

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2021

A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR FY 2022 CYCLE AND TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT WHICH WAS ADVERTISED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021, IN THE DELCO DAILY TIMES.

ON ROLL CALL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>	<u>OFFICIALS</u>
MR. GOUGLER, COMMISSIONER	MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER
MR. SMITH, COMMISSIONER	
MS. TALIAFERRO, COMMISSIONER	MS. POE, SECRETARY
MR. LACEY, COMMISSIONER	MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR
MR. FITZ, COMMISSIONER	MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER

MS, CATANIA, ENGINEER PRESENTED THE HEARING AND THE LIST OF PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE:

- MADISON PARK INCLUDING ADA IMPROVEMENTS
- SANITARY SEWER REHAB (\$75,000 TO \$80,000)
- STUDEVAN FIELD IMPROVEMENTS ALONG WITH A WALKWAY AND RESURFACING.
- HOOK ROAD MASTER PLAN

THERE WAS QUESTIONS AND INPUT FROM MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER AND THE COMMISSIONERS.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER ASKED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT: THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ON WHICH PARK IS MADISON PARK.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER CLOSED THE HEARING ON THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON DECEMBER 8, 2021, AT 7:00PM AT 21 BARTRAM AVENUE (DARBY TOWNSHIP), PENNSYLVANIA, 19036.

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

ROLL CALL

MR. GOUGLER, COMMISSIONER	MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER
MR. SMITH, COMMISSIONER	MR. SOUSA, CHIEF OF POLICE
MS. TALIAFERRO, COMMISSIONER	MS. POE, SECRETARY
MR. LACEY, COMMISSIONER	MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR
MR. FITZ, COMMISSIONER	MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER

ALL PRESENT

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER OPENED THE FLOOR UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND ALLOWED THREE MINUTES PER RESIDENT.

DAN PHILIPINI-1140 BROOKWOOD LANE

MR. PHILIPINI HAD CONCERNS ABOUT THE FLAGS AND THEIR PLACEMENT. HE REQUESTED TO HAVE A TOWNSHIP AND A UNITES STATES FLAG IN FRONT OF 21 BARTRAM AVENUE.

COMMISSIONER LACEY BOUGHT UP THE TWO POLES OUT FRONT. THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE FLAG IS ON ONE SIDE AND THE UNITED STATES FLAG IS ON THE OTHER SIDE.

MR. PHILIPINI STATED HE ALSO HEARD ABOUT THE INCREASE IN THE COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR THE COMMISSIONERS AND WANTED TO KNOW IF IT WAS TABLED.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED IT HAS BEEN TABLED AND THE SOLICITOR IS LOOKING INTO THE ORDINANCE. IN 2020 THE STATE APPROVED AN INCREASE FOR FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP.

MR. PHILIPINI SAID HE JUST WANT TO KNOW THE PERCENTAGE.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED SHE DOES'NT KNOW THAT THERE IS A PERCENTAGE AND THAT IT'S BASED ON THE CENSUS.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR- STATED IT IS BASED ON POPULATION GOVERNED BY THE FIRST-CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE.

MR. PHILIPINI -HAD PICTURES AND ASKED IF HE COULD PASS AROUND TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-PASSED THEM AROUND TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

MR. PHILIPINI SAID, ON THAT TOP PHOTO THERE IS THR RECYCLING OF THE CONTAINER OVER THERE BY CEDARWOOD. WE LIVE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE EVERYONE TAKES PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND THAT'S A DISGRACE, HE STATED. HE ALSO HAD PICTURES OF THE REPAIR CENTER (THE BACK END OF IT). THAT'S TERRIBLE. I LOOKED AT THAT, THAT'S A DISGRACE.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR- STATED THEY ARE CURRENTLY BEFORE THE ZONING HEARING BOARD.

PHILIPINI SAID, THE THIRD PHOTO IS THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR TO IT. THERE ARE TWO ISSUES THERE. ONE IT HAS NO ADDRESS. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ADDRESS IT IS. OUT BACK FROM THE CORNER HOUSE, HE'S GOT A JUNGLE THERE...

MR. PIERCE STATED IT IS BEING ADDRESSES AT THE ZONING HEARING BOARD.

MR. PHILIPINI ASKED, -IS THAT THE SAME GUY THAT OWNS...

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR SAID, IT'S THE SAME GUY. IT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR FIFTEEN YEARS IN ONE WAY, SHAPE OR FORM AND IT IS NPW FINALLY COMING TO A HEAD.

MR. PHILIPINI ASKED, IS IT GOING IN FRONT OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD?

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR SAID, IT'S ALREADY IN FRONT OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD.

MR. PHILIPINI -ASKED WHEN IS THE NEXT ZONING HEARING?

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR SAID IT WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER THE 17TH. IT HAD TO BE RESCHEDULED BECAUSE, UNFORTUNATELY SOMEBODY CONTRACTED COVID.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

RITA VIDETTO-1089, GLEN CIRCLE

MS. VIDETTO THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS FOR TAKING CARE OF THE SITUATION SHE HAD GOING ON WITH HER NEIGHBOR. SHE ALSO THANKED THE POLICE WHO HANDLED A SITUATION SHE HAD GOING ON WITH HER FAMILY.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER SAID, THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER ASKED IF ANYBODY ELSE HAD PUBLIC COMMENT. HE STATED PUBLIC COMMENT WAS CLOSED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2021, BUDGET MEETING. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2021. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, AND OCTOBER OF 2021. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER ASKED WHAT WAS THE REASON THERE WAS SO MANY MONTHS OF TREASURER'S REPORT ALL IN ONE BATCH?

BARRY MERLINO, TREASURER STATED THAT HE WAS BEHIND BECAUSE IT IS COLD IN HIS OFFICE AND HARD TO WORK.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED APPROVE THE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS FOR AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER 2021. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2022. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ.

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

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED WE ARE GOING WITH THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE WHICH IS OCTOBER 5TH.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR TO PREPARE AND ADVERTISE ORDINANCES FOR THE NEW MILLAGE RATES, SEWER AND TRASH. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GOUGLER. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO ADOPT THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO NOTIFY BUSINESSES OF THE TOWNSHIP IN WRITING OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S PLANS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION **2021-13** ACT 537 PLAN, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "PENNSYLVANIA SEWAGE FACILITIES ACT" BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY AND THE DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR ITS APPROVAL OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION **2021-14**, DISPOSITION RESOLUTION FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF TOWNSHIP DOCUMENTS BETWEEN 1950 AND 2000, DUE TO WATER EXPOSURE THAT RESULTED IN MILDEW AND THOSE RECORDS WERE UNRECOVERABLE AND DESTROYED. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. COMMISSIONER SMITH QUESTIONED THIRTY YEARS OF DOCUMENTS?

MR. PIERCE ANSWERED THAT IS WHERE THE ARCHIVES WERE STORED. IT IS NOT ALL THE DOCUMENTS BUT IT IS A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS THAT WERE DESTROYED DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME. THEY WERE FLOODED AND ABSOLUTELY UNRECOVERABLE. FROM TIME TO TIME THE TOWNSHIP GETS REQUEST FOR SOME OF THOSE, WHAT WE THINK WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THOSE DOCUMENTS SO, WE STILL HAVE ALL THESE ORDINANCES AND EVERYTHING UP HERE BUT THERE MAY BE CERTAIN APPLICATIONS AND OTHER THINGS THAT WAS CONTAINED IN THE ARCHIVES THAT MAY NO LONGRR BE AVAILABLE. IN ORDER TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE RECORDS ACT, WE JUST NEED TO PASS THIS ORDINANCE. SO, THIS IS JUST CONFIRMING THAT THESE RECORDS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF TAX AND PENALTY FOR NON-FILING OF A RENTAL LICENSE FOR 2019 AND 2020, FROM WILLIAM J MASSARO. THERE WAS NO SECOND. MOTION FAILED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LEE M. TALIAFERRO FROM THE ZONING HEARING BOARD, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. REMARK FROM MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-TO CLARIFY, WHILE WORKING ON THE REAPPOINTMENT FOR NEXT YEAR, WE REALIZED THAT MR. TALIAFERRO'S TIME IS UP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021. DO WE NEED TO ACCEPT HIS RESIGNATION SINCE WE DON'T HAVE ANY HEARINGS COMING UP THIS YEAR? MR. PIERCE-SOLICITOR STATED NO, YOU CAN MAKE A REAPPOINTMENT AT THE REORGANIZATION.

