MINUTES of MEETING

Durham Township Board of Supervisors

Tuesday January 9th, 2024, 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: 7:03pm

**Present:** Supervisors: Bartley Millett, Chairman

 Kathleen Gentner, Vice Chair

 Richard Johnson, Treasurer

 Peter Cox, Roadmaster

 Danielle Cox, Administrator/Secretary

**Absent**: Ed Child, Zoning Officer

**Approval** of Minutes from December 12th, 2023, with the addition of Kathleen Gentners name. Motion by RJ, second by KG Vote 3-0-0

**Approval** of Minutes from January 2nd, 2024, Re Org Meeting, Motion by KG, second by RJ Vote 3-0-0

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

**Approval** of Accounts Payable/Payroll as of January 9th, 2024. Motion by KG, second by RJ Vote: 3-0

**Motion** to approve Resolution 2024-02, Hiring Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC to Audit fiscal year 2023 in the amount of $3175.00 Motion by RJ second by KG Vote 3-0-0. Admin reported a 4% increase in price from 2022. R.J let residents know that they often help us during the year with questions at no charge.

**Motion to** approve insurance renewal that includes coverage of the Mill Equipment. Motion by KG second by RJ. Vote 3-0-0. After discussing the two options R.J believed limited coverage was acceptable Residents A.M, D.O, C.K all asked the board to please continue with full coverage of the Mill equipment. Admin reported both quotes were within the budget and the board agreed to continue full coverage.

**Motion** to approve Resolution 2024-03 McDevitt DEP. Motion by KG second by RJ. Vote 3-0-0

Resident C. Klein asked about Army Core of engineer drawings. Chairman Millett informed everyone that engineer Scott Mease has approved of the DEP packet and sees no issues with signing the resolution.

**Motion** to have solicitor Peter Nelson do a full review of the P.O lease renewal. Motion by RJ 2nd By KG Vote 3-0-0 Lease renewal would be effective on January 1st, 2026.

**Motion** to approve scheduling Lg. Item cleanup day on Saturday April 20th, 2024, from 8am to noon. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG vote 3-0-0

**Motion** to approve the following requests from the D.T P.C. Ag Security review with the solicitor, Commercial EV charging stations following the guidelines of the BCPC and Tiny homes. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG Vote 3-0 Supervisor Johnson asked if we could regulate EV stations, Vice Chair Gentner told the P.C chair that they did not need permission to investigate these things however P.C chairman A. Mills feels it would be better to get approval from the BOS. L. Oleska asked if they could add solar farms to the list and Vice Chair Gentner informed the public that she is working closely with PSATS and waiting for the State for regulations. Deering Township is currently working on their ordinance. Guest J. Neilson informed the BOS that Springfield township has successfully stopped a solar farm recently.

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

**Bridge 226:** Final Inspection to take place in mid-February.

**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:**  Picked up Pallett forks, worked on ditch and leaf clean ups. Lg sink hole on Stouts Valley Road has been fixed. The Asst. Roadmaster had a minor accident with the 550 on 1/9/24 with resident D. Eck. The insurance company is handling it. Will be ordering salt soon, still using supply from 2022. Working with Dirt and Gravel and Shaun from Penn State on putting Fireline rd. back to dirt.

**Zoning/Building**: Report given by Administrator. C. Klien asked about Ordinance 11. Resident D. Souders was on the phone and voiced his concerns over horse manure on Lehnenberg Rd. We need to look at state regulations as Lehnenberg is a state rd. C. Klein asked about political sign removal and real estate sign regulations. Admin to have Z.O look into our ordinance. Vice Chairman Gentner asked if the ordinance included political signs posted by landowner on private property.

**Environmental Advisory Committee**: No December meeting.

**Durham Historical Society**: Dave Oleska read the DHS annual report. Members were able to get the wheel to turn. Still researching “root cellar”. Awarded a grant to replace distribution box.

**Riegelsville Library**: Open library seat was filled by a Riegelsville resident.

**Planning Commission**: Chairman A. Mills reported at the Re org he was re-appointed chairman for 2024 and Angelo Quisto is Vice Chairman. P.C will have a busy year ahead with several reviews to take place. A. Mills is working on the Zoning book to send to BCPC for review.

**PSA**:

* Offices closed January 15th, 2024, for MLK Day.
* Please return your UBREMS subscription and your PRFR fund drive donations.

**Public Comment**: None

Chairman Millett thanked everyone for attending.

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

Time Closed: 8:21pm

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 Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer