Draft MINUTES of MEETING

Tuesday October 10th, 2023, 7pm

Township Building Meeting Room

Resident Participation in person and via GoToMeeting

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420-233-549

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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: Ed Child, Zoning Officer

Approval of Minutes from September 12th, 2023, Motion by KG, second by RJ Vote 3-0-0

Approval of Monthly Financial Report as of September 30th, 2023, Motion by RJ, second by KG Vote: 3-0-0

Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll as of October 10th, 2023. Motion by KG, second by RJ

Vote: 3-0-0. K.G and L.B asked about fire company relief funds.

Approval of Accounts Payable for Escrow as of October 10th, 2023, Motion by RJ second by KG Vote 3-0-0

**Bridge #226:** Red Bridge Rd resident Mark Royack spoke of the inadequate bridge design over Cook’s creek, The area has had 4 significant floods in recent years, multiple rescues had to be performed when TS Ida hit in September 2021. Bucks County will not reconsider the current design, residents have gone to the state however the state says it’s a county issue. Senator Coleman’s office is looking into the situation. Chairman Millett asked what the residents think the best solution would be, Residents would like the bridge reconstructed/designed with no piers to allow for more flow. D. Juall explained that the study the EAC would like to conduct could help in understanding the creeks flow and how the back flow from the Delaware may play a part in the flooding. K. Gentner asked when the last study was done, D. Juall reported 23-25 years ago. R. Johnson is concerned with piles of three debris laying upstream in the creek, Admin will call George Hutt and see how we can get them removed before the next high-water event washes them downstream. Vice Chair Gentner thinks working with Senator Coleman and Rep. Staats to get funding for the bridge to be designed is our best option however warns that even that process could take 5+ years. The Board will keep the topic on the agenda until we can find a solution. Resident L. Bucci suggests talking to county commissioners as well.

**Motion to Sign Resolution 2023-05:**  Authorizing Chairman Millett to sign the winter service agreement. Motion RJ second by KG Vote 3-0-0.

**Motion to Sign Resolution 2023-06 DCED Local Share Grant application:** Designates Roadmaster P. Cox and Treasurer Johnson to execute the documents. Motion by RJ second by KG vote 3-0-0.

**Motion to hold Halloween on 10/31 6-8pm:** Motion by BM second by RJ vote 3-0-0

**Motion to hold and advertise public budget meeting on Monday 10/30 at 10am:**  Motion by KG second by RJ vote 3-0-0. Notice will also be placed on the website and community board.

**Met ed:** No update at this time.

**Community Day:**  10/14/2023 27 vendors and 10 sponsors. Working on options if it rains.

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

**Pete Cox, Road Master:**  DT#1 inspected. The Pole barn is finished except for gutters. Received $1,500.00 from KMIT grant, items ordered. Pipe at L.C residents on Old Furnace complete. AMS did a tour with Pete to discuss 2024 projects. Clean up and prep for Durham Day. Resident A.O asked what roads were on the 2024 schedule. Dogwood, Funks Mill, Sherers Hill, Kintner, Countryside.

**Zoning/Building**: Report given by Administrator. C. Klein asked about McDevitt DEP and C.O for Landmark Developers/Durham Springs.

**Environmental Advisory Committee**: D. Juall reports that Durham Day Prep is underway, Flower boxes were installed. Stutz Dam project is underway, they have started removing the dam. The walk in Penn Woods presented by Carl Martin was a big success. D. Oleska gave a wonderful presentation with 21 people in attendance. Penndot is working with Riegelsville on traffic issues. Grant decision is still pending.

**Durham Historical Society**: Dave Oleska reported DHS was working on community day prep. Jeff Heehs made stands for their museum displays. S.P.O.O.M came to visit the Mill and were very impressed with its condition. There appears to be a leak in the cupula area of the warehouse portion, floor, and wall damp.

**Riegelsville Library**: Dave Oleska reported there are two board positions open, encourage Durham residents to apply.

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

**PSA**:

* Please return your UBREMS subscriptions and your PRFR fund drive donation.
* 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**: Vice chairman Genter let the public know that there was a multi township meeting with UBREMS concerning lack of funding that is affecting many EMS agencies. The township is maxed out on their mills to EMS unless we do a referendum question. W.B asked about monthly UBREMS and PRFR reports.

C. Klein asked for a response from the solicitor about a letter he submitted to the BOS. Admin will check again with solicitor Nelson.

D.O asked about partnering with the BOS on grants, each grant would need to be an individual agenda item. RJ discussed looking into matching funds during budget review.

W.B is concerned about SALDO Charman Millett recommends PC hold meeting and vote to request permission to review.

Chairman Millett thanked everyone for attending.

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

Time Closed: 8:31pm

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Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer