

DINGMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NOVEMBER 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: October 15, 2013 Meeting
3. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Draft Dingman Township Parks Ordinance
 - b) Sewage Maintenance Escrow Release - PMWL Lot 920
 - c) Other
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Revised PMRS Contract and Pension Plan Ordinance
 - b) Other
5. SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS
 - a) Candella Lot Improvement
 - b) Muir House Land Development - Time Extension Request
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 - a) Barry J. Schoch, Secretary of Transportation
 - b) Deb Patterson, CDD of Pike County
 - c) Pike County Tax Claim - Repository Sale
 - d) Miscellaneous Correspondence
7. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS
8. ROADMASTER REPORT
9. SEWAGE/ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT
10. TREASURER REPORT
 - a) Payment of Bills: \$ 47,552.91 General Fund
\$ 4,884.48 Park & Rec Fund
 - b) General Fund Balance: \$ 642,248.79
11. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION
13. ADJOURNMENT
14. BUDGET WORK SESSION

- 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; Jim Snyder, Roadmaster; 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.
- ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES** MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Kerry Welsh, and unanimously carried to approve the October 15, 2013 Minutes as presented.
- ITEM NO. 3: OLD BUSINESS**
A) Draft Parks Ordinance The Board reviewed the latest draft of the Ordinance establishing rules and regulations for the Township parks. The secretary was directed to advertise the ordinance for a public hearing and adoption.
- ITEM NO. 3(B): Sewage Escrow Release Request** Karen Kleist informed the Board that Greg Vannatta has requested the release of the short-term portion of the sewage maintenance bond for the system on Lot 920 of PMWL. It appears that the maintenance and testing was conducted as required. MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Kerry Welsh, and unanimously carried to release the short-term sewage maintenance bond escrow in the amount of \$4,000.00 for PMWL Lot 920 to Vannatta Builders.
- ITEM NO. 3(C): Other Old Business** There was no Other Old Business at this time.
- ITEM NO. 4: NEW BUSINESS**
A) Revised PMRS Contract & Pension Plan Ordinance The Board reviewed the revised contract with PMRS and draft Ordinance enabling the amended contract. PMRS has been updating it's contracts to become compliant with the IRS tax qualification standards. Any new language pertinent to the Township's Pension Plan is based upon our responses to a questionnaire we completed a few months ago. MOTION was made by Kerry Welsh, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to advertise the new Pension Plan Ordinance for public hearing and adoption.
- ITEM NO. 4(B): Other New Business** There was no Other New Business at this time.
- ITEM NO. 5: SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS**
- A) Candella Lot Improvement: The Board reviewed the proposed lot improvement and documentation including deeds, letters of adequacy from the County Planning Commission and Township Engineer, and a recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission. MOTION was made by Kerry Welsh, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to approve the Candella Lot Improvement, combining lots 65 & 66, Block 9, Section 2 of Sunrise Lakes, to be known as Lot 65A.
- B) Muir House Land Development: The Board was in receipt of a request for a 90-day time extension from the applicants' engineer and a recommendation from the Planning Commission for approval. MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Kerry Welsh, and unanimously carried to approve a 90-day time extension on the Muir House Land Development submission, effective from the current expiration date.
- ITEM NO. 6: CORRESPONDENCE**
A) Barry Schoch, PaDOT The Board was in receipt of a response from PA Secretary of Transportation Barry Schoch regarding the weight restriction on the Dwarfskill bridge on Log Tavern Road. He states the recent weight limit reduction is to protect the structurally deficient bridge from damage and to extend its service life. He mentions that the PA Code allows for the consideration of special requests, whereby liability for detrimental damage is assigned to the permittee. In closing, he states that if a sufficient transportation funding solution is passed, PaDOT will revisit priorities for the improvement of bridges. Chairman Mincer stated it appears that PaDOT is holding residents hostage.

- ITEM NO. 6(B):**
Deb Patterson, CDD of Pike County
- The Board received correspondence outlining a "Road Rally" that is essentially a driving scavenger hunt. Parts of the route go through Dingman Township and is slated for November 10, 2014.
- ITEM NO. 6(C):**
Pike County Tax Claim
- The Board received a listing of properties that will be included in the Repository Sale on November 15, 2013.
- ITEM NO. 6(D):**
Miscellaneous Correspondence
- The Board reviewed various Miscellaneous Correspondence and had no comments.
- ITEM NO. 7:**
EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS
- The Board received DTVFD's report for October. There were 43 fire/rescue calls and 76 EMS calls.
- ITEM NO. 8:**
ROADMASTER REPORT
- MOTION was made by Kerry Welsh, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to approve the October 14-27, 2013 Roadmaster Report as submitted and reviewed by Jim Snyder.
- Jim asked if the Board could send a letter to PaDOT regarding the condition of Sawkill Road. He has been bringing it to the County manager's attention at the monthly Road Task Force meetings, but not much has been done. The Board agreed.
- ITEM NO. 9:**
SEWAGE / ZONING OFFICER REPORT
- Chris Wood reviewed his report. He noted that Lake Adventure sewage treatment plant has switched to stream discharge for the winter.
- ITEM NO. 10:**
TREASURER'S REPORT
- MOTION was made by Kerry Welsh, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to approve the November 6, 2013 Treasurer's Report, Bill Payment List, and General Fund balance and to sign the checks following the meeting.
- ITEM NO. 11: PUBLIC COMMENT**
- There were no comments from the public or press.
- ITEM NO. 12: EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- The Board recessed to Executive Session at this time to discuss current litigation.
- ITEM NO. 13: ADJOURNMENT**
- There being no further business upon reconvening the regular meeting, MOTION was made by Kerry Welsh, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to adjourn the November 6th meeting.
- BUDGET WORKSESSION**
- The Board held a work session to review the 2014 proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kleist, Secretary/Treasurer