

MINUTES of MEETING
Durham Township Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, June 13, 2017
Township Building Meeting Room

Present: **Supervisors:** Bartley E. Millett, Chairman
Richard M. Johnson, Vice Chairman
Kathy Gentner, Member
 Secretary: Dani McClanahan

 Solicitor: Peter Nelson, Esquire
 Zoning Officer: *Not in Attendance*
 Road Master: *Not in Attendance*

Absent: Ed Child, Zoning Officer
Andy Volak, Road Master

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bartley E. Millett at 7:30 PM. Most stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2017 Regular Meeting

Vice Chairman Richard Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Chairman Bartley Millett seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0.

Approval of Financial Report Ending May 31, 2017

Vice Chairman Richard Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Chairman Bartley Millett seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0.

Review & Approval of Accounts Payable / Payroll for June 2017

The Vice Chairman made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable / Payroll as presented, the Chairman seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0.

Old Business:

- **Road Work** – Due to the expected cost of Kintner Rd. repair exceeding the funds budgeted, and after conversation with Road Master Andy Volak, the decision was made to delay the Kintner Rd. project until 2018. For 2017 the plan is to complete the portion of Durham/Nockamixon Road (with Nockamixon Twp) at an expected cost of \$12,000-\$15,000 and utilize an additional \$10,000 for crack sealing. The remaining \$50,000 will be retained and added to the 2018 Liquid Fuels allocation; the combined funds will be utilized to repair Kintner Rd. Vice Chairman Richard Johnson made a motion to proceed with the Durham/Nockamixon Rd. project and the \$10,000 crack seal. Chairman Bartley Millett seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0
- **Compressor Station Ordinance**. Vice Chairman Richard Johnson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-01 as an amendment to Durham Township Zoning Ordinance 2015-01. Chairman Bartley Millett seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0
- **Resolution 2017-03**, PennDOT on-line reporting system for Liquid Fuels. This is an Intergovernmental agreement authorizing electronic access to PennDOT systems. Vice Chairman Richard Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-03; Chairman Bartley Millett seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0
- **Resolution 2017-04**, Durham Township Code of Ethics and Conduct. Residents [present] requested the opportunity to review the document prior to adoption; additionally, residents requested that items before the BOS for consideration be accessible to residents via the Township website. Resolution 2017-03 laid on the table.

New Business:

- Lehnenberg Rd: Property sold, escrow release/replace. Vice Chairman Richard Johnson made a motion to release \$13,092.00 escrowed funds to Campbell (previous owner TMP 11-004-032-001) and to place \$13,092.00, received from new owner Orrichio into a Developers Escrow Account for TMP 11-004-032-001. Chairman Bartley Millett seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0.
- New Hire Public works – Jim McManus, hired 6/23/2017, 35 hours per week.
- Resignation – Andrew Volak, effective June 23, 2017. Chairman Millett informed the public that we are taking applications for Road Master.
- Resolution 2017-05: Censure Kathleen A. Gentner. Solicitor Peter Nelson read the Resolution aloud. Chairman Bartley Millett remarked that we have to reign in the inappropriate behavior. Vice Chairman Richard Johnson agreed with Chairman Millett’s comment and added that we need to work in unison and end unilateral actions. Supervisor Gentner read from a prepared statement noting, among other things, that she felt this Resolution of Censure was nothing more than a means to publicly embarrass her and that she has done nothing wrong. Residents [present] requested the opportunity to review the document prior to adoption. Resolution 2017-05 laid on the table.

Zoning & Building Report:

Zoning Officer Ed Child was not present, Township Administrator Dani McClanahan read the provided report aloud;

Zoning permits –

Dan Felig (Durham Springs) - Lehnenberg - temporary storage trailer.

Stan Czeck - Lehnenberg - 20x20 pole barn.

Anthony DiBlasio - Chestnut - 30x32 pole barn.

Other:

- Continue page by page review of the Durham Township Zoning Ordinance.
- Prepare/submit update to the Bucks County Board of Assessment for permits issued.
- Letter response to Gavin Laboski, attorney for Eugene Campbell, Lehnenberg Road. Mr. Campbell is requesting a Zoning Board hearing for a variance request to operate a paving business in the RP district, which is not allowed. He is attempting to claim it as a 403.H. Home Occupation. I rejected the request. He needs to request a variance for 403.G.3 Contracting Services.
- Meet with J. Fones - wants to operate a B&B at his residence.
- Meet w/T. Andrews, contractor for Dave Winston - County Line - for a kitchen remodel.

Permits Issued to Date:

Zoning-10 - Building -15

Public Works Report:

Road Master Andy Volak was not present; Township Administrator Dani McClanahan read the provided report aloud;

- Lots of rain, check ditches and pipes for clogging
- Lots of mowing and roadside mowing
- Weed-whacking of signs, pipes, guardrails throughout the township
- Took the wreath down and the feed signs on the mill
- Many limbs down from all the rain and the wind on many different roads
- Set up / Take down for Election Day
- Had the paper dumpster dumped
- Maintenance on Equipment:
 - o Worked with mechanic from Plaster Equipment to replace cylinder on backhoe
 - o Sharpened the blades and cleaned under deck on Big Blue
 - o Grease the head-bearing

- Greased DT-3
- Checked the oil in generator and filter for the air conditioner in the post office
- Sharpened the blades on Zero-Turn
- Sanded and primed under the rusty doors of the backhoe and flex-sealed them

Environmental Advisory Council Report (EAC):

- Resignation received from EAC member Drew Williams (he has moved out of the Township). Vice Chairman Richard Johnson made a motion to accept Mr. Williams' resignation. Chairman Bartley Millett seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0.
- Resident Jeff Heehs submitted a letter stating his interest in serving on the EAC. Vice Chairman Richard Johnson made a motion to appoint Mr. Heehs to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Williams' resignation. Chairman Bartley Millett seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0.

Planning Commission Report:

Planning Commission member Anthony Mills stated that the Planning Commission has completed their review/update/edit of the Durham Township Comprehensive Plan and have passed the document to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors approved forwarding the Proposed Comprehensive Plan to neighboring municipalities for their input; will revisit at August business meeting.

Community Announcements: The Chairman announced:

- **Regional Monthly Recycling Day** will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2017, 9:00AM to 12 Noon.
- **Community Fire Company #1 Monthly Breakfast:** Breakfast will be held June 18, 2017.
- **Township Office will be CLOSED:** Monday July 3, 2017 (unpaid day) and Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in observance of Independence Day.

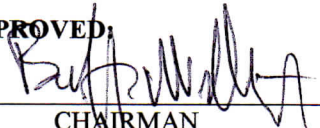
Public Comments:

- Mr. Herman inquired about the ugly green building
- Lois Oleksa stated her displeasure at the time and effort spent to put two resolutions in place when we need to protect our water and land.
- Manfred Marschewski asked which cylinder on the backhoe was replaced and could it have been repaired.
- Ann Marshall stated it would be ideal to have the BOS work together; Supervisor Gentner is allowed to speak. Chairman Millett met with PennEast – wants transparency
- Supervisor Gentner mentioned the need for policy – the Durham Township 'Official' Facebook page is owned by resident Kathleen Connolly. [Clarification provided that Township Administrator does have administrative privileges and is able to post and edit content].
- Lou Bucci stated when Bart (Chairman Millett) goes to a meeting, he gives a report. Supervisor Gentner meets but does not report. That is the difference.

Close Meeting:

The Chairman made a motion to close the meeting and the Vice Chairman seconded the motion. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

APPROVED:



CHAIRMAN



VICE CHAIRMAN

MEMBER