Draft MINUTES of MEETING

Durham Township Board of Supervisors

Wednesday November 9th, 2022

Township Building Meeting Room

Resident Participation in person and via GoToMeeting

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Call to Order / Pledge to American Flag / Roll Call Attendance: Time:7:31pm

Present: Supervisor Bartley Millett, Chairman

Kathy Gentner, Vice Chairman Via Phone

Richard Johnson, Treasurer

Danielle Cox, Administrator/Secretary

Peter Cox, Roadmaster

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

Approval of Minutes from October 11th, 2022, regular meeting after the correction of Kintner Rd. Motion by RJ, second by KG Vote 3-0-0

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

Vote: 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll as of November 9th , 2022. Motion by RJ, second by KG

Vote: 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable for Escrow as of November 9th , 2022, Motion by RJ second by KG

Vote 3-0-0

**UBREMS** Representatives Jim N, Barb S, Jimmy M were present to give the BOS an update on UBREMS operating expenses and ask for addition funds for 2023. UBREMS has been in operation 60 years and currently runs 4 ambulances. This year they have had to upgrade their cardiac monitors 5 in total for $56,000 each. Ambulances have been re-Chassid however they now need to be placed at a cost $200,000, plus $100,000 for new liter load system per rig. They are mandated by the state to be in service 100% of the time and have had increased payroll expenses due to having to stay competitive with their wages ($700,000per year) . UBREMS is currently has meet Gold Plus Standard with Mission Lifeline caring for cardiac and stroke patients. Both stations need repairs to be brought up to standards. One major hurtle is insurance companies reimbursing the patient for ambulance services and that money not be sent to UBREMS. They have received a PP grant that has been forgiven a $75,000 grant $5,600 in donations and $132,00 in membership dues. They are asking Durham for $35,432.44 for 2023. The administrator will add their membership drive to the DT website. The County Commissioners have asked for townships to donate 20% of their ARPA funds. Chairman Millett asked what the county will be contributing.

**Motion** to sign resolution 2022-06 ARPA funds Distribution at the December 13th, 2022, meeting. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0

**Motion to** accept and advertise the projected 2023 budget after the review. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0. Budget will be adopted at the December 13th, 2022, meeting and is available online and in the township for review.

**Motion** to sign Ordinance 2022-03 for stop signs at Hill top and Valley view. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0

**Motion** to approve chain saw purchase for $700.00 Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0

**Motion** to purchase spare spinner and augur motor for $657.00. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0

**Blooming Glen Farms Ag Security:** Still waiting in decision from Riegelsville Borough. Their solicitor is reviewing the application.

**Community Day:** The administrator thanked the EAC and DHS for their help with displays and mill tours. The day was enjoyed by many and came in under budget at $210.26

**Pete Cox, Road Master:**  Discussed new building for 2023 and E&S, Stormwater plan. Pipe replacement on Spring hill complete. Supervisor Johnson thanked public works for fixing it quickly and efficiently. Cold patching is being done. Trucks were prepped for winter V box installed. Roadside brushing and tree work will be done when the weather allows. Road projects considered for 2023 Red Bridge, Rattlesnake

Top of Sheers hill, Dogwood, Funks mill, County line and Fireline.

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**Zoning/Building**: Report given by administrator.

**Environmental Advisory Committee**: Cooks Creek walk cancelled due to deer season

**Durham Historical Society** : Lighting work is wrapping up.

**Riegelsville Library**: Book sale coming up

**Planning Commission**: No meeting.

**PSA**:

Offices Closed November 11th, 24th and 25

December 13th, 2022, Cookies and Cheer following the BOS meeting. Please bring a snack to share.

Palisades Regional Fire Rescue Breakfast with Santa at Station #42 333 Delaware Rd, Riegelsville on Sunday December 18th 8am to 12pm

**Public Comments**: P. Cox stated the owner of the old little farm property is salvaging and repurposing as much materials as possible during the demolition.

K.G informed the Board that the Palisades School Board is asking all townships to review their ordinances to see if there is language that prohibits the building of affordable housing.

Chairman Millett thanked everyone for attending.

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

Time Closed: 9:02pm

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Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer