

BOS MINUTES

Dickinson Township Board of Supervisors

September 16, 2024, Dickinson Township Meeting Room
6:00 pm

Attendance

Board Members:

Vice Chair Robert "Bob" Line III, Jen DeGaetano

Absent:

Chairman Rob Kole, Jason Reichard, Engineer

Staff:

*Lucas Martsof, Marge Bear, Glenn Kelso, Laci Hockenberry, Abigail Miller,
Matthew Boyer, Solicitor*

Visitors: *Adam Lepley, Cynthia Thompson, Cathy Murtorff, Harold Cooney, Jack Morgan, Marty Williams, Peggy Bower, Jim Bower, Janet Kemp*

Vice Chairman Line called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Opening Announcements

Agenda Approval

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and unanimously passed to approve the agenda.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and unanimously passed to ratify the bills for September 3, 2024 and to approve the bills for September 16, 2024.

Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and unanimously passed to approve the August 19, 2024 meeting minutes.

Board Of Supervisors Reports

Vice Chairman Line mentioned Chairman Kole is in Ocean City, New Jersey this evening.

Public Comment – Agenda Items and Non-Agenda Items

There were no comments under the Public Comment Period.

Public Hearings

Plan Review/Conditional Use Hearings

Boards, Committee, and Authority Reports

There were no comments or reports.

Staff Reports

Managers' Report - Interim Manager Martsof thanked the staff who have been very kind, friendly and welcoming. He mentioned how absolutely beautiful the Township area is and the residents should be very proud to be here.

Assistant Manager / Treasurer Report - Nothing additional to report.

Emergency Services Report -Nothing additional to report.

Roadmaster's Report - Nothing additional to report.

Zoning Officer's Report

Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer Miller announced that the Zoning Hearing Board request was granted for installing a natural gas fueling station, which will be for UPS to use alternative fueling. She also mentioned that the second notice of septic pumping inspections to be completed this year have been sent out by Ms. Hockenberry.

Engineers Report – Nothing to report

Solicitors Report – Nothing to report

New Business/Request for Board Action

1. MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for 2025 Pension

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and passed unanimously to approve the MMO for 2025 Pension in the amount of \$54,340.00.

2. Award Propane Bid (Oct. 18, 2024 – Oct. 17, 2025)

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and passed unanimously to award the propane bid to Koppy's Propane at a price of \$1.389/gallon for the time period of October 18, 2024 through October 17, 2025.

3. Peach Glen Road project – Request for Payment #2, Contract #1

Public Works Director Kelso stated the contractor did a nice job, they were good to work with and the work was completed in a timely manner. The Township will clean up the area and then the line painting will be done. The project came in under bid and then an additional \$130,000.00 under contract price. Harold Cooney said the work greatly improved the sight distance.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and passed unanimously to approve payment #2 to New Enterprise Stone in the amount of \$578,317.26.

Old Business

1. Ridge Road Discussion

Public Works Director Kelso stated that DCNR will be laying a 2A top coat over the shale. A meeting will be set up for the end of September/October to look at the last section of road. We are hoping to finish the project by the end of the year. There was a lot of pipe work done to get the storm water to go where needed.

2. Composting Discussion

Public Works Director Kelso said he continues to hold discussion with the surrounding Townships, looking at the numbers, and how it is going to work. There is a lot up in the air since Cumberland County stopped their yard waste program.

3. Food Processing Residuals (FPRs) and Biosolids update

Supervisor DeGaetano stated there is nothing additional to report at this time. The legislation did not go anywhere. She is attending an event being held by Representative Barb Gleim tomorrow where an FPR update is to be provided.

4. Future of Barnitz Mill Discussion

Public Works Director Kelso reported that he met with Elizabeth Grant of the Friends of Barnitz. They brought in professionals who looked at the inside of the mill, looking at all options. A figure of \$50,000 off the top of their heads was provided to demo the mill, including all rights to the wood. There have been multiple people who have said there is not much in the mill worth much and it is not in good shape.

Closing Announcements

There were no closing announcements

Public Comments - Non-Agenda Items Only

Adam Lepley shared his concern with the storm water matter along Mountain View Road and the large amount of water that flows through the properties on the same side of the road as the Township building. He shared pictures of the ponding water during the recent storms and feels the problem was increased after the new construction was completed on the Township property. He is concerned with sink holes forming and questioned why the Township did not complete a Storm Water Management plan for the construction project. He suggested a retention pond be installed on the Township property to solve the problem. Public Works Director Kelso explained there was no need for a storm water permit because the area involved was already an impervious stone area. The Township is currently working on a storm water plan with the Township Engineer for other reasons. Interim Manager Martsolf stated the matter will be reviewed and a report provided.

Cynthia Thompson was present representing the Amelia Givin Library and provided a highlight of the services provided and fundraising efforts, as well as a 2024 Fact Sheet. She thanked the Board for their on-going support.

Peggy Bower expressed concern with a group that is acquiring properties in the area to be used for housing migrant minors who were separated from their families at the border or who never connected with their sponsors. She questioned what is in place to notify residents if Cumberland County and/or Dickinson Township would be approached with this type of request. Vice Chairman Line mentioned the public meetings are used to communicate and make these types of request a public topic. The Township website, facebook and texting are also avenues to communicate.

Janet Kemp expressed concern with a state police visit to her property that was alleged to be requested by the Township. She provided the police report number. Interim Manager Martsolf asked her to provide the information and he will look into it.

Executive Session

The Board of Supervisors held an executive session on August 28, 2024 from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM to discuss RFP Interim Manager/Consultant.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and passed unanimously to adjourn at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie E. Bear

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Asst. Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

