Draft MINUTES of MEETING

Durham Township Board of Supervisors

Tuesday August 8th, 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

Peter Cox, Roadmaster

Danielle Cox, Administrator/Secretary

Absent: Kathy Gentner, Vice Chair, Ed Child, Zoning Officer

Approval of Minutes from July 11th, 2023, Motion by RJ, second by BM Vote 2-0-0

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

Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll as of August 8th, 2023 . Motion by RJ, second by BM Vote: 2-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable for Escrow as of August 8th, 2023 , Motion by RJ second by BM Vote 2-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable for ARPA Bills as of August 8th, 2023, Motion by RJ 2nd by BM Vote 2-0-0

**Dirt and Gravel Grant:** Grant was approved for Pipe on Spring hill and Stouts Valley in the amount of $13,077.75. Discussed in kind funds will include labor, some equipment, and field stone for head and tail wall. Hoping to start work in late September/ early October.

**Speeding/Durham Rd Traffic Study:** Speeds lowered to 35pmh; signs were ordered. Penndot working on truck restriction signs coming in from Williams Township.

**Community Day:** October 14th, 2024, 1pm to 4pm. Special event permit granted, vendor letters went out. Several new vendors for this year.

**Durham Springs:** Chairman Millett informed the public no permits for any work have been submitted by Durham Springs at this time. C. Kline asked about serving alcohol without a license, admin will call LCB. See Zoning report for additional information on C.O.

**Root Cellar:** Dave Oleska had a historian come out. Measurements were taken. It is a well-made root cellar. Historian will be looking at old maps to help determine its purpose. Recommends a 2ft border around entrance to preserve it and redoing the steps.

**Pete Cox, Road Master:**  3 trucks inspected DT 2,3,4. Mirror light replaced . F550 due in August. Pole barn storm water system is done, pad is complete. Pioneer is scheduled to start construction on September 21st. 281 Old Furnace cleaned out ditch, homeowner is installing a stone wall that will be incorporated into ditch to help keep water out of basement. They will also be upgrading the driveway pipe with the help of the public works dept. Jim Laubach is helping with roadside mowing. The board approved checking references for potential part time employee R. Powell. N. Mettin will be looking to retire in the next few years. Budget talks will include tree lighting quotes and a schedule. Email received from resident M. Royack with suggestions for traffic calming on Red Bridge. Pete will look into getting local traffic only signs placed. The delay in bridge #226 construction is due to damage found on a main beam that requires an engineer to design supports while repairs are being made. Hoping to resume in 2 weeks. D. Oleska asked about Durham Road sign placement.

**Zoning/Building**: Report given by Administrator. C. Kline asked several questions about LCB, C.O and code inspections response. C. Kline also asked about Solicitor Nelson not being present at all BOS meetings, chairman Millett responded we only have him here when the board feels it’s necessary, C. Kline is ZHB board solicitor different , Yes Scott McNair is ZHB attorney.

**Environmental Advisory Committee** Chairman Juall reported prepping for Durham Day. EAC will be doing kids environmental workshop in bandstand, outdoor activities, and giveaways. Flowers boxes should be installed in about 30 days. Stutz dam removal will start in the fall. The walk in the woods may be changed from Stutz property to Durham bat caves. No update on the watershed grant application since it was submitted. EAC made recommendation on placement of watershed map by the creek. Chairman Juall asked about the three logging applications that were received and how he should proceed. Chairman Millett advised the EAC to follow the current ordinance that is in place, supervisors will defend the ordinance as it stands if it would be challenged.

**Durham Historical Society** : Dave Oleska reported they are working on Durham Day activities including tours and painting raffles, cleaned axels on the water wheel, will check bearings. On Thursday August 17th there will be a presentation at the Mill titled Durhams Original Caretakers by Amy Hollander. Donations greatly appreciated.

**Riegelsville Library**: Meeting is next week.

**Planning Commission**: No meeting, no report.

**PSA**:

* Please return your UBREMS subscriptions and your PRFR fund drive donation.
* Walk in the Woods at Stutz property hosted by the EAC October 1st, 2023.
* Final Hazardous waste collection event for 2023 October 28th 8:30am to 2pm Strayer Middle School Quakertown
* EAC Rte 611 Clean up Saturday November 4th at 9am

**Public Comments**: C. Kline curative amendment.

Chairman Millett thanked everyone for attending.

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

Time Closed: 7:58pm

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Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer