Draft MINUTES of MEETING

Durham Township Board of Supervisors

Tuesday June 13th, 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

 Richard Johnson, Treasurer

 Danielle Cox, Administrator/Secretary

 Peter Cox, Roadmaster

 Sean Duffy, Solicitor

Absent: Vice Chairman Kathleen Genter

Approval of Minutes from May 9th, 2023, after a spelling correction was made. Motion by RJ, second by BM Vote 2-0-0

Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of May 31st , 2023, Motion by RJ, second by BM Vote: 2-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll as of June 13th, 2023 . Motion by RJ, second by BM Vote: 2-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable for Escrow as of June 13th, 2023 , Motion by RJ second by BM Vote 2-0-0

Approval of State Fund Bills as of June 13th, 2023, Motion by RJ 2nd by BM Vote 2-0-0

Announcement that an executive session was held on May 24th, 2023, to discuss litigation and personnel.

**Motion to** approve Viegas Subdivisions agreements: Motion by RJ 2nd by BM vote 2-0-0. Agreements were prepared and approved by solicitor Peter Nelson.

**Motion to** appoint Johanna Chehi to the Durham Township Planning Commission. Motion by RJ 2nd by BM vote 2-0-0. Term to expire 12/31/2026.

**Motion to** join the 2023-2024 Consortium rock salt bid . Motion by RJ 2nd by BM vote 2-0-0.

**Community Day:** October 14th, 2024, 1pm to 4pm. No further update. If you are interested in helping plan the day’s events, please contact Danielle Cox

**Durham Springs:** Chairman Millett informed the public no permits for any work have been submitted by Durham Springs at this time. R. Klaperman reported it appeared an event took place on Saturday June 10th. Questioned if CO is valid. Zoning report was read detailing information on the CO. Admin will have zoning officer Ed Child reach out to see if they are holding events. Chairman Millett asked solicitor Duffy to have Peter Nelson reach out to Durham Springs attorney as well.

**Utilities Discussion:** Meeting with Met Ed, Tinicum Townships and Senator Colemans office took place on June 7th. The maintenance schedule, ROW, Vegetation removal practices, restore times and how to update your account with medical information were discussed. Admin has packet in front office. Senator Colemans office is looking into grants for tree removal and getting the township updated contact lists for other utilities.

**Root Cellar:** Professor from Mammoth University will be calling to schedule a time to look at the Root Cellar.

**Pete Cox, Road Master:**  Paving projects are complete. Ams will be back to address one issue on Sherers Hill Rd damage from local trash truck. Tailgate spreader borrowed from Nockamixon TWP has been working perfectly to back fill the shoulder areas of Sherers Hill and Funks Mill Rds. Weed whacking large bank at head race complete. Pole barn blueprints came in, permit applications have to completed and waiting for code inspections to process. Storm water was approved by Mease engineering.

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

**Environmental Advisory Committee** Chairman Juall reported their May 17th meeting was well attended. A STEM project presentation was given at the EAC meeting. Working on Durham Day 2023 and The Creek and River Festival to be held in 2024. Tree measuring has been updated by L.O & S.S. No update on Stutz damn, project may not be completed in 2023. Chairman Juall asked the board for approval to join Cooks Creek Water Shed and other local municipalities in updating the 2002 Cooks Creek Conservation Plan. Local EAC’s do not have the technology or manpower to take on a project of this magnitude. The EAC will join in under the Watershed to apply for a 75/25 grant with the help of Princeton Hydro. Application due date is June 23rd. The project will take 2-3 years to complete. Chairman Millett and Supervisor Johnson both agreed that it is vital we preserve the watershed and approved the EAC to move forward with the project as well as issue a letter of support.

**Durham Historical Society** : Working with Amy Hollander on cataloging inventory and uploading it to Catalog It website. Several stones in the wall by the water wheel were loose, volunteers made all the necessary repairs by repointing the stones. June 24th from 11am to 2pm will be a Deed presentation at the mill. RSVP and donation requested.

**Riegelsville Library**: Book Sale was a success raising a little over $4,000.00.

**Planning Commission**: Chairman Mills reported their June 6th meeting was spent reviewing the timber harvest amendment. They have several follow up questions for the solicitor and Z.O that the administrator is working on.

**PSA**:

* 21st Annual Mini Monster Mayhem by Cooks Creek Watershed. Saturday June 17th 9:30am at 3450 Route 212 Springtown.
* PRFR Father’s Day Breakfast at Station #42 June 18th 8 am to noon.
* DHS presentation The Good Deed Saturday June 24th at 11am in the mill. $10.00 suggested donation, kindly rsvp to info@durhamhistoricalsociety.org

**Public Comments**: A. Mills UBREMS is critically low on funds. Please return your yearly subscriptions.

D. Oleska asked why Spring Hill Rd was closed today. The roadmaster reported a tree on communication lines, should be re-opened by tomorrow.

Chairman Millett thanked everyone for attending.

Motion to Close by BM second by RJ Vote 2-0-0

Time Closed: 8:02pm

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