

MINUTES of MEETING
Durham Township Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, September 13, 2016
Township Building Meeting Room

Present: **Supervisors:** Bartley E. Millett, Chairman
Richard M. Johnson, Vice Chairman
Kathleen A. Gentner, Member

Secretary: Joseph M. Kulick

Solicitor: Peter Nelson, Esquire

Zoning Officer: *(not in attendance)*

Road Master: Andy Volak

Absent: None

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bartley E. Millett at 7:36 PM. All in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

A "Moment of Silence" was held for the victims of the 9-11 WTC attack and also for recently deceased Durham Township resident Walter "Myron" Kressman, Jr.

Approval of Minutes from August 09, 2016 Regular Meeting

The Vice Chairman made a **motion** to approve the Minutes as submitted and the Chairman **seconded** the motion. All agreed and a vote was taken and the **motion passed** unanimously. There were no further comments or questions.

Approval of Financial Report Ending August 31, 2016

The Vice Chairman made a **motion** to approve the Financial Report as submitted and the Chairman **seconded** the motion. A vote was taken and the **motion passed** 2 to 1 with Member Kathy Gentner voting no due to not enough time to properly review or sufficient information presented. There were no further comments or questions.

Review & Approval of Accounts Payable for September 2016

The Vice Chairman made a **motion** to approve the Accounts Payable Report as submitted and the Chairman **seconded** the motion. A vote was taken and the **motion passed** 2 to 1 with Member Kathy Gentner voting no due to not enough time to properly review or adequate information presented. There were no further comments or questions.

Note: The Chairman announced that a brief executive session was held prior to the meeting, requested by the solicitor, to discuss legal attorney client privileges regarding two (2) Right-to-Know Requests recently received. No motions or decisions were deliberated.

Updates: None

New Business: None

Old Business:

Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic River Partnership (LDWSRP):

The Chairman announced that Supervisor Kathy Gentner, Planning Commission Chair Lois Oleksa and himself attended a meeting with the National Park Service (NPS) on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 2:00PM here in the township building to clarify further the LDWSRP requirements. It was noted that the primary purpose of the LDWSRP is to control the damming of the river along with input on other river and creek projects. Member Kathy Gentner commented the PennEast Pipeline project discussion did not enter into the meeting. She (Gentner) also noted the NPS representative believes Durham Township already meets most of the LDWSRP environmental recommendations.

Solicitor Peter Nelson stated that he did in fact review the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that is required to join the partnership and become a voting member on the management committee. He (solicitor) also commented the Lower Delaware Area is already a part of the Wild & Scenic by an Act of Congress no matter what the board votes.

Resident Sarah Snider questioned if any grant money would be made available if we join. Member Kathy Gentner responded no local grant money is available at the present time. The Vice Chairman reiterated his strict opposition to joining the LDWSRP and allowing any outside control of the township residents' property. Resident Ben Tindall suggested joining to possibly obtaining grant money in the future and to join forces with other local municipalities. Resident J.P. Russell did not see any negative reasons to delay joining immediately.

The Chairman commented he had in fact spoken to several waterfront property owners who expressed their feelings in opposition to joining. Lois Oleksa advised the board that both the Durham Township Planning Commission and the Cooks Creek Watershed Assn. (CCWA) board had unanimously voted to sign the MOU as a non-governmental organization (NGO). The question of the LDWSRP By-Laws was raised and if they in fact exist. A copy will be obtained and reviewed by the board prior to next months' meeting.

After much further discussion, the Chairman tabled any vote until obtaining and reviewing the by-laws. He (Millett) promised the board and attendee's that a vote will be taken next month at the October 11, 2016 regular board meeting. There were no motions, further comments or questions.

Zoning & Building Report:

Township Manager Joe Kulick advised the board; two (2) building permits issued since last meeting: building permit to G. Campbell on Lehnberg Road to add electric to a new pole barn and a building permit issued to C. Kutz on Spring Hill Road to upgrade his electrical service. Twelve (12) zoning & twenty (20) building permits issued year to date.

Zoning Officer Ed Child met with new resident Rich Hutchinson purchaser of the Gerenser property on Route 212. He wants to raze the existing dilapidated barn and build a new one in its place with an upstairs apartment where they can live while they renovate the existing house. Met with new resident John Fones of Valley View Road and reviewed regulations to create an on-law suite within the existing house. Met with Mark Woehrel of Island Road and reviewed regulations to convert the 2nd floor of his existing garage into an apartment for his mother (in-law suite). Zoning Officer Ed Child has ended his medical leave and returned to work on his normal schedule. There were no motions, comments or questions.

Public Works Report:

Road Master Andy Volak was present at the meeting and advised the board; routine maintenance on the equipment on an on-going basis, flat tire on the backhoe repaired with a new inner tube, replacing several stop signs throughout the township with high visibility signs, pressure washed the bandstand in preparation for Community Day, installed new arrow sign on Shearers Hill Road, cleaned-up several dead tree limbs along various roadsides, still conducting roadside mowing operations and cold patching potholes, and commenced project to repair/rebuild stone "head walls" above drainage pipes throughout the township.

The Vice Chairman asked if we can have PennDOT install an intersection "+" sign approaching Red Bridge Road traveling west on Route 212. Resident Sarah Snider asked if anyone knew why the county was charging an extra \$5.00 on the state vehicle registration renewals. There were no motions, comments or questions.

Environmental Advisory Council Report: No Report

Planning Commission Report:

Planning Commission Chair, Lois Oleksa, was present and advised the board: Updates to the townships comprehensive plan is continuing month by month. Motion passed allowing Ann Marshall to respond to the FERC DEIS. There were no further motions, comments or questions.

Public Service Announcements: The Chairman announced:

State Senator Bob Mensch's office will NOT be present tomorrow, September 14, 2016...9:00AM to 12 Noon in the township building meeting room due to vacation scheduling.

Riegelsville Library Flea Market this Saturday, September 17, 2016... 9:00AM to 3:00 PM

Community Fire Company #1 Monthly Breakfast will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2016: 8:00AM to 12:00 Noon... Order by Menu. Air Conditioned for your total dining comfort!

Regional Monthly Recycling Day will be held on Saturday, October 01, 2016, 9:00AM to 12 Noon

Durham Township Community Day...Saturday, October 08, 2016, 1:00PM to 4:00PM...Music by DJ Rockin' Ron along with hourly guided tours of the Historic Grist Mill, Crafts & Face Painting, Puppets, Food, More Food, Information /Vendors (spaces still available).....Everyone Welcome... Bring Your Leashed Dog!

Public Comments:

-Supervisor Kathy Gentner advised the attendees; she attended a pipeline public safety course for first responders and also the Bucks County Assn. of Township Officials meeting both at no cost to the taxpayers. She met with Congressman Fitzpatrick and others regarding the pipeline. In reference to not approving the June and July board Minutes, this due to missing documents and Supervisor Richard Johnson approving the Minutes while not present at the actual meeting.

-Did the board respond to the FERC DEIS? (*Supervisor Gentner commented she did as a township supervisor*)

-Resident Lois Oleksa questioned if the Hutchinson barn (*mentioned in the zoning report*) is a historical structure.

Close Meeting:

The Chairman made a **motion** to close the meeting and the Vice Chairman **seconded** the motion. **All agreed.** Meeting adjourned. There were no further comments or questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Minutes Submitted by: Joseph M. Kulick, Manager/Secretary
Minutes APPROVED at 10-11-2016 Board Meeting