

**Donegal Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
August 5, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Donegal Township was called to order by Chairman, Richard Fidler at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was held at the West Alexander Fire Department. The meeting was held as a virtual meeting utilizing a Zoom Video Conferencing Application with residents attending by computer, cell phone or landline, and in person due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Board members in attendance by Roll Call; Richard Fidler, Tammi Iams, Richard Martin, Kathleen Croft, and Edward Shingle. Also in attendance: Lane Turturice - Solicitor, Heather Wood - Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. Chairman Fidler announced the meeting was being recorded, and is also being recorded by the public. Announced an Executive Meeting was held on August 3, 2021 was for the purpose of discussion about avoiding potential litigation and to discuss sale or lease of township real estate.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Eric Graham - asked about the progress with the Poplar/Highland Project - Mr. Fidler stated he talked to Nathan Voytek who is getting everything ready to bid, and is an agenda item.

Levi Fisher - Discussed an issue with his property with sewer; sewage is coming out of the ground on neighbors property. The Washington County Sewage Council told him to install a holding tank, but the owner doesn't want to pay the \$6K if he doesn't have to. He was directed to reach out to PA American Water to see if they would extend their line.

J.D. Martin wanted to reiterate that there has been a lot of turmoil for a long time; a lot of bickering and not much getting accomplished. Commented on monies and how they are being spent; says to shop around for the best price and not call the attorney for every little thing. Pleading with all to get it together, to work together, to do something to move forward to cut out the nonsense, the wasteful spending, frivolous lawsuits. As far as employees, if you have a complaint, take it to them, shouldn't have to file grievances or lawsuits. Run Township like a business, what's in the best interest of the people of the Township

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Mrs. Iams made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 3 - YES 2 - NO - Croft, Shingle Motion carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Fidler made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Supervisors Regular Monthly Meeting held on July 1, 2021. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 3 - YES 2 - NO - Shingle, Croft Motion carried

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Iams made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report dated July 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 4 - YES 1 - NO - Shingle Motion carried

Mrs. Iams made a motion to approve the bills on the unpaid bills list dated as of August 1, 2021 with amendments of: additions to pay; Widmer \$1,330.00 invoice from 10-30-2020, Human Resources \$50.00 invoice from 10-2-20, mileage for Mr. Fiddler \$130.03. Mileage for Mrs. Wood \$122.19, also do not pay; West Penn Power 2020 bills, Murphy Tractor, Greer Industries, and Observer Reporter.

Roll call of votes: 3 - YES 2 - NO - Croft, Shingle Motion carried

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

1. Code Enforcement - in packets
2. Fire Department - Read by Mr. Graham and given to Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
3. Fire Marshal -
4. Office and Water - Mrs. Iams read
5. Parks and Rec - No reports submitted
6. Police Department - Chief read and given in packets

Mr. Shingle made a motion to replace the existing juvenile custody policy with the updated newest policy after reviewed and approved by the solicitor.

Roll call of votes: 5- YES 0 - NO Motion carried

7. Road Department - Mr. Fiddler read and in packets

8. Solicitor - Emailed to the Board

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Iams made a motion to lift off the table the auditors findings and observations. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - No Motion carried

Mrs. Iams made a motion to accept the findings and observations and remove the dividing date to allow for corrections and findings to be fixed. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 3 - YES 2 - NO - Croft, Shingle Motion carried

Mr. Fidler made a motion to lift off the table the Fanning Property Small Flow Treatment Facility. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mr. Fidler made a motion to approve the Fanning Property Small Flow Treatment Facility. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mr. Fidler made a motion to take off the table the part time officers. Mrs. Iams seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mr. Fidler made a motion to hire both part time officers; Madison Foster- Alauzen and James Miller. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 -YES 0 - NO Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Iams made a motion to reimburse the tax collector from 2019 to current that was never paid; with receipts included in packets, for a total of \$180.68. Mr. Fidler seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mr. Shingle made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets of Officer Talbert. Mr. Fidler seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mr. Martin made a motion to accept a quote from Gem (Nate Miller) to repair the Maintenance GarageRoof in the amount of \$14,500.00. Mrs. Iams seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mrs. Iams made a motion to accept Megan Shingle's request to be a member of the Parks and Rec Committee. Mrs. Croft seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 4 - YES 0 - NO 1 - Abstain - Shingle Motion carried

Mr. Fidler made a motion to approve the request from Kevin Mullen, affiliated with SWN to repair the berms on Greaves Road at no cost to the Township motion was amended to have Harshman inspect the roads and to have engineers fees come out of escrow, and to have a liability waiver signed off on. Mrs. Iams seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 4 - YES 1 - NO - Shingle Motion carried

Mrs. Iams made a motion to temporarily close the Township building until further notice; amended motion to post on marquee. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mrs. Iams made a motion to relocate the township office and police station to the old Township Building located at 727 Old National Pike. until further notice. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mrs. Iams made a motion to table the approval of a quote from Tennis Roofing in the amount of \$1,950.00 to repair the roof at the Township Building. Mrs. Croft seconded this motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mrs. Iams made a motion to table the approval of a quote from Air Tech in the amount of \$12,095.00 based on his evaluation and finding pertaining to mold throughout the building. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mr. Fidler made a motion to approve PennDots' Winter Maintenance Snow Removal Agreement in the amount of \$13,142.26. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 4 - YES 1 - NO - Shingle Motion carried

Mrs. Iams made a motion to approve Claysville's Volunteer Fire Department Workers Compensation for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$3,323.00 for Donegal's portion. Mr. Fidler seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mr. Fidler made a motion to approve Harshman to advertise for bid the Wilhelm Culvert Project. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mrs. Iams made a motion for the Secretary/Treasurer of Donegal Township the Right to Know Officer with the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer being the back up in her absence. Mr. Fidler seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 4 - YES 1 - NO - Croft Motion carried

Mrs. Iams made a motion to approve Food Helpers to use our parking lot for a set up station to distribute food per the letter of request. Mr. Fidler seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mrs. Iams made a motion to approve JM Logging and Lumber heavy hauling permit on Valley Rd for 8/10 mile as agreement, bond, and payment has been satisfied; amended to add that the engineer film the road and gives approval. Mr. Fidler seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mrs. Iams made a motion to approve the geotechnical study to be performed by ACA Engineering for the Wilhelm Road Slide site for DGLVR project that is due the end of the month not to exceed the cost of \$7,054.50 as required by the Conservation District prior to submitting the grant application; to approve submitting the DGLVR grant application and to pay out of ACT 13. Mr. Fidler seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mr. Martin made a motion to revise the executive meeting rules to exclude minutes, phones, recorders, or cameras. Mrs. Iams seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 5 - YES 0 - NO Motion carried

Mr. Martin made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Iams seconded the motion.

Roll call of votes: 4 - YES 1 - NO - Shingle Motion carried

Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.