DRAFT MINUTES of MEETING

Durham Township Board of Supervisors

Tuesday August 13th, 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: 7:02pm

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

Kathleen Gentner, Vice Chair

Richard Johnson, Treasurer

Danielle Cox, Administrator/Secretary

**Absent**: Ed Child, Zoning Officer, Peter Cox, Roadmaster

**Approval** of Minutes from July 9th, 2024. With the following corrections, Fixed spelling of Millett under met ed and changed presentation to visitation in DHS report. Motion by KG, second by RJ Vote 3-0-0

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

**Approval** of Accounts Payable/Payroll as of August 13th, 2024. Motion by KG, second by RJ Vote 3-0-0

**Approval** Escrow Accounts as of August 13th, 2024. Motion by RJ 2nd by KG. Vote 3-0-0

**Motion** to approve submitting the gutter /down spout theft to the insurance company for reimbursement.

Admin informed board of the $2,500 deductible and both insurance agent and claims adjuster did not think this would cause an increase in future premiums. We can submit estimates for material cost and installation. Material value was $3,500, will get estimate on instillation cost and submit to insurance.

**Motion** by RJ 2nd by KG Vote 3-0-0

**Met ed:** Chairman Millett gave an update that Senator Colemans office is researching grants available.

**Durham Springs:** Chairman Millett informed the public there will be a public Durham Township Planning commission meeting Monday September 9th 7pm at the Riegelsville Fire House to review a sketch plan submitted by Durham Springs.

**P.O. Lease:** No update.

**Durham Community Day**: No Update

**Act 167 update:** Engineer Tyler Mease submitted a letter to the Board that explained the timeline for the update to be completed was 2028 and recommended we do a storm water ordinance update in the meantime. DTPC Chairman A. Mills informed the board that cooks creek and gallows run were listed as area of concern in Durham, suggested we do a storm water ordinance update while working on the SALDO review. A. Mills informed the board Bucks County has not scheduled another follow up meeting as of today.

**Pete Cox, Road Master:**  Report given by Administrator AMS is finished tar and chip, will be back to sweep. Tree work on hold until Bridge #226 is opened due to detour route. Working on possibly scheduling work to be done so that the road will not need to be closed as to not get too far behind schedule. No major issues from the last few storms. Mostly trees that came down, there are a few ditches that need to be repaired due to washouts. Working on getting caught up on dirt/gravel roadways and potholes on our paved roads. Guard rail at Stouts Valleys and Sherers Hill damaged by tractor trailer. Admin is working with their insurance company.

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

**Environmental Advisory Committee**: L. Oleska reported the July meeting was cancelled due to storms.

**Durham Historical Society**: Dave Oleska reported the visitation by Diane Morris, direct relative of Anthony Morris went well, and a donation was received. There will be a Ukraine visitor to the mill S.P.O.O.M grant submitted to cover signage inside the mill.

**Riegelsville Library**: Dave Oleska reported the library was closed for several days due to power outages. There will be the following activities at the Library American Swedish Society presents the Viking Experience on August 15th at 2pm, August 17th Author Kate Brandes, Da Vinci Science Center on September 14th, October 12th Dinosaur Adventure and the fall book sale will be on November 22nd, 23rd and 30th

**Planning Commission**: July meeting cancelled due to the storm. Next meeting 9/9 7pm at the Riegelsville Fire house to review Durham Springs Sketch plans

**PRFR Report**: Commissioner Jeff Mease gave a report on the total calls to date. Reviewed the calls for Durham, a good majority being wires calls. PPL areas of the PRFR coverage area do not have the same issues due to proper maintenance on the trees. Vice Chairman Genter informed everyone that Governor Shapiro passed legislation that would allow us to increase the fire and EMS mills to 15 total (10 for fire 5 for EMS). With school tax continuing to rise there is great concern that we could tax our residents out of the area.

**PSA**:

* Riegelsville Public Library Event: American Swedish Society presents the Viking Experience on August 15th 2pm (rescheduled from 8/7)
* Riegelsville Library Story Time at Durham Mill 10:30 am, August 14th
* Please return your UBREMS subscription and your PRFR fund drive donations.
* The Riegelsville Library is seeking Durham Residents interested in a board seat.
* Penny Power was box removed from outside the P.O. Papers will be available inside the P.O and in the Durham Township office

**Public Comment** D. Oleska asked about tree trimming on the bill pay list, I. Blair commented the volunteering as a F.F has become a full-time job/commitment, Kintner Rd looks great after the tar/chip was complete and he has contacted Representative C Staats about the condition of 611

Chairman Millett thanked everyone for attending.

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

Time Closed: 7:52pm

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Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer