Draft MINUTES of MEETING

Durham Township Board of Supervisors

September 13, 2022, 7:30 PM

Township Building Meeting Room 

\*6 to unmute to make a public comment when appropriate

Call to Order / Pledge to American Flag / Roll Call Attendance: Time:7:33pm

Present: Supervisor Bartley Millett, Chairman

Kathy Gentner, Vice Chairman

Richard Johnson, Treasurer

Danielle Cox, Administrator/Secretary

Peter Cox, Roadmaster

Absent: Ed Child, Zoning Officer. Peter Nelson, Solicitor

Moment of silence held for John Matzak

Approval of Minutes from June August 29th, regular meeting. Motion by KG, second by RJ Vote 3-0-0

Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of August 31st, 2022, Motion by RJ, second by KG

Vote: 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll as of September 13th , 2022. Motion by KG, second by RJ

Vote: 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable for State Fund as of September13th 2022. Motion by KG 2nd by RJ Vote 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable for Escrow as of September 13th , 2022, Motion by KG second by RJ

Vote 3-0-0

**PRFR** Update by Todd Meyers and Alex Poniktera: Discussed 3 year projection and will be submitting a 10 year project to the admin. Waiting on No Conflict letter from Attorney General, letter of corporation has been received. Legacy companies will continue as is until projects and loans are completed. Municipality funds were figured at a 3 mil fire tax rate for the report. October 1st is the PRFR inauguration at PALMS from 2pm to 8pm. The consolidation has taken 36 months and PRFR now has 118 member and covers 130 square miles. KG asked how long stations can stay open, they can stay open indefinitely. Functions will still be held at individual stations.

**Cooks Creek Water Shed** presented the Board with a watershed map that was covered by obtaining grants. Cooks Creek is 40 square miles. ¾ in Springtown and ¼ in Durham township. The map is to be hung inside at a place of our choosing. Cooks Creek and The Lehigh Valley watershed are working on a grant that would let them create an outdoor version for Durham to display in area we see fit.

**Motion** to except Morton Salts bid of $67.76 per ton Delivered . Motion by RJ 2nd by KG Vote 3-0-0.

A price increase of $10.00 over last year.

**Motion** to approve the replacement of DT 4 Tires for $984.00. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0

**Motion** to approve the pipe replacement on Spring Hill east for Approx $4,000.00 Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0

**Stutz Damn Removal** the Board reviewed the plans and after discussing some easement questions and how restoring the area back to its original form was a good thing the board signed off on the project.

D.Juall commented that the EAC has been following the plans and had no objections to the plans. L. Oleksa agreed it was a good idea.

**Motion** to approve the additional cost of $11,271.60 to AMS for materials cost increase. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0 Escalator clause in bid contract.

**Motion** to approve the removal of the dead ash trees on the village green area by Dave’s Services for $5320.00 Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0 RJ asked if a crane will be used, they will use a bucket truck. Work to be completed in time for Durham Day

**Bridge 226**: No update at this time D. Juall recommended checking Penn Bid to see if project was out to bid yet.

**Community Day:** Time is 1 to 4pm on Oct 15th. Getting good response from mailings. Full list on our website and Facebook page.

**ARPA Funds:** Final deposit was received. Account balance is $118,965.18

**Pete Cox, Road Master:**  Complaint received about lack of stop signs at Valley View and Hill Top Rds. this will be added to the October agenda to obtain an ordinance and erect 2 stop signs. Crews are busy getting ready for community day. Getting estimate for an equipment shed for the 2023 budget. DT 3 needs air brakes. We will be working on daylighting throughout the fall. The roadmaster will start surveying the pipes in the township and making a schedule to replace the ones that need to be.

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**Zoning/Building**: Report given by administrator. D.Juall advised dogwood property was sold

**Environmental Advisory Committee**: Presented by Chairman Juall. Still holding their meetings in the gazabo area as long as the weather allows. EAC has been busy preparing for Durham Day. The walk in Penn’s Woods is October 10th 1pm -3pm. Cooks creek walks are on hold till after Durham Day

**Durham Historical Society** :Presented by David Oleksa. DHS will be doing Mill tours on Durham Day and showing all the new items that have been donated. A colonial surveying presentation will take place on Sunday 9/25 at the mill. There will be a presentation on Sunday 10/30 on old style barns and the materials used to make them.

**Riegelsville Library**: Presented by David Oleksa. Adult participation has increased. There has been a decrease in kids due to the start of school. There will be programs in September, October and November about the historical aspects of Durham and Riegelsville.

**Planning Commission**: No meeting, No Report.

**PSA**: Community Fire Company #1 Fireman’s breakfast Sunday September 18th, 2022, 8am to noon

Saturday September 17th flea market at the Riegelsville Public Library

September 25th 2pm DHS Presentation on Colonial Land Surveying at the Durham Mill

PRFR Community Day and Inauguration Saturday , Oct. 1, 2022, 2 PM – 8 PM at PALMS. Fire Prevention Activities, Food Trucks, Vendors, and PRFR ceremony. Day ends with firework

Durham Community Day October 15th, 2022, 1 to 4pm

**Public Comments**: Resident D.& S Corsello remarked how speeding on Durham Rd is getting out of hand especially in the area of the 1 lane bridge. Sgt. Griffith PSP spoke that lowering the speed limit in this area may be a good idea. He will be mentioning our concerns to his team at roll calls. Admin will reach out again to PennDot on the traffic study we requested as well as write a letter to our elected officials asking for assistance in addressing these ongoing concerns. This is an ongoing issue that we receive many complaints about.

Chairman Millett thanked everyone for attending.

Motion to Close by BM second by RJ Vote 3-0-0

Time Closed: 9:13pm

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Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer