

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2021

After Pledge of Allegiance to the flag 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  
Jack Varaly, excused  
Kathleen Stortz, present

The minutes of the January Re-Organization and Regular Monthly meetings were approved on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver. Questions? None. All voted in favor.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack. Questions? None. All voted in favor.

The bills were approved to be paid on a motion by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver. Questions? None. All voted in favor.

### **BUSINESS:**

**POLICE REPORT** - December police report 55.30 hours and January report 50.72 hours were received from White Haven Borough.

**ZONING REPORT** – The January Zoning Report was read by Bruce Thomas. A zoning permit submitted by Craig Jones to construct an accessory garage on a vacant lot adjacent to his property at 116 Linden Street was denied. Mr. Varaly advised Mr. Jones that he should incorporate the vacant lot into his existing deed, however, Mr. Jones was not receptive to that idea and will request a variance. Attorney Giarratano will be filing legal action regarding the Mendez matter in the near future. Zoning fines today total \$53,500.00. Mr. Varaly is in the process of drafting amendments relative to animal regulations. Bruce Thomas stated he requested information from the solicitor's office as to where we stand on the Mendez matter. Mr. Thomas was informed that there are limitations in the \$500.00 per day fine. Under the ordinance the fines start after a hearing has been held by the magistrate. It is still possible to file a preliminary injunction to stop Mendez from living at the property until it is brought up to code and the solicitor was in the process of preparing the injunction. Jack Varaly has received a draft copy of the injunction.

**SEVENTH STREET – JONES** – Mr. Thomas also asked the solicitor about vacating a portion of Seventh Street. The solicitor replied that the deed which was prepared by the Jones' attorney needs to be revised to include an additional clause which gives the township the right to access the property for maintenance, snow removal, etc. This is required because the pin location on the deed description and map extends 25 feet onto Linden Street. Bruce Thomas suggested the matter be tabled until the deed description is cleared up with the addition of a clause to allow Dennison Township the right to access Linden Street and the agreement is finalized to compensate the township for legal expenses, at which time the township will adopt the ordinance vacating the street. All supervisors agreed. A copy of the minutes will be emailed to the Jones'.

**COUNTY 2021 PROGRAMS** – Correspondence has been received from Luzerne County advising they will again sponsor an Electronics Recycling, Paper Shredding and Recycling Education Program in 2021.

**COSTARS SALT CONTRACT** – The township will enter into the state contract for purchasing salt for the 2021-2022 winter season by contracting for 44 ton.

**ROAD REPORT** – Jim Yackiel reported he plowed some snow and did maintenance on the riding lawn mower and township truck. The supervisors told Mr. Yackiel if he needs anything for the spring to let them know.

**FIRE REPORT** – There were 3 calls in January, 11 hours of service, and 8 hours of maintenance. Two calls were in Dennison Township and one in Wright Township. Bruce Thomas stated he spoke to Jim Jarick about on-call tree service. Jim Jarick said he would talk to his son-in-law, Leroy Stewart, to see if he was interested.

**LSA GRANT** -Sheila reported she has received two quotes for Codification. A lengthy discussion ensued as to whether or not the township had to advertise for RFP's/RFQ's. Bruce Thomas said he was informed by the township engineer that an RFP is required, and Sheila Weaver reported she contacted PSATS who said if it was not required by the grant it is not necessary. Sheila said she looked at the LSA Grant documents and it does not say an RFP is required. A phone call was made to Don Totino, township engineer, during the meeting who said an RFP is required for a Community Development grant. Don was informed the grant is LSA not Community Development at which time he said he would have to check to see if an RFP was required. A motion was made by Michael Mack, second by Sheila Weaver, to authorize Don Totino to prepare an RFQ/RFP if needed. All voted in favor. It was decided the supervisors would review the two proposals during the month and make a decision regarding them at the March meeting if an RFP/RFQ is not needed. The possibility of putting the ordinances on the township's web site was also discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT** - On a motion by Sheila Weaver, second by Michael Mack, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. All voted in favor.