

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2022

THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2022, AT 7:00PM AT 21 BARTRAM AVENUE, (DARBY TOWNSHIP), PENNSYLVANIA, 19036.

COMMISSIONER LACEY, PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS

OFFICIALS

MR. LACEY, COMMISSIONER
MR. SMITH, COMMISSIONER
MS. TALIAFERRO, COMMISSIONER
MR. FITZ, COMMISSIONER
MR. GOUGLER, COMMISSIONER

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER
MR. SOUSA, CHIEF OF POLICE-**EXCUSED**
MS. POE, SECRETARY
MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR
MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER-**EXCUSED**

COMMISSIONER LACEY-INTRODUCE MR. ARTHUR WEISFELD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES. MR. WEISFELD THANKED THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND BOUGHT FORTH INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE A QUESTION. SCS, DO YOU RENT THAT BUILDING?

MR. WEISSFIELD-WE DO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-DO YOU HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THE TOWNSHIP?

MR. WEISSFELD-UM HUM.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-CALLED ON MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER TO GIVE THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER PRESENTED THE 2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET. SHE THANKED THE FINANCE TEAM WHO WORKED DILIGENTLY TO PROVIDE A BALANCED BUDGET FOR 2023. THE FINAL BUDGET WILL BE ON THE AGENDA AT THE NEXT PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 7:00 PM. THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWNSHIP'S WEBSITE AND RESIDENTS CAN PICK UP A COPY AT THE TOWNSHIP FROM 8:00AM TO 5:00PM.

COMMISSIONER LACEY OPENED THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

ALICIA CARR, 638 MAGNOLIA AVENUE-I JUST HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS. THE WORK FOR THE PLAN FOR FIRE SERVICE IN THE TOWNSHIP, IS THERE A TARGETED OR A COMPLETION DATE FOR THAT IN 2023?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-WE ARE HOPEFUL IT WILL BE DONE THIS YEAR. WE WILL BE MEETING WITH OUR REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE IN TWO WEEKS. THE PLAN IS, FROM WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD, THEY WILL MEET WITH MYSELF AND THE TWO CHIEFS AND JUST KIND OF GO OVER WHERE THINGS ARE AND UPDATE THE CURRENT DOCUMENT. SO, I'M HOPING THAT HE IS GOING TO TAKE THE DOCUMENT AND MAKE MODIFICATIONS AND SEND US A NEW ONE SO THAT WE HAVE A NEW DOCUMENT THAT REFLECTS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE TOWNSHIP.

MS. CARR-AND IT'S THE SAME GENTLEMAN THAT DID THE INITIAL... SO, WILL THAT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION OUR ASSISTANCE FROM UPPER DARBY 74? ARE THEY NOT IN THE PLANS FOR 2023? THE REASON WHY I AM SAYING THAT IS BECAUSE I DO HAVE SOME CONCERNS WITH GOODWILL 77. THERE HAVE BEEN TWO MAJOR INCIDENCES IN THE PAST MONTH WHERE THEY HAVEN'T HAD A DRIVER. THE PAST ONE, IT TOOK THEM TEN MINUTES TO LET THEM KNOW THERE WASN'T A DRIVER AVAILABLE IN THE MORNING. AND THE OTHER ONE WAS THAT MAJOR FIRE OVER ON BRIARCLIFFE WHERE THEY DIDN'T HAVE A DRIVER. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO CONTINUE BEING REACTIVE TO THE SITUATION AND BEING PROACTIVE.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-THE PLAN IS THAT I WILL BE MEETING WITH HIM FIRST TO DISCUSS THE ADMINISTRATIVE PIECE OF IT. I AM GOING TO ADVISE HIM OF WHAT THE SERVICES ARE NOW SO, THAT WOULD INCLUDE 74. THE BOARD HERE AND UPPER DARBY WOULD NEED TO DETERMINE IF THAT RELATIONSHIP IS GOING TO CONTINUE. I WILL BE SHARING THAT INFORMATION WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE. AGAIN, THAT WOULD BE BETWEEN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS WELL AS UPPER DARBY COUNCIL TO DECIDE IF THAT'S GOING TO CONTINUE.

MS. CARR-AND DO WE CURRENTLY PAY THEM?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-WE DO NOT.

MS. CARR-SO, I CAN'T SEE THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE US WITH FREEBIES INDEFINITELY. AND THEN, FOR THE DCNR GRANT, THERE IS MENTION OF A FIFTY PERCENT MATCH GRANT SO, IS IT THE TOWNSHIP THAT HAS TO COME UP WITH THE OTHER \$314,000?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-CORRECT. SO, WE APPLIED FOR A GRANT. THAT'S ON THE OTHER PAGE. THAT'S A MATCH AND IT'S UP TO \$250,000 OF THAT. SO, YOU CAN MATCH WITH GRANTS. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE CASH.

MS. CARR-FOR THE CODE DEPARTMENT, WITH JAMES CHILDS HERE NOW, IS HE NOW TAKING CARE OF CODE DEPARTMENT TOO OR IS THAT SOMEONE ELSE?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-SO, WE HAVE BOTH RICK TRIO WHO IS A CERTIFIED CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. AND THEN JAMES CHILDS AS WELL. THEY ARE BOTH PART TIME AND THEIR HOURS KIND OF OVERLAP SO THAT THERE IS SOMEONE HERE.

MS. CARR-THAT'S WHY I WAS ASKING BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN JAMES CHILDS IN MY AREA AND I DO THANK HIM FOR TAKING CARE OF THAT ISSUE WITH THE HOUSE ON MAGNOLIA. IT HAD A MAJOR GAS LEAK AND EVERYTHING LOOKS PERFECT NOW. THEY FILLED IN THE CRATER, AND THEY TOOK CARE OF THE GAS ISSUE AND HE'S ON TOP OF THAT. THANK YOU. SO, AGAIN IT COMES BACK TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. I DID HAVE A LOT OF CONCERNS WHEN THE TOWNSHIP HAD THE PUBLIC MEETING WHERE THERE WERE A LOT OF GAPS THAT THE GENTLEMAN DID THE REPORT. HE LISTED A LOT OF ITEMS SUCH AS YEARLY CHILD ABUSE CLEARANCES FOR ACTIVE ANS SOCIAL MEMBERS. I AM PROBABLY ADDING THE SOCIAL MEMBERS TOO. BUT SINCE THEY DO COME ON TO THAT PROPERTY IT IS A CONCERN. THE BACKGROUND HISTORY CHECKS, THE DRUG TESTING AND SCREENINGS, LACK OF POLICIES, MENTAL HEALTH CHECKS, ETCETERA. WILL ALL OF THAT BE BAKED INTO 2023 AS WELL SO THAT WE CAN (INAUDIBLE) OF OUR TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANIES? THAT'S WHAT I AM WONDERING IF ALL THAT WILL BE RECONCILED IN 2023 SO THAT WE CAN COME BACK STTRONGER THAN EVER AND PROVIDE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES SO THAT I DON'T HAVE TO GO OUT AND BUY A GARDEN HOSE, I'M HOPING.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-EXCUSE ME. TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION. I WOULD SAY THAT THOSE ITEMS THAT ARE IN THE REPORT, SOME OF THEM ARE STATE MANDATE, SOME OF THEM ARE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE REPORT IS A RECOMMENDATION. SO, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAVE THE POWER TO ENFORCE RULES AND REGULALATIONS, WHAT REQUIREMENTS AND CREDENTIALS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE, SO, THAT WOULD BE UP TO THE BOARD TO ENFORCE WHAT THEY WANT OUTSIDE OF STATE REQUIREMENTS. SO, SOME THINGS ARE REQUIRED. I WOULD SAY THAT, YES, WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS MAKING SURE THAT ALL OF OUR MEMBERS ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH WHAT THE STATE REQUIRES.

MS. CARR-I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THERE IS AN ANNUAL TOWNSHIP AUDIT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AT THIS TIME, IS THERE?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-THERE HAS NOT BEEN BUT AGAIN THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE BOARD WILL DECIDE.

MS. CARR-JUST BECAUSE WE DO HAVE, IN THE PAST TWO FIRE COMPANIES GOING TO THE KINDERGARDEN CENTER AND THERE ARE ALREADY CHILD ABUSE CLEARANCE CHECKS AND POLICE CHECKS IN PLACE. BASED ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, CHECKS AND EVERYTHING THERE IS CONCERN THERE.

TIBERIAS BOBO, FELTON AVE-I JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE SINKING FUND IS?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-THE SINKING FUND IS A FUND THAT IS CREATED TO PAY OFF DEBT. SO, IF THE TOWNSHIP WERE TO TAKE ON ANY SUBSTANTIAL LOANS OR MAKE A LARGE PURCHASE IT COULD BE PAID THROUGH THE SINKING FUND.

MR. BOBO-ALSO WHAT'S THE DEBT PRINCIPAL? DO WE HAVE SOME KIND OF DEBT FROM SOMEWHERE?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-THE DEBT PRINCIPAL IS THE TAN. THE TOWNSHIP TYPICALLY GETS A TAN, WHICH IS A TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN EVERY YEAR. SO, DECEMBER OF THE YEAR END THE MUNICIPALITY TYPICALLY IS LOW ON FUNDS SO THEY WILL BORROW MONEY UNTIL TAXES START COMING IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR. SO, IT'S A \$200,000 TAN AND THE INTEREST ON THAT IS 2,000, SO THAT'S WHY IT'S 202,000.

MR. BOBO-THE LAST ONE, THE FIRE MARSHAL EMS. WHERE IS THAT \$17,000.00

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-I DON'T HAVE THAT IN FRONT OF ME, BUT YES. THAT WOULD BE A BUDGET OF WHAT WE WOULD PAY, FOR EXAMPLE IF RUFUS GOES OUT ON A FIRE AND HE DOES A REPORT. THERE ARE FEES FOR THAT. THE ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL DOES THE ANNUAL FIRE PERMITS TO THE BUSINESSES. SOME OF THAT IS BUILT INTO THERE.

MR. BOBO-WHAT'S THE EMS (INAUDIBLE)

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS THE ONLY THING WE ARE DOING WITH THAT. I DIDN'T PUT AMBULANCE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-MS. WHITAKER, WE HAVE NOT BEEN PAYING THE FIRE MARSHAL IN PREVIOUS YEARS, RIGHT?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-THE PREVIOUS YEARS, THE FIRE MARSHAL, FROM MY UNDERSTANDING THE AGREEMENT WAS THAT THE VEHICLE THAT HE HAD TWENTY-FOUR HOUR USE OF AND HE WAS EMPLOYED PART-TIME BY THE TOWNSHIP AND HE COMPLETED ANNUAL INSPECTIONS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-AND HE RECEIVED A PORTION OF THAT INSPECTIONS...

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-HE DID NOT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH=SO, THE WHOLE FEE WENT TO THE TOWNSHIP?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-YES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-SO, HE JUST GOT A VEHICLE, A RADIO AND GAS?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-YEP AND HE WAS PAID SO THE FIRE INSPECTIONS THAT HE PERFORMED HE DID WHILE HE WORKED FOR THE TOWNSHIP, PART-TIME, IN THE CODE DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-SO WHAT WE'VE DONE, WE MOVED THIS POSITION FROM CODE AND CREATED A FIRE MARSHALS POSITION WHERE THERE IS MONIES PAID OUT, NOT

EXCEEDING \$17,000, ACCORDING TO THIS BUDGET. THAT WOULD GO FOR REPORTS AND THINGS THAT BOTH FIRE MARSHALS MIGHT NEED?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-I'M NOT CLEAR ON YOUR QUESTION.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THE \$17,000 FOR 2023, FOR THE FIRE MARSHAL SLASH EMS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, THAT'S FOR? PARTICULARLY WHAT DOES THAT REALLY COVER? YOU SAID THE SERVICES ARE FOR FIRE INSPECTIONS AND SO FORTH, LIKE THAT?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-THAT WOULD COVER OUR FIRE MARSHAL AND THE EQUIPMENT THAT THEY NEEDED, AS WELL AS ANY TYPE OF INSPECTIONS REQUIRED. SO, THE FIRE PERMITS, THAT ONE COMES OUT OF A DIFFERENT FUND. THAT'S IN LICENSE AND INSPECTIONS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-SO THEY GET PAID FOR THAT. WHEN THEY DO AN ANNUAL INSPECTION, AND THEY GET A PORTION OF THAT.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-CORRECT. THAT WAS DECIDED ON BY THE BOARD. SO THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THE PREVIOUS PERSON DID. THE PREVIOUS PERSON WAS EMPLOYED AND DID IT WHILE HE WAS EMPLOYED. THIS PERSON IS DOING IT ON THEIR OWN TIME AND THEY ARE GETTING A PORTION OF THE FIRE PERMITS THAT ARE PAID FOR EVERY YEAR. SO, I BELIEVE THE FEE, OFF THE TOP OFF MY HEAD, I BELIEVE IT'S \$50. SO, IF A COMPANY PAYS THE ANNUAL FIRE PERMIT OF \$125, THE ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL WHO IS APPOINTED TO DO THAT COULD RECEIVE, I BELIEVE \$50.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-NOW IF THEY FAILED THE INSPECTION AND THEY GO BACK, IS THERE ANOTHER FEE FOR THE FIRE MARSHAL TO GO BACK?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-NO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-AND THEN ROUGHLY ABOUT HOW MANY INSPECTIONS DO THEY DO IN A YEAR?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I'VE BEEN IN SOME PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP THAT HAVE NOT YET, STILL TO DATE, HAVE PROPERLY BEEN INSPECTED AND WE'RE IN DECEMBER. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY PAID THEIR FEE BUT THERE IS NO CERTIFICATE. I'VE SEEN SOME STICKERS THAT ARE TEN YEARS OLD. MY CONCERN IS THAT WE HAVE BUSINESSES IN THE TOWNSHIP THAT'S NOT EVEN REGISTERED IN THE TOWNSHIP. THE INSPECTORS WENT OUT LAST WEEK. ABOUT A WEEK AGO AND HE WAS TOLD. WELL, I'M A FIRE FIGHTER, TAKE IT EASY ON ME. IT'S AN ILLEGAL OPERATION...

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-WHAT I CAN SAY IS THERE ARE ABOUT FIFTEEN, IF THAT. THE LAST TIME I CHECKED PROPERTIES THAT WERE NOT INSPECTED THIS YEAR. WHEN THE LETTERS GO OUT ANNUALLY, IT IS THE PROPERTY OWNERS' RESPONSIBILITY TO

CALL AND SCHEDULE. THEY ARE GIVEN ONE NOTICE, THE INITIAL NOTICE. A SECOND NOTICE AND THEN THEY WILL GET A LETTER, DONNA PROVIDES A LETTER AND WE TAKE THEM TO DISTRICT COURT IF THEY DO NOT PAY THEIR FEE. THEIR FIRE FEE. THE FIRE MARSHAL ALSO CONTACTS THEM TO TRY TO SCHEDULE SO I KNOW WHEN JIM WAS APPOINTED, THE FIRST THING HE DID WAS RECEIVED A LIST OF ALL THE COMPANIES THAT HAD NOT BEEN INSPECTED THIS YEAR. NOW IF THERE ARE BUSINESSES THAT ARE NOT REGISTERED THEN THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT. RIGHT, SO THEY ARE NOT GOING TO GET A NOTICE FROM US IF WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT THEM.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-BUT THEY ARE USING SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY THAT'S ALREADY REGISTERED. SO, THEY ARE SUBLEASING THAT PROPERTY OUT.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-SO AGAIN, IF THAT'S THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE THEN SHARE IT WITH ME.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I'M SORRY, MR. PRESIDENT, I HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS IN REGARD TO... IT LOOKS LIKE THERE IS ONLY, IN THAT RECREATION FROM 22 TO 23. THE RECREATION BUDGET FROM 22 TO 23. THERE WAS ONLY A \$100 INCREASE FOR RECREATION.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-SO, THE FUNDS THAT YOU'RE SEEING ON THAT PAGE, THAT IS BASED ON MILEAGE. OUR MILEAGE HAS NOT INCREASED IN ANY OF THE FUNDS WHICH IS WHY THE NUMBERS ARE GENERALLY THE SAME.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THE TRASH FUNDS WERE PUT UP BY \$30,000.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-SEWER AND TRASH ARE DICTATED BY (INAUDIBLE). PENSION IS DICTATED BY (INAUDIBLE). HIGHWAY FUND IS LIQUID FUELS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THE FUND (INAUDIBLE) ONLY WENT UP \$1,000.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER- AGAIN, THAT'S BASED ON MILEAGE. SO, WE DIDN'T DO AN INCREASE IN MILEAGE THEN IT'S NOT GOING TO INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-WHAT DETERMINES THE RECREATION FUND? I KNOW YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT THE NUMBER BUT HOW DID WE COME UP WITH THAT NUMBER OF \$35,000 FOR TOTAL FOR RECREATION KNOWING THAT'S PART OF THE GRASS FEE, THE CUTTERS FEE IN RECREATION BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THEY ARE PAID FROM, RIGHT.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-YES, SOME OF IT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-HOW MUCH OF THE FEES FROM \$35,000 IS PAID TO GRASS CUTTING? DO YOU KNOW?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-NO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-CAN YOU CHECK IT OUT. HOW MUCH DO WE PAY YEARLY FOR GRASS CUTTING? AND THE REASON I AM ASKING IS BECAUSE WE'RE SPENDING MONEY FOR RECREATION. WE GOT NEW BASKETBALL COURTS BUT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN INSTALLED AND WE HAD THEM SINCE SEPTEMBER, AND THEY ARE NOT INSTALLED.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-THEY ARE NOT INSTALLED BECAUSE THERE IS A PIECE THAT THE... THE BASKETBALL COURTS, THEY ARE OLD, RIGHT. SO, THERE'S A PIECE THAT HAD TO BE MADE TO... A PIECE OF METAL THAT HAD TO BE MADE SO THAT THEY ARE STABLE ON THE BACK. WE HAD A COMPANY THAT WE GOT A QUOTE FROM AND THEN WE GOT A COMPANY THAT ACTUALLY OFFERED TO DO THEM AT NO COST, THE SAME THING. WE ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO ALLOW THEM TO DO IT. SO THEY WILL BE UP BUT AT THIS POINT WE WERE GOING TO START WITH CENTER COURTS AND CONWAY PARK. THERE IS A METAL PIECE BECAUSE OTHERWISE IT WOULD BE UNSTABLE AND THEN THEY WOULD NOT GO UP AT ALL. WE DON'T WANT TO DAMAGE THEM. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE INSTALLED PROPERLY.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO ADOPT THE 2023 TOWNSHIP OF DARBY PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO ADVERTISE THE PASSING OF THE 2023 TOWNSHIP OF DARBY PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE TRASH AND SEWER FEES FOR 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-I GUESS SOLICITOR, IT'S GOING TO BE PENDING IF THERE IS AN INCREASE.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-THAT WOULD BE PENDING THE FINAL INFORMATION. TO BE PREPARED TO BE READY FOR A MEETING IF YOU NEED TO, THAT IS CORRECT.

FOUR APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE WAWA PROJECT NO. 8160 RELEASE NO. 7 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,559.20. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-WHAT IS NO. 7?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-IT'S IN YOUR PACKET. RIGHT ON TOP. IT SHOULD BE RIGHT ON TOP. THE H. GILROY DAMON AND ASSOCIATES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-SO, THESE FUNDS ARE RELEASED WHEN THOSE THINGS ARE COMPLETED?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-CORRECT. SO, THE DEVELOPER, THE CONTRACTOR WILL SEND US AN EMAIL SAYING THESE THINGS ARE COMPLETED AND THEN THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER, WHO IS AN ALTERNATE ENGINEER IN THIS CASE, DAVE DAMON WILL GO OUT TO CONFIRM WHAT'S DONE AND HE WILL SEND A LETTER CONFIRMING OR THE LETTER FROM THEM ASKING FOR \$57,000 TO BE RELEASED AND DAVE DAMON SENDS A LETTER THAT STATES TO RELEASE \$51,000. SO, THEY KEEP LESS 10 PERCENT OF THAT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-SO, DO OUR ENGINEER GO OUT AND INSPECT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT'S NOT TAKING PLACE? I KNOW WE HAVE AN ALTERNATE ENGINEER.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-THAT'S WHAT THIS LETTER IS. THAT'S THE ALTERNATE ENGINEER.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-RIGHT, SO DAMON DOES THAT.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-CORRECT. BECAUSE CATANIA IS THE ENGINEER FOR THE PROJECT. THEY DID THE PLANS FOR WAWA; THEY CAN'T INSPECT THEIR OWN WORK. SO, THEY ARE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER, THEY CAN'T INSPECT THEIR OWN WORK. THAT'S WHY WE USED AN ALTERNATE ENGINEER, IN THIS CASE, SO DAMON WOULD BE GOING OUT DOING ALL THE INSPECTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-SO, CATANIA ENGINEER IS THE ENGINEER AND DAMON IS THE ALTERNATE, HE DOES THE INSPECTION EVERY MONTH? IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-CATANIA REPRESENTS WAWA IN THIS PROJECT. DAMON REPRESENTS THE TOWNSHIP.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-MY CONCERN IS BASICALLY, CALCON HOOK HAS A WHOLE LOT OF CEMENT AT THE CURB THEY WAS SUPPOSED TO PUT IN. THEY PUT...

