Draft MINUTES of MEETING

Durham Township Board of Supervisors

Tuesday February 14th, 2023, 7pm

Township Building Meeting Room

Resident Participation in person and via GoToMeeting

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812-595-661

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Call to Order / Pledge to American Flag / Roll Call Attendance: Time:7:01pm

Present: Supervisor Bartley Millett, Chairman

 Kathy Gentner, Vice Chairman

 Richard Johnson, Treasurer

 Danielle Cox, Administrator/Secretary

 Peter Cox, Roadmaster

 Sean Duffy, Solicitor

Approval of Minutes from January 10th , 2022, regular meeting Motion by KG, 2nd by RJ

Vote 3-0-0

Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of January 31st, 2022, Motion by RJ, 2nd by KG

Vote: 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll as of February 14th , 2023. Motion by RJ, 2nd by KG

Vote: 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable for Escrow as of February 14th , 2023, Motion by RJ 2nd by KG

Vote 3-0-0

L. Bucci asked about American Rescue plan funds and bill pay sheets. Bill pay is available after bills are approved. Admin will post bill pay sheets on the website.

**Motion to** appoint Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC for 2022 audit. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0.

**Motion** to approve April 22nd, 2023, as large items clean-up day . Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0.

**Motion** to approve advertising comment period for Bloomin Glen Ag Security application. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0 Chairman Millett acknowledge receiving resolution R-02-23 from Riegelsville Borough. A. Mills asked about the benefits to Durham, L. Bucci asked about sharing the cost with Riegelsville, L. Timochenko asked if the applicant can pay which by law we can not ask for payment. D. Juall spoke in support of the application.

**Motion** to advertise Sherers Hill and Funks Mill paving project. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG Vote 3-0-0

A.Quisito asked about dogwood lane paving and what type of materials will be used. Roadmaster hopes that will be done in 2024 in the same fashion as Old Furnace Road.

**Motion** toapprove advertising for the equipment shed. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0 L. Timochenko is not pleased that Durham is becoming to industrial looking with adding buildings at this location and suggested it be placed at another location. Copy of placement map from Mease was available to review.

**Motion** to approve the requested waivers for the Viegas Subdivision Motion by RJ 2nd by KG Vote 3-0-0

T. Meyers of Cowman reviewed the waivers requested as well as addressed the Mease Engineering Report. A. Mills DT planning commission chairman reported the planning commission voted to recommend approving the project to the supervisors. L. Bucci asked if the land was preserved.

**Motion** to approve the Viegas Subdivision contingent upon Engineer, Solicitor and County approval Motion by RJ 2nd by KG Vote 3-0-0

**Durham Springs**: Chairman Millett reported no applications received as of yet. The board reiterated the lengthy timeline and the multiple committees and hearings that the project would need to go through in order to be approved. Supervisor Gentner suggested residents attend planning commission meetings. S.& T DeBlasio spoke against the project, K.Clark is curious as to why Landmark Developers won’t speak to local press. Chairman Gentner recommended anyone with questions to reach out to zoning officer Ed Child.

**Bridge 226:** EAC chairman D. Juall reported that Eastern Highway Specialist of Delaware was the lowest bidder however the project has not been awarded yet. Bids ranged from $980,000 to $1.3 million. EHS was awarded the contracts for 2 other local bridges, #279 and #770

**Utilities Discussion:** The PUC is requesting the township to file a formal complaint on behalf of the residents, Solicitor Duffy will review the options with Solicitor Nelson and advise us how to proceed.

**Planning Commission Vacancy**: Motion to approve the application from Angelo Quisito. Motion by KG 2nd by RJ vote 3-0-0

**Pete Cox, Road Master:**  DT#1 was treated with rust prevention spray, DT#4 will be done next. Backhoe push pull cable replaced. Working on cold patching tree trimming, cleaning ditches. Fallen Ash trees have been keeping them busy. Cooper was here twice to repair P.O outdoor unit. Roadmaster will look into different types of coverings to keep moisture away from the unit as well as the windowsill.

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

**Environmental Advisory Committee** Chairman Juall thanked everyone that was involved in hanging the watershed map in the meeting room. EAC has been very active working on mapping of Durham and noted that Durham has the highest % of protected land in Bucks.611 clean up is scheduled for 9am on March 25th. Stutz damn project received approval from the county. The EAC currently has 2 opening.

**Durham Historical Society** : Amy Hollander did a video documentary detailing 500 year history of Durham. See David Oleksa for information on where to view it online. They are excited to share with local students and teachers.

**Riegelsville Library**: Book Sale coming up at the end of May. In March Kimberton has selected the library be the beneficiary of their round up receipt program. Discount tickets to the Crayola experience are available at the library.

**Planning Commission**: Chairman A.Mills reported their 1st meeting went well. The PC recommended the approval of the Viegas Subdivision to the BOS.

**PSA**:

Office closed Monday February 19th.

Covid tests available in the office if anyone needs.

February 24th PRFR Fish Fries start at Riegelsville Station 42

**Public Comments**: L. Bucci asked about the employee premium pay paid out in December.

Chairman Millett thanked everyone for attending.

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

Time Closed: 8:55pm

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 Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer