

New Palisades Regional Fire Rescue Organized

*New Organization Formed to Improve
Community Public Safety Services*

Riegelsville, PA – Representatives from the three volunteer fire companies that serve part of the northern tier of Bucks County region jointly announced today that they are starting a new chapter in their history. The new *Palisades Regional Fire Rescue* is being formed to improve public safety services and create a stronger volunteer fire-rescue service. The new department is largest consolidation in Bucks County and one of the largest in Pennsylvania.

"Volunteers from all three organizations overwhelming voted to adopt the Plan of Consolidation because it is seen as the best path forward for the residents and businesses of Upper Bucks County, surrounding communities and members of all three organizations" Pete Cox, President of Community Fire Company No. 1 of Riegelsville said.

"The consolidation of fire companies is something we've been considering for the past 7 years. With more and more data that reaffirmed our idea, Riegelsville Chief Todd Myers and I were able to move forward. The new department is in a much better position to grow and adapt with our communities as they grow. Communities and the fire service as a whole are always evolving and now, we can be proactive with those changes" said Ottsville fire chief Bill Schick.

Chris Trauger, chief of Springtown Fire Company said "This merger just makes sense, it enables us to eliminate the duplication of officers, administrative functions, and puts us in a much better position to manage the future."

"As an elected official, the newly formed Palisades Regional Fire Rescue will be in a much better position to plan for the future needs of our citizens. Others and I look forward to working with the men and women who we serve our communities." said Riegelsville Mayor Dr. Greg Stokes.

The new *Palisades Regional Fire Rescue* will have approximately 100 active volunteer members operating out of four fire stations, respond to over 1200 calls for service a year, and will protect the same coverage areas focusing on providing service to Tinicum, Nockamixon, Bedminster, Haycock, Durham, and Springfield townships and Riegelsville Borough and mutual aid in surrounding communities including Northampton County, PA and Hunterdon County, New Jersey.

Media Contact: Todd Myers, (267)-374-0086

Draft Agenda
Durham Township Board of Supervisors
Tuesday February 14th, 2023, 7pm
Township Building Meeting Room
Resident Participation in person and via GoToMeeting
United States:
+1 (646) 749-3122
Access Code:
812-595-661

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

Call to Order / Pledge to American Flag / Roll Call Attendance: Time: _____
Review & Approval of Minutes from January 10th 2023 , Regular Meeting Motion by: _____ 2nd: _____
Review & Approve Monthly Financial Report as of January 31st 2023, Motion by: _____ 2nd: _____
Review & Approve Accounts Payable/Payroll as of February 14th , 2023, Motion by: _____ 2nd: _____
Review & Approve Escrow Bills as of February 14th , 2023, Motion by: _____ 2nd by _____

New Business:

- **Appoint CPA For 2022 Audit** : Resolution 2023-03 Motion by _____ 2nd by _____
- **Large Item Clean-up day**: Saturday 4/22 8am to noon Motion by _____ 2nd by _____
- **Blooming Glenn Ag Security**: Acknowledge approval and Resolution from Riegelsville Borough. Motion to advertise comment period. Motion by _____ 2nd by _____
- **Sherers Hill and Funks Mill Paving Project** : Approval to advertise for bid Motion by _____ 2nd by _____
- **Equipment Shed**: Approval to advertise for bid. Motion by _____ 2nd by _____
- **Viegas Subdivision**: Planning Commission Review. Approve waivers. Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Old Business:

- **Durham Springs**: No applications submitted to date.
- **Bridge 226 Rehab** : Bidding Closed.
- **Utilities Discussion**: Letter sent to PUC, awaiting response
- **Planning Commission vacancy**: 1 applicant A.Q Motion by _____ 2nd by _____

Public Works: Pete Cox, Roadmaster.

Zoning/Building: Ed Child, Zoning Officer – presented by administrator.

Environmental Advisory Committee: presented David Juall.

Durham Historical Society: –presented by David Oleksa.

Riegelsville Library: Presented by David Oleksa

Planning Commission:

Community Announcements:

- Covid tests available in the office if anyone needs.
- Office's closed Monday February 20th, 2023
- February 24th PRFR Fish Fries start at Riegelsville Station 42.

Public Comment:

Motion to Close

Motion by:

Draft MINUTES of MEETING
Durham Township Board of Supervisors
Tuesday January 10th, 2023
Township Building Meeting Room
Resident Participation in person and via GoToMeeting
Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.
You can dial in using your phone.
Access Code:
905-328-125
United States:
+1 (571) 317-3122
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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

Approval of Minutes from December 13th, 2022, regular meeting Motion by KG, 2nd by RJ
Vote 3-0-0

Approval of Minutes from January 3rd 2023, regular meeting Motion by KG, 2nd by RJ
Vote 3-0-0

Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of December 31st, 2022, Motion by RJ, 2nd by KG
Vote: 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll as of January 10th, 2023. Motion by RJ, 2nd by KG
Vote: 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable for Escrow as of January 10th, 2023, Motion by RJ 2nd by KG
Vote 3-0-0

Motion to amend the agenda to include BOS meetings in vote to change PC meeting times Motion by
BM 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0

Motion to advertise hiring of a CPA firm for 2022 audit . Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0.

Motion to approve Smith Stormwater and O&M . Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0. L. Oleksa asked
where pole barn will be located.

