

DINGMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 6, 2013 MEETING
AGENDA

**THERE WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO DISCUSS CURRENT LITIGATION**

1. CALL TO ORDER - Pledge of Allegiance
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 16, 2013 Meeting
3. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a) Zoning Ordinance Amendment #03-2013
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Primary Response Districts - ALS
 - b) Other
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Proposed 2013-14 Treated Salt Bids
 - b) Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption - Cornelius
 - c) Other
6. SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS
 - a) SJL Holdings (Pike Co. Generator) Preliminary Land Development
 - b) Muir House Preliminary Land Development – Extension Request
 - c) Sunrise Lake POA Final Land Development
7. CORRESPONDENCE
 - a) Pike County Conservation District
 - b) Miscellaneous Correspondence
8. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS
9. ROADMASTER REPORT
10. SEWAGE/ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT
11. TREASURER REPORT
 - a) Payment of Bills: \$ 8,624.69 General Fund
\$ 11,001.03 Park & Rec Fund
\$ 15,598.93 Bridge Preserve Trust Account
 - b) General Fund Balance: \$ 865,646.20
12. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION
14. ADJOURNMENT

- ATTENDANCE:** Thomas E. Mincer, Chairman; Dennis L. Brink, Vice Chairman; Kerry W. Welsh, Supervisor; Karen Kleist, Secretary/Treasurer; John H. Klemeyer, Solicitor; Chris Wood, Sewage/Zoning Enforcement Officer; Stephen Leech, Pike County Generator; and members of the public and press.
- ITEM NO. 1: CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Mincer called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that there would be an Executive Session immediately following the public comment period to discuss current litigation matters.
- At this time a moment of silence was observed in memory of those killed and injured in the Ross Township shooting incident.
- ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES** MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Kerry Welsh, and unanimously carried to approve the July 16, 2013 Minutes as submitted.
- ITEM NO. 3: PUBLIC HEARINGS**
A) Zoning Ordinance Amendment A duly advertised Public Hearing was held to consider an amendment to the zoning ordinance adding the existing ordinance use of "Shooting Facility" as a conditional use in the RC district. Also reviewed was a letter from the Planning Commission recommending adoption and a letter from the County Planning Commission recommending the Township consider also adopting additional regulations for shooting facilities. They did not however, provide any suggested additional regulations. Following discussion, the Board felt that additional regulations can be required on a case-by-case basis as part of the conditional use process. There was no public comment. MOTION was made by Kerry Welsh, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance No. 03-2013, amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.
- ITEM NO. 4: OLD BUSINESS**
A) Primary Response Districts – ALS The Board directed the Secretary to send a letter to the Pike County Dispatch Center informing them that there is no longer a need for the two primary ALS response districts; the entire Township should revert back to one district for ALS dispatching.
- ITEM NO. 4(B): Other Old Business** There was no Other Old Business at this time.
- ITEM NO. 5: NEW BUSINESS**
A) Proposed 2013-14 Treated Salt Bids MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Kerry Welsh, and unanimously carried to advertise for bids for 250 tons of treated sodium chloride.
- ITEM NO. 5(B): Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption** The Board received notification from the Department of Veterans Affairs that Robert Cornelius has qualified for the disabled veteran property tax exemption and notification from the County Tax Administration office that Mr. Cornelius has requested an abatement of his 2013 property taxes. MOTION was made by Thomas Mincer, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to approve the abatement of 2013 taxes on the Robert Cornelius property.
- ITEM NO. 5(C): Other New Business** Karen Kleist informed the Board that Rep. Peifer's office has asked if they can again use the Park for vendor parking for the Senior Expo to be held at the Dingman Firehouse on September 6th. The Board agreed.
- ITEM NO. 6: SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS**
A) SJL Holdings (Pike County Generator) Preliminary Land Development: The Board reviewed the land development plans and documentation including letters of adequacy from the County Planning Commission and Township Engineer, and a recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission. MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Kerry Welsh, and unanimously carried to approve the Preliminary Land Development Plans dated July 8, 2013 for SJL Holdings (Pike County Generator).

- B) Muir House Preliminary Land Development - Extension Request: The Board reviewed the project engineer's request for a 60 day time extension. The Planning Commission recommended approval. MOTION was made by Kerry Welsh, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to grant a 60-day time extension on the Muir House Preliminary Land Development application, effective from the current expiration date.
- C) Sunrise Lake Salt Shed Final Land Development: The Board was in receipt of correspondence from Mike Weeks that an inspection of the completed project revealed that the fence around the structure is larger (more area fenced in) and a drain was installed in the structure. He feels the submission of an as-built plan will rectify the changes. MOTION was made by Kerry Welsh, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to approve the submission of an as-built plan, to be approved by the Township Engineer, to satisfy the deviations from the approved final plans.

ITEM NO. 7: CORRESPONDENCE**A) Pike County Conservation District**

The Board was in receipt of a letter from the Conservation District informing that they are applying for funding under the Marcellus Legacy Fund to continue the baseline groundwater quality study through June 2015 and requesting a letter of support. The Board agreed that the study was valuable, not only if Marcellus shale drilling occurs, but to evaluate any other potential groundwater detriments, and directed the Secretary to send a letter of support for the application.

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

The Board reviewed various Miscellaneous Correspondence and had no comments.

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

There were no reports at this time.

ITEM NO. 9:**ROADMASTER REPORT**

MOTION was made by Kerry Welsh, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to approve the July 8-July 21, 2013 and July 22-August 4, 2013 Roadmaster Reports as submitted.

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

Chris Wood stated that he had nothing new to report at this time.

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

MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Kerry Welsh, and unanimously carried to approve the August 6, 2013 Treasurer's Report, Bill Payment List and General Fund balance, and to sign the checks following the meeting.

ITEM NO. 12: PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Montgomery of Christian Hill Road again spoke to the Board about the logs that were placed on his property when the road was cleared of downed trees during Hurricane Sandy. He stated that Nancy Pinchot and he walked his property. Her attorney said that she is not responsible for the trees that fell on his property. Mr. Montgomery maintains that the Township is responsible, that he was under the impression that they were placed there temporarily.

Vinny Accordino, Milford Borough Roadmaster, stopped by to thank the Township for the assistance in allowing the Borough to purchase road salt when needed the past couple years while their salt shed was being planned and built.

ITEM NO. 13: EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed to Executive Session at this time.

Upon reconvening the regular meeting, MOTION was made by Thomas Mincer, seconded by Kerry Welsh, and unanimously carried to authorize the Board to make decisions regarding the current Lake Adventure lawsuits outside of meetings.

ITEM NO. 14: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Kerry Welsh, and unanimously carried to adjourn the August 6th meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kleist, Secretary/Treasurer