDINANCE** - An Election of Participation Form in Pennsylvania Townships Health Insurance Cooperative Trust was approved to be executed by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack. Motion carried. On a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack, Ordinance No. 2-2015 authorizing Dennison Township's participation in the Health Insurance Trust was adopted. Motion carried.

**GLEN OAKS** – Sheila reported that she will contact the state representatives' office to see if there is anything he can do about complaints the township has received from residents of Glen Oaks regarding trees falling in the stream.

**ROAD REPORT-** The supervisors requested quotes to have the portion of First Street that extends west of Linden Street surveyed. The following quotes were received:

Robert Lamson - \$100.00  
Frank Miller - \$500.00  
Dave Sarna - \$785.00

A motion was made by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack, to accept the quote from Robert Lamson, to pay him \$100.00 when his invoice is received and to advertise the ordinance dedicating that portion of the road. Motion carried. Bruce reported that a tree that was down on Peat Moss Road has been cleaned up and leaves have been removed from drains. He also reported that some signs need to be straightened and Sitko has completed mowing in the township. Bruce stated that Charlie Sirosky did a nice job keeping the township cleaned up this year.

**ZONING** – The supervisors thanked Jack Varaly for bearing with them and his perseverance in getting the Zoning Ordinance rewritten. It was mentioned that a resident has a zoning hearing scheduled regarding an accessory structure permit that was issued to him and then rescinded. The supervisors felt that the zoning officer had issued the permit in error.

**FIRE COMPANY** – Bill Bauersfeld reported that there were 7 calls during the month of November and the fire company assisted in the White Haven Community Tree Lighting program.

**REORGANIZATION MEETING**– The reorganization meeting will be held January 4, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. with the regular monthly meeting immediately following.

**ADJOURNMENT** - On a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver, the meeting adjourned at 8.35 P.M. Motion carried.