Draft MINUTES of MEETING

Tuesday September 12th, 2023, 7pm

Township Building Meeting Room

Resident Participation in person and via GoToMeeting

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694-209-045

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Call to Order / Pledge to American Flag / Roll Call Attendance: Time: 7:09pm

Present: Supervisor Bartley Millett, Chairman

Richard Johnson, Treasurer

Peter Cox, Roadmaster

Danielle Cox, Administrator/Secretary

Absent: Ed Child, Zoning Officer

Moment of Silence held to honor 9/11 victims.

Approval of Minutes from August 8th, 2023, Motion by KG, second by RJ Vote 3-0-0

Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of August 31st, 2023, Motion by RJ, second by KG Vote: 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll as of September 11th, 2023. Motion by KG, second by RJ Vote: 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable for Escrow as of September 11th, 2023, Motion by RJ second by KG Vote 3-0-0

**2023/24 Salt Bids:** Four bids received via the consortium. Silvi Concreate Products (DBA Riverside Construction) was the lowest at $66.00 per ton delivered. The roadmaster spoke with the company about deliveries, subcontractors, and trucking after having several issues last year with Morton salt deliveries and their fleet. Silvi uses subcontractors but does monthly truck inspections using DOT standards. Motion to approve Silvi’s bid of $66.00 per ton delivered. **Motion by** BM 2nd by RJ Vote 3-0-0

**Mill Grant Discussion:** DHS president Dave Oleska requested the BOS partner with DHS on applying for a grant. Dave explained you are more successful partnering with a nonprofit on no match required grants. Riegelsville Boro and The Riegelsville Library recently partnered to submit a grant application using a grant writer. DHS would like to apply to finish painting projects and to get the water wheel running again. RJ had some specific grant questions, KG asked about wheel restoration and maintenance/funds needed to keep project going after grant funds were exhausted. The BOS decided to allow the DHS to apply for the grant on their own since the grant is due on September 30th and the partnership will be added to the October agenda if it is still available.

**Winter Service Agreement Penndot:** 10-year contract for winter maintenance on Durham Road and Lehnenberg Road. To be paid yearly for a 10-year total of $169,748.05. **Motion by** KG 2nd by RJ Vote 3-0-0.

**DCED Local Share Grant Discussion:** Grant application would be due 11/30/2023. Staff will be researching how to apply for either a mini excavator or new dump truck, possibly both items since multi applications are permitted. Admin will add to the October Agenda for board vote.

**Met ED:** Senator Colemans office had a meeting with Met Ed on Tuesday September 12th.

**Community Day:** October 14th, 2024, 1pm to 4pm. Several new vendors and sponsors this year, Resident R.P is donating several kids carnival type games.

**Durham Springs:** Chairman Millett informed the public no permits for any work have been submitted by Durham Springs at this time. Admin gave an update on the LCB application being approved.

**Root Cellar:** No update, D.O requested it be removed from future agendas.

**Pete Cox, Road Master:**  Very busy with multiple storm clean ups resulting in many tree issues, Daves services brought in to remove a lg tree on Spring Hill Rd. Wash out issues on Mine Hill Rd. Homeowner refusing access to township pipe off right of way, researching other options. Road crew will be putting in some extra hours in the upcoming week to get caught up on projects before winter comes. Pole barn materials will be delivered Thursday. Construction starts the week on September 18th Durham Rd speed limit signs replaced. A driveway pipe replacement project on old furnace will start the week of September 18th. RCA delivered for $12.50 a ton.

**Zoning/Building**: Report given by Administrator. L.O advised the EAC did not make a site visit for the logging applications. Per the board admin will make sure the zoning officer does a site visit. J.K asked about McDevitt/DEP paperwork.

**Environmental Advisory Committee**: L. Oleska reported 6 flower boxes were completed. Rte 611 clean up November 4th, Buck County Conservation gave the EAC permission to hold the walk in the woods at the Durham bat caves, Chairman Millett asked that they not disturb the caves. Timber harvest memorandum sent for Cross road and Lehnenberg rd. properties.

**Durham Historical Society**: Dave Oleska reported Amy Hollander is putting the final touches on the DHS inventory and it will be places on the catalog it website. DHS cleaned up and put several items on display. Public works asked to remove old windows in warehouse section. Chairman Millett would like some of the glass. Sarah W found ½ of a fire back dated 1756 from Durham Furnace.

**Riegelsville Library**: Dave Oleska reported a new treasurer has been hired.

**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**: L. Bucci asked when the yearly road check with the supervisors will take place, he would like them to resurface Kintner Rd.

Chairman Millett thanked everyone for attending.

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

Time Closed: 8:35pm

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Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer