Draft MINUTES of MEETING

Durham Township Board of Supervisors

Tuesday April 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 April 9th, 2024. Motion by KG, second by RJ Vote 3-0-0

**Approva**l of Conditional use Minutes from March 18th,2024, Motion by KG 2nd by RJ Vote 3-0-0

**Approval** of Monthly Financial Report as of March 31st, 2024, Motion by RJ 2nd by KG Vote: 3-0

Resident L. Bucci asked where bill payments were, Bill payments are on the Accounts Payable sheet and starting with the May meeting the Draft version will be made available in the residents meeting packets.

**Approval** of Accounts Payable/Payroll as of April 9th, 2024. Motion by RJ, 2nd by KG Vote 3-0-0

**Approval** Escrow Accounts as of April 9th, 2024. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG. Vote 3-0-0

**Motion to** sign the Kugelmass Conditional Use Hearing Adjudication Approval Motion by RJ 2nd by KG. Vote 3-0-0. Chairman Millett read the sports court and tree replaces requirements agreed to by N. Kugelmass.

**Motion to** hold future Durham Community Days on the second Saturday of October. Motion by KG 2nd by RG. Vote 3-0-0. Durham Day 2024 will be Saturday October 12th.

**Treasurer** Johnson reported that we asked for an increase in interest at Penn Community Bank, Both Money Market interest rates were increased. Saving Account .1% to 3.5% Checking account 0.2% to 2. %

**Met ed:** Senator Colemans office continues to reach out to Met ed concerning the frequent outages.

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

**P.O. Lease:** In review by solicitor Nelson.

**Pete Cox, Road Master:**  Hired Anthony Aravich as a full-time skilled laborer. Started mowing. Looking at a new supplier for cold patch. New local vendor will save a lot of money on transportation costs, they also offer mixed products for the different seasons. Spring Hill Pipe replacement project will start in the next few weeks. Dumpster will arrive this week for Lg item clean up day. AMS is looking to start the 2024 road projects at the end of June. Admin will post on the website when exact dates are announced.

A. Quisito asked about Dogwood Lane paving and timeline on when the remaining sections will be done.

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

**Environmental Advisory Committee**: Lois Oleska reported route 611 cleanup was completed. 2 dump trucks were filled with approx. 250 bags. Hikes will be taking place, Tree Measuring update. 362-year-old oak tree across from Crouse’s farm. Working on getting the contract signed for the cook’s creek study and getting the outdoor map installed.

**Durham Historical Society**: Dave Oleska reported they will be working with Fred Gallager, a mill equipment specialist on the water wheel. On April 28th Beth Weaver will be giving a presentation on Peter Uhler and the history of Uhlerstown. If the weather permits the DHS meeting will be held outdoors on Tuesday April 23rd not the 24th as advertised.

**Riegelsville Library**: Spring Book sale May 17th, 18th and 25th. June 6th Music in my soul event. Juggling program on June 15th time TBA. July 17th Pocono wildlife, American Swedish Society presents the Viking Experience on August 7th time TBA. November 2024 book sale

**Planning Commission**: A. Quisito reported they will be using Springfield townships SALDO as the main reference as they work on Durhams. Resident L. Oleska agreed they are a great reference to follow. L. Bucci asked about the Zoning Book revisions, they are almost ready to be sent to the county for review.

**PRFR Report**: Next meeting May 7th.

**PSA**:

* Durham EAC Walk April 13th, 2024, at 9am RSVP to the Durham EAC
* Admin out of the office April 15th and 16th. Office will be open.
* Lg. Item Clean-up Day: Saturday April 20th 8am to 12pm at public works building.
* Closed Tuesday April 23rd, 2024. DHS meeting Wednesday April 24th.
* Riegelsville Public Library Event: Juggling program on June 15th time TBA
* Riverfest July 13th at S.C.A.A
* Riegelsville Public Library Event: American Swedish Society presents the Viking Experience on August 7th time TBA.

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**Public Comment**: H. Casterline complained about constant large burn piles happening at 2 residents on Spring Hill Road. Smoke is causing health complications to her whole family. Per the Board the admin will request the zoning officer issue a letter. L. Bucci asked about the broke fence along the retention pond at Valley View development. Admin will ask the solicitor who is responsible for repairs/replacement of the fence.

Chairman Millett thanked everyone for attending.

**Motion to Close**: Motion by BM 2nd by RJ Vote 3-0-0

Time Closed: 8:22pm

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Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer