Draft MINUTES of MEETING

Durham Township Board of Supervisors

Tuesday April 11th, 2023, 7pm

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:7:01pm

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 March 14th, 2023, . Motion by KG, second by RJ Vote 3-0-0

Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of March 31st , 2023, Motion by RJ, second by KG

Vote: 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll as of April 11th, 2023 . Motion by KG, second by RJ

Vote: 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable for Escrow as of April 11th, 2023 , Motion by KG second by RJ

Vote 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable for ARPA funds as of April 11th, 2023, Motion by RJ second by KG Vote 3-0-0

**Motion to** approve quick books software update in the amount of $549.00 Motion by KG 2nd by RJ vote 3-0-0 RJ commented that quick books was the best option for us.

**Motion to** award the Pole Barn Contract to Pioneer Pole buildings INC in the amount of $52,300.00. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0. Bids opened at 11:04am. The roadmaster reported this was the only bid received. The bid was higher than anticipated due to being required to pay prevailing wages. The overage will be paid for by the remaining ARPA funds ($12,389.70) and anything above that can be taken from the excess Snow/Ice monies budgeted. Solicitor Duffy will draw up a resolution to use remaining ARPA funds for the May meeting. KG asked the consequences for not using prevailing wage.

**Motion to** advertise 2022 Concise Financial Statement. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0. Admin reported Audit was complete and everything was found to be in good order. DCED reports were filed.

**Motion to** purchase Pole saw and Arborist chainsaw from Wehrung’s in the amount of $1008.37. Motion by RJ second by KG Vote 3-0-0. 30% discount given between Wehrung’s and Stihl. All Hand tools will not be up to date.

**Community Day:** Moved to October 14th, 2023, 1 to 4 pm due to PRFR Community Day 10/7.

**Durham Springs:** Chairman Millett informed the public no permits for any work have been submitted by Durham Springs at this time.

**Bridge #226:** Solicitor Duffy updated the Board about his conversation with the Commissioners and Engineer. The commissioners are aware of the residents’ concerns and are confident that the new design will help alleviate flooding. The board would like Scott Mease to be present at the contractors’ meeting when it’s scheduled.

**Utilities Discussion:** No update

**Blooming Glen Farms Ag Security:** DT and BC planning commissions both recommend the addition to Durhams Ag security district. Solicitor Duffy will draft Ordinance and advertise for a public hearing at the May meeting.

**Root Cellar:**  D. Oleska reports the professor from Mammoth Collage will be out the week of May 1st. The roadmaster will remove the plate for him.

**Pete Cox, Road Master:**  AMS will be starting in late May on Shearers Hill and Funks Mill Roads. Next week they will start the prep work. All winter equipment has been put away. Mowing will begin on Thursday. Tale race was cleaned up.

**Zoning/Building**: Report given by Administrator. D.R letters will be attached to meeting minutes.

**Environmental Advisory Committee**: Report given by Administrator, No April Meeting. Stutz Dam removal preconstruction meeting is set for April 27th at 10am. No date for Bridge #226 meeting as of yet. Next EAC meeting is May 16th.

**Durham Historical Society** : Report by D. Oleksa. Amy Hollander has started working on cataloging artifacts. She will be doing the items in the township building as well.

**Riegelsville Library**: Report by D. Oleksa. Unaudited Fiscal report submitted to admin. Upcoming Events, Spring book Sale will take place 5/19,5/20 & 5/27. Dinosaur Expo June 10th, Grossology Event by Da Vinci Science Center July 15th August 2nd Magician

**Planning Commission**: PC Chairman A.Mills informed the board the Planning commission recommends the addition of Blooming Glen Farms to Durham Ag security district. B.G has resigned his position due to moving out of the area. Admin will post opening.

**PSA**:

* Large Item Clean-up Day April 22nd 8am to 12pm
* Household Hazardous waste collection event at the Upper Bucks Vo Tech May 13th 8:30am to 2pm

**Public Comments**: A.Quisito request we ask PennDOT to add a no right turn at 212 and Rattlesnake Road.

C. Kline asked about occupancy permits for Durham Springs for their open house.

F.Cretella owner of Durham Springs announced an open house on Saturday April 15th from 11am to 2pm. Occupancy permit is still valid from previous owner.

C. Kline asked about noise and nuisance laws/ordinances concerning neighbor riding lawnmower daily. Chairman Millett informed him to send a letter or speak to the zoning officer.

K. Gentner Gallows Hill Road closed till early May.

P. Cox PRFR breakfast at St. 42 Sunday 4/16 8am to noon

A.Mills UBREMS will be mailing their annual subscriptions soon. Still in dire need of financial support.

Chairman Millett thanked everyone for attending.

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

Time Closed: 7:58pm

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Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer