

DINGMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 7, 2017 MEETING
AGENDA

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

1. CALL TO ORDER - Pledge of Allegiance
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 17, 2017 Meeting
3. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a) Zoning Ord. Amendment #01-2017 & Ordinance #02-2017
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Zoning Amendment re: lot coverage
 - b) Delaware Plaza Traffic Signal
 - c) Other
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Johnathan Weigold re: TRU variation (renting a room)
 - b) Springer Isolation Distance Waiver Request
 - c) 2016 Survey of Financial Condition report
 - d) Parks & Recreation Commission
 - e) Other
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 - a) EarthRes Group re: Eureka Stone Quarry
 - b) U.S. Census Bureau
 - c) Miscellaneous Correspondence
7. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS
8. ROADMASTER REPORT
9. SEWAGE/ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT
10. TREASURER'S REPORT / SECRETARY'S REPORT
 - a) Payment of Bills: \$ 41,191.91 General Fund
\$ 100.35 Rec Fund
\$ 725.00 Bridge Preserve Fund
\$ 52,880.21 Fire Tax Fund
 - b) General Fund Balance: \$ 725,317.81
11. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION
13. 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; DTVFD Chief Mark O'Brien; Johnathan Weigold; and members of the public and press.
- ITEM NO. 1: CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Mincer called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ITEM NO. 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES** MOTION was made by Kerry Welsh, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to approve the January 17, 2017 Minutes as presented.
- ITEM NO. 3: PUBLIC HEARINGS**
A) Zoning Amendment #01-2017 and Amendment to Ord. #41 (#02-2017) regarding keeping of chicken hens A duly advertised public hearing was held to consider two ordinance amendments relating to the keeping of chickens. Ord. #01-2017 amends the Zoning Ordinance to allow up to 6 chicken hens to be kept on properties of at least one acre in the NC district. Ordinance #02-2017 amends Ordinance No. 41 (Keeping of Certain Animals) and provides standards and regulations on how chicken hens are kept. A Conditional Use Zoning permit will be required. The Board reviewed a letter from Walter Martin of Cliff Court objecting to the proposed amendments citing noise, disease, and attraction of predators. No additional public comment was received. Also reviewed were comments from the Pike County Planning Commission for consideration. Thomas Mincer stated he agreed with the suggestion that the coops should not be located in front yards; Supervisors Brink and Welsh agreed. MOTION was made by Thomas Mincer, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to table action on Ordinance No. 02-2017, and to re-advertise Zoning Ordinance Amendment #01-2017 revised to prohibit coops being located in front yards.
- ITEM NO. 4: OLD BUSINESS**
A) Zoning Amendment - Lot coverage The Board reviewed feedback from Planner Tom Shepstone, but have questions. MOTION was made by Thomas Mincer, seconded by Kerry Welsh, and unanimously carried to table this item to the next meeting.
- ITEM NO. 4(B): Delaware Plaza Traffic Signal** Nothing new has been received.
- ITEM NO. 4(C): Other Old Business** There was no Other Old Business at this time.
- ITEM NO. 5: NEW BUSINESS**
A) Johnathan Weigold Mr. Weigold, a resident on Christian Hill Road, was present to request feedback from the Board. He would like to rent out a bedroom in his house for weekends; he would always be present. He understands that Transient Residential Uses (TRU) are not permitted in the residential zone, but unlike the typical short-term rental, he would not be renting out the entire house, just a bedroom, and he would be present. Chairman Mincer mentioned that it sounds similar to a Bed & Breakfast, without the breakfast. The Board will refer the matter to the Planning Commission to look into whether the use is already covered, or, if not, if it is one we should consider permitting.
- ITEM NO. 5(B): Springer Isolation Distance Waiver Request** The Board was in receipt of a request from Leonard Springer for a waiver to the 100' isolation distance from his well to a replacement sewage system needed. Both the existing malfunctioning system and the proposed replacement system are 70' from his well. SEO Chris Wood supports approving said Waiver. MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Kerry Welsh, and unanimously carried to approve the Isolation Distance Waiver as requested by Leonard Springer with the requirement that a baseline water test is done prior to and one year following construction of the replacement system. Chris Wood will determine what parameters should be included in the tests.

- ITEM NO. 5(C):
2016 Survey of Financial Condition
Report**
- The Board reviewed the annual state report prepared by Treasurer Karen Kleist. MOTION was made by Kerry Welsh, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to approve the 2016 Survey of Financial Condition as prepared by Karen Kleist.
- ITEM NO. 5(D):
Parks & Recreation Commission**
- The Board was in receipt of a Memo from the Rec' Board with their schedule of events for 2017 and also requesting authorization to require the leagues that reserve the fields at the park be required to provide a minimum of 32 volunteer hours at the Township sponsored events. MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Kerry Welsh, and unanimously carried to approve the Schedule of Events proposed by the Parks & Recreation Commission, and to also authorize the requirement for leagues using the fields to provide 32 hours volunteering at Township events.
- ITEM NO. 5(E):
Other New Business**
- Karen Kleist informed the Board that elected Auditor Helen Martin will not be running for reelection this year. Helen has served on the Board of Auditors for 32 years.
- ITEM NO. 6: CORRESPONDENCE
A) EarthRes Group**
- The Board received notification from EarthRes Group will be submitting an application to request the renewal of a General Permit from PaDEP for the beneficial use of baghouse fines (dust) collected from the Milford asphalt plant. The Board had no comments.
- ITEM NO. 6(B):
U.S. Census Bureau**
- The Board received information in advance of the July 2017 invitation to participate in the 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA).
- ITEM NO. 6(C):
Miscellaneous Correspondence**
- The Board reviewed various Miscellaneous Correspondence and noted that the Township Solicitor sent a letter to the Zoning Hearing Board requesting that legal briefs be filed at the conclusion of the appeal hearing (re: Melnik TRU challenge).
- ITEM NO. 7:
EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS**
- DTVFD Chief Mark O'Brien reported that they had 24 fire and 51 EMS dispatches in January. They were approved for \$17, 283 in state grants that will be used for upfitting the new brush truck, purchasing carbon monoxide monitoring equipment, upgrading rescue air-tools, and more.
- ITEM NO. 8:
ROADMASTER REPORT**
- MOTION was made by Kerry Welsh, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to approve the January 16-29, 2017 Roadmaster Report as submitted.
- ITEM NO. 9:
SEWAGE / ZONING OFFICER REPORT**
- Chris Wood reported that he met with Nikles Custom Builder to discuss the plans for the renovation of motel rooms and Mt. Haven. he also completed the Census Bureau annual boundary change report.
- ITEM NO. 10:
TREASURER'S REPORT**
- MOTION was made by Dennis Brink, seconded by Kerry Welsh, and unanimously carried to approve the February 7, 2017 Treasurer's Report, Bill Payment List, and General Fund balance, and to sign the checks following the meeting.
- Karen informed the Board that she mistakenly scheduled the second May meeting on Primary Election Day. The Board directed Karen to change it to May 23, 2017. Karen also provided an update on the Preserve Interpretative Trail project grant. The dedication is planned for May 20th at 1 pm.
- 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 potential litigation.
- Upon reconvening the regular meeting, Chris Wood realized that he forgot to mention that he would like to attend the annual PASEO Conference from March 12-14. MOTION was made by Thomas Mincer,

seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to authorize Chris Wood to attend the annual PASEO Conference from March 12-14, 2017.

ITEM NO. 13: ADKPIRM,EMT

There being no further business, MOTION was made by Kerry Welsh, seconded by Dennis Brink, and unanimously carried to adjourn the February 7th meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kleist, Secretary/Treasurer