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-THEY STILL HAVE A LOT OF MONIES THAT ARE BEING HELD IN ESCROW.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS THIS, THEY COMPLETED A JOB. AT LEAST THREE LOCATIONS. THERE IS CONCRETE SPILLAGE THAT HAS BEEN THERE, THAT HAS BEEN THERE. WHICH IS A SAFETY HAZZARD. SO, IF WE APPROVE THESE FUNDS AND IF THE JOB IS NOT CLEARED SAFE OVER THERE...

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-THE JOB IS NOT TO CLEAR SAFE, THE JOB IS TO... THE ALTERNATE ENGINEERS JOB IS TO CONFIRM THAT THE WORK THAT WAS DONE IN ACORDANCE TO THE PLANS THAT WERE APPROVED WAS DONE AT THIS LEVEL. THERE IS NO FINAL OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNTIL AFTER FINAL INSPECTIONS AND PUNCH LIST ITEMS ARE DONE. THIS IS JUST A NORMAL PART OF THE PROCESS IN THE OVERALL CONSTRUCTION. IT'S NOT THE FINAL THING. THERE IS PLENTY OF OTHER MONEY AND PLENTY OF OTHER INPSECTIONS THAT HAVE TO BE COMPLETED FIRST.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-OKAY. THANK YOU.

FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVED COVID 19 EMPLOYEE BONUSES FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN. THAT COMES IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$40,000.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-SECOND WITH A QUESTION. THE QUESTION IS WE ARE TAKING \$40,000 FROM THE ARPA FUNDS TO GIVE EMPLOYEES BONUSES? BUT WE COULDN'T TAKE \$10,000 AND GIVE TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS. TO THE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND TO THE FIRE... WE DID NOT. WE GAVE \$2,500 ALLOCATED MONIES FOR YEARLY STIPEND. WE BEEN DOING YEARLY STIPENDS OF \$1,000. THE FIRE COMPANIES WERE GETTING \$3,000 YEARLY PRIOR TO ANY OF US BEING ON THE BOARD. I WAS A FIRE FIGHTER FOR THIRY-FOUR YEARS IN DARBY TOWNSHIP NO. 4, SECRETARY AND TREASURER. I DO KNOW WHY THE TOWNSHIP STOPPED THE \$3,000. BECAUSE WHEN DARBY TOWNSHIP NO. 4 PURCHASED THE KME, IT WAS OVER BY \$15,000 WITH LIGHTS. AND MR. THOMAS JUDGE SAID GO AHEAD AND GET THE LIGHTS AND THEN JACK RYAN, HIMSELF, HELD AN ALLOCATION YEARLY UP ON IT. SO, THEREFORE IT'S BEEN OVER TWENTY-YEARS. WHICH MEANS THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY ACTUALLY OWES DARBY TOWNSHIP NO. 4 AND GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY AN ABUNDANCE OF MONEY OF ALLEGATIONS. I JUST WANT TO MAKE A NOTE THAT WE ARE NOT FAIRLY USING THESE ARPA FUNDS. YES, WE ARE USING THEM PROPERLY. YES, THIS IS PERMISSIBLE. WHEN THEY GIVE BONUSES AS SUCH, IT'S A LITTLE HORRENDOUS, AT THIS TIME. YOU SAID ALL EMPLOYEES AND THEN ALSO, OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE TWO OFFICERS ON DUTY AND WE'RE GIVING BONUSES AND WE'RE UNDER PROTECTED. WE HAVE FIRE SERVICES THAT NEEDS EQUIPMENT AND WE DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE THEM ANYTHING TO FIX THESE VEHICLES. GIVE THEM HALF THE MONEY TO PURCHASE AIR PACKS. WE HAVE THE MONIES, THAT SHOULD BE UTILIZED, PRIORITIZING. THIS IS A CLEAR SIGN OF MISUSE OF MONEY. INAPPROPRIATE USE. NOTHING FURTHER.

FOUR APPROVED. ONE OPPOSED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE HIRING CROSSING GUARD, LISA SIMMONS, IMMEDIATELY UPON THE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED APPROVE THE HIRING OF CROSSING GUARD, DEBORAH WATSON, IMMEDIATELY UPON THE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-FIRST OF ALL I APOLOGIZE FOR MISSING THE MEETING LAST WEEK, EARLIER THIS WEEK. CONSIDER A MOTION TO ADVERTISE TO HIRE A CROSSING GUARD FOR CLIFTON AVENUE AND FORRESTER AVENUE.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-THERE IS NOT ONE THERE...

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THERE IS NO CROSSING GUARD THERE AND TRAFFIC IS HORRENDOUS AND KIDS ARE DOWN THERE DOING ALL KINDS OF STUFF. TRFFIC IS FLOWING CRAZY. RESIDENTS CAN TESTIFY TO THAT TODAY.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-DO WE NORMALLY ADVERTISE PER POSITION OR DO WE ASSIGN?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-NO.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-HOW DO WE...

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-NORMALLY THE CHIEF MAKES THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SINCE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HALF THE SALARY. SO, IF THERE IS A QUESTION, WE WILL NEED THE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-SO, THE CHIEF IS NOT HERE. CAN YOU FOLLOW UP WITH THE CHIEF TO BRING IT TO THE NEXT MEETING?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-IF YOU JUST SEND US THE LOCATION, WE HAVE CROSSING GUARDS ON OUR SUB LIST. WE ARE HIRING TWO NEW CROSSING GUARDS. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT LOCATION THEYARE GOING TO BE APPOINTED TO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-WHEN YOU GET TIME CAN YOU GET ME A COPY OF ALL LOCATIONS OF ALL CROSSING GUARDS?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THE UPDATE ON THE SPEED DEVICES, HAVE THEY BEEN ORDERED? MS. WHITAKER?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE. I HAVE NOT PLACED ANY ORDERS. I THINK THE COMMUNICATIONS THAT THE CHIEF SENT ME WAS THAT HE WAS LOOKING AT DIFFERENT MODELS OR DIFFERENT COMPANIES. I TOLD HIM AS SOON AS HE FINDS A LOCATION OR WHEREVER HE WANTS TO USE IT FOR, THAT WE WOULD APPROVE IT. THEN, I THINK HE HAD A QUESTION, WAS IT FOR THIS YEAR OR WAS IT FOR 2023?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-IT WAS FOR IMMEDIATELY. IN THE MINUTES. WE CAN CHECK THE MINUTES. IT WAS FOR THIS YEAR. IT WAS TO COME OUT OF ARPA FUNDS.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER- IT DIDN'T SAY THAT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH- WHEN I MENTIONED IT. I DID SAY IT BECAUSE I KNEW FOR A FACT THAT WE HAD THAT TYPE OF MONEY LAYING AROUND. DIDN'T WE HAVE \$8,000 LAYING AROUND IN GENERAL ACCOUNT THAT WE COULD PURCHASE IT.

COMMISSIONER LACEY- I DON'T BELIEVE THE MOTION WAS MADE FOR ARPA FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I BELIEVE THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED, BY YOU, MR. PRESIDENT THAT WE WOULD DO THIS AND THAT THE BOARD WOULD SAY YES. I ALSO ASKED THAT IF WE FOUND LOCATIONS ON THIS SIDE OF THE TOWNSHIP TO GET TWO FOR HERE. NO ONE SAID ANYTHING. I CLEARLY ASKED FOR TWO FOR THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE TOWNSHIP. ONE FOR FORRESTER AVENUE AND ONE ON HOOK ROAD, GOING TOWARDS PHILADELPHIA.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-SO, I SECONDED THE MOTION TO PURCHASE TWO DEVICES. ONE FOR THIS END AND ONE FOR THE SOUTHERN END OF THE TOWNSHIP. LET'S START WITH TWO AND SEE HOW THAT WORKS AND THEN WE CAN ADD FROM THERE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-GIVE ME A SECOND SO I CAN LOOK AT THESE MINUTES REAL QUICK.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-THE MINUTES WERE NOT APPROVED. THEY WERE NOT ON THE AGENDA.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-WHAT WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THAT WAS A PUBLIC MEETING, RIGHT?

COMMISSIONER LACEY-CORRECT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-SO THEREFORE IT SHOULD BE IN THIS PACKET, RIGHT?

COMMISSIONER LACEY-THE MINUTES HAVEN'T BEEN APPROVED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH- BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT... MS. BEA WHEN YOU DID THE MINUTES AT THE LAST MEETING WHEN I SPOKE EVERYTHING I SAID SHOULD BE IN THIS PACKET, CORRECT?

COMMISSIONER LACEY-COMMISSIONER, THIS IS NOT NEW BUSINESS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-WELL, I'M GOING TO GET TO NEW BUSINESS OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS. BECAUSE THE MINUTES SHOULD REFLECT EVERYTHING THAT TRANSPIRES IN A MEETING. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW WE CAN HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME ORDERING SOMETHING THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. WE HAVE TWELVE PEOPLE THAT GOT KILLED ON HOOK ROAD. THAT I KNOW OF, PROBABLY MORE THAN THAT. SHARON AVENUE IS A MAJOR EXPRESSWAY. I JUST TALKED TO MS. WHITAKER TODAY ABOUT A POT HOLE ON THE STATE HIGHWAY WHICH IS ON THE BORDERLINE THAT'S SHARED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY AND PENNDOT. BECAUSE THE CRACK IS ACTUALLY DARBY TOWNSHIP'S PORTION OF THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-COMMISSIONER SMITH DID YOU LOOK AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 14?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-NO, I DIDN'T. RIGHT, THAT'S THE \$8,000. THE ISSUE IS THAT THEY WERE NOT ORDERED. WHEREVER THEY NEED TO GO, THEY WERE NOT ORDERED. THIS IS A MONTH. 14 CLEARLY SAYS THAT COMMISSIONER LACEY SECONDED IT FOR TWO. CORRECT AND THEN IT SAYS \$8,200. FIVE APPROVED THE MOTION. IT CARRIED. WHICH MEANS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ORDERED. AM I CORRECT, MR. PRESIDENT? IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY NOW.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT TAKES TO ORDER...

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I EVEN HAVE THE CHIEF'S TEXT MESSAGE BECAUSE EVERYBODY KNOWS I BACK TRACK. I TALKED TO MS. WHITAKER, I TALKED TO THE CHIEF. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET THIS? IF IT'S NOT ORDERED, THAT'S ANOTHER THIRTY DAYS PERHAPS. CAN WE JUST MOVE FORWARD AND GET IT ORDERED? WE WILL DECIDE. THEY ARE TRANSFERRABLE. YOU CAN MOVE THEM AROUND, THE LOCATION. THAT'S THE GOOD THING ABOUT IT. IT'S NOT THAT IT STAYS THERE FOREVER. YOU CAN PUT IT ON THIS STREET TODAY, THAT STREET TOMORROW. WHATEVER. LET'S JUST ORDER THEM. IT'S ALREADY BEEN APPROVED. ORDER THEM. MS. WHITAKER ORDER THEM AND LET ME KNOW WHEN IT'S ORDERED PLEASE.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-I'LL CONTACT THE CHIEF TOMORROW.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I DON'T NEED YOU TO CONTACT THE CHIEF.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER- THAT'S WHO I'M GOING TO CONTACT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-WELL I'M ASKING YOU.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE DOCUMENTATION. I DON'T KNOW WHAT COMPANY IT IS. I DON'T HAVE ANY DOCUMENTATION TO PLACE THE ORDER. SO, THAT'S WHY I SAID I'M GOING TO CONTACT THE CHIEF TO GET THE DOCUMENTATION SO WE CAN PLACE THE ORDER. MY CONVERSATION WITH HIM WAS IT FOR THIS YEAR OR 2023. SO, I WILL LET HIM KNOW THAT IT WAS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND TO GO AHEAD AND ORDER IT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-SO WE ARE CLEAR, YOU WILL CONTACT THE CHIEF, GET THE COMPANY NAME WE ARE GOING TO ORDER IT FROM. GET IT ORDERED AND THEN WE'LL DECIDE WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO BE PLACED AT. WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED AT BEST. SO, I CAN TELL THE CHIEF AND THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER AS WELL. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-JUST SO THE RESIDENTS ARE AWARE AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON SATURDAY THERE WILL BE A VETERAN'S DAY PARADE. ALL ARE INVITED. WE REQUEST YOU COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE PARADE IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE. THE PARADE STARTS AT 11:00. THIS IS NOT A FUNDRAISER HOSTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY. THIS IS BY THE VETERAN'S GROUP OF DARBY TOWNSHIP. WE HAVE 100 BANNERS THAT HAVE BEEN ORDERED, PLACED AND PAID FOR THAT WILL BE GOING UP IN THE NEXT 48 HOURS. IF ANYONE WANTS TO GET A BANNER RECOGNIZING

ANY SOLDIER, FROM DARBY TOWNSHIP, YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO DO SO. THE COST IS \$150 AND THEN YOU HAVE TO GET YOUR INSTALLATION. (INAUDIBLE) WITH THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. THE BANNERS THAT ARE GOING UP ARE PLACED UP BY A COMPANY THAT DONATED THEIR TIME TO DO THIS. THAT IS 11:00 THIS SATURDAY.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. ALL APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



BEATRICE POE,
SECRETARY



JOHN LACEY,
PRESIDENT