Motion to approve moving Planning Commission and BOS meetings to 7pm Motion by KG 2nd by RJ
vote 3-0-0 Admin will advertise the change as well as update all social media and website.

Utilities Discussion: RJ discussed supply chain disruptions due to pandemic making it difficult to make
repairs let alone upgrade existing lines. Kg disagrees however all 3 BOS members agreed to move ahead
with sending a letter to the PUC. Topic will remain on agenda until further notice.

Office Credit Card: Prior card was cancelled when DM left. Board agreed to order a new card for
office/Public works to use while sticking to spending limit policies in place.

Blooming Glen Farms Ag Security: Still waiting in decision from Riegelsville Borough.

Bridge 226: Project has gone out to bid. Mandatory site meeting was Friday 12/16 at 10am Several EAC
members were on site. Chairman D. Juall reported 5-6 bidders on site along with County reps. Bids are
due 1/24. Project will take approx. 8 months and road closure is expected but not sure for how long.

Repair estimate is approx. 1 million dollars. The EAC has some concerns about tree removal to make room for equipment. Existing plaque will remain in place and an additional one will be installed.

Durham Springs: Chairman Millett informed the public again that no permits for any work have been submitted by Durham Springs at this time. Peter Nelson did send a letter and a response was received. A 2nd meeting with the zoning office is in the works. Resident Clapperman had several questions about variances and zoning requirements. A.Mills spoke about 2 possible zoning options .

Pete Cox, Road Master: Did a 2022 Overview and discussed upcoming 2023 projects. Road maintenance schedule was presented to the Board.

Zoning/Building: Report given by administrator

Environmental Advisory Committee Chairman Juall reported there was no December meeting. Maps that were discussed at the previous meeting are already available via Bucks County and are up to date. Next meeting January 17th 7pm agenda is posted

Durham Historical Society : No meeting in December. Next meeting January 24th. Looking forward to working on many projects in 2023.

Riegelsville Library: Three (3) new directors have been appointed; the library now has a full set of directors and will be starting up committees again in the near future.

Planning Commission: Chairman A.Mills reported that the ReOrg meeting was held on January 4th. A.Mills chairman, W. Badman vice chair. Next meeting February 7th at 7pm to discuss the Viegas subdivision.

PSA:

Office Closed Monday January 16th, 2023

Covid tests available in the office if anyone needs.

February 24th PRFR Fish Fries start at Riegelsville Station 42

Public Comments: A. Mills asked about Solar Farm ordinances since they are a relatively new concept. L Oleksa asked if the PC could start looking into solar farms/fields. Vice Chairman Gentner reported that the state has not addressed this yet however it is being discussed and a resolution may be coming in the near future. Chairman Millett asked that we check with Solicitor Nelson if he has any direction the board should take.

Chairman Millett thanked everyone for attending.

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

Time Closed: 8:44pm

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Treasurer

Durham Township Financial Report
as of JANUARY 31, 2023

11:26 AM

02/06/2023

Cash Basis

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Paid Amount
1000 · GENERAL FUND Deposits Checking #xx41					
Deposit	01/05/2023	Keystone Collection Group-EIT	Deposit	310.21 · Earned Income Tax	600.00
Deposit	01/05/2023		Deposit	-SPLIT-	740.00
Deposit	01/06/2023	Keystone Collection Group-EIT	end of month	310.21 · Earned Income Tax	1,975.84
Deposit	01/09/2023	BUCKS COUNTY RECORDER OF DEED	December 2022	310.10 · Real Estate Transfers	4,397.75
Deposit	01/10/2023		ARPA Funds--Fire=	492 · Interfund Operating Transfers	25,700.00
Deposit	01/10/2023	Keystone Collection Group-EIT	Deposit	310.21 · Earned Income Tax	700.00
Deposit	01/17/2023	Keystone Collection Group-EIT	Deposit	310.21 · Earned Income Tax	4,500.00
Deposit	01/19/2023	Keystone Collection Group-EIT	Deposit	310.21 · Earned Income Tax	1,000.00
Deposit	01/20/2023	Patricia J. Salva, Tax Collector	Dec 2022	301.20 · Prior Year R.E. Taxes	1,613.60
Deposit	01/26/2023	Keystone Collection Group-EIT	Deposit	310.21 · Earned Income Tax	1,900.00
Deposit	01/31/2023	Keystone Collection Group-EIT	Deposit	310.21 · Earned Income Tax	1,100.00
Deposit	01/31/2023		Interest	341.1 · Checking	53.89
Total 100 · Durham Gen. Fund Checking #xx41					44,281.08
100 · Durham Gen. Fund Checking #xx41				313,650.01	
106 · Durham Twp Money Market #xx76					
		106.25 · Restr'd Funds--Mill Restoration	42,254.51		
		106 · Durham Twp Money Market #xx76	215,448.46		
Total 106 · Durham Twp Money Market #xx76				257,702.97	
Total 1000 · GENERAL FUND					571,352.98
1000 · Durham State Fund-No Deposits					
		35.100 · Durham Checking #xx44		215.26	
		35.106 · Durham State Money Market #xx56		90,962.68	
Total 1000 · Durham State Fund					91,177.94
Escrow Deposits					
		Deposit 01/05/2023	George Smith	70,168.69	
Total 500 · ESCROW CHKING #xx42					195,707.21
American Rescue Fund-No Deposits					
TOTAL ASSETS					52,389.70

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Member