MS WHITAKER, MANAGER SAID THAT WE'RE NOT SENDING OUT LETTERS NOW FOR FIFTEEN DAYS AND THAT APPOINTMENT WOULD BE UP IN JANUARY. MR. PIERCE STATED SO. THAT MOTION WOULD BE WITHDRAWN.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO AWARD THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ROOF TO STEVE PICKHAVER ROOFING AND SIDING OR J.R. PECK CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED.

MR PIERCE STATED THE VOTER WOULD INDICATE WHICH ONE YOU WOULD WISH TO AWARD THE CONTRACT.

MS. POE, SECRETARY CALLED FOR COMMISSIONER GOUGLER

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR STATED HE WOULD BE THE LAST CALLED. YOU JUST RUN THROUGH THE WARDS, ONE THROUGH FIVE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED THAT WAS'NT BE PROTOCOL ACCORDING TO WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS IN A MEETING THE BOARD PRESIDENT VOTED PRIOR TO HIM BEING THE LAST PERSON TO VOTE.

MR. PIERCE SAID IT WOULD BE A ROLL CALL VOTE.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-YOU CAN GO IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER THEN.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONER FITZ-STEVE PICKHAVER ROOFING

COMMISSIONER LACEY-STEVE PICKHAVER ROOFING

COMMISSIONER SMITH-J.R. PECK CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-J.R. PECK CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER=ABSTAIN BECAUSE HE HAS A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS.

MR. PIERCE-AT THIS POINT THE MOTION WOULD FAIL BECAUSE IT IS TWO TO TWO. SO, YOU COULD EITHER TAKE ANOTHER VOTE. YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR VOTE OR YOU COULD MOVE ON TO NUMBER 20.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL COMPANIES TO BID ON THE POLICE ROOF. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-NEGATIVE

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-NEGATIVE

COMMISSIONER FITZ-NEGATIVE

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-SO THAT WOULD BE ON THE INITIAL MOTION TO BID ON THE POLICE CONTRACT FAILED THREE TO ONE. COMMISSIONER GOUGLER ARE YOU VOTING ON THIS OR ARE YOU OBSTAINING ON THIS ONE ALSO?

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER-I'M ABSTAINING.

MR. PIERCE SOLICITOR-SO, IT FAILED THREE TO ONE. SO, RIGHT NOW YOU HAVE NO CONTRACT TO DO ANYTHING ON THE ROOF.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CELESTE PINO, CROSSING GUARD, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO EXTEND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ELIGIBILITY LIST FOR THE RANK OF CORPORAL FOR 1 YEAR (12/31/2022). IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE APPRAISAL OF THE PROPERTY AT 814 SHARON AVENUE, SHARON HILL 19079. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY. COMMISSIONER GOUGLER QUESTIONED THE PURPOSE OF THE APPRIASAL.

MR. PIERCE STATED TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE TOWNSHIP WANTS TO SELL THE PROPERTY AT THE VALUE IT IS.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO PURCHASE PLAY EQUIPMENT AND SITE AMENITIES FROM RECREATION RESOURCE AT A TOTAL OF \$10,418.80 UNDER COSTARS CONTRACT 14-74 FOR CONWAY PARK/MADISON AVENUE PLAYGROUND. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH.

FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15 FOR PROJECTS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION (PRIORITY PROJECT STUDEVAN FIELD AND ALTERNATE PROJECT MADISON PARK). IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL TO PREPARE AN RFP FOR REPAIRS TO 601 CLIFTON AVENUE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED IN REGARD TO ITEM NUMBER 20 THAT COMMISSIONER FITZ BOUGHT TO THE TABLE. SO, ARE WE GOING TO VISIT THIS NEXT MONTH? BECAUSE THE ROOF NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED AND THIS IS WHY I WAS STRATEGICALLY WAITING TO SEE HOW WE WAS GOING TO VOTE ON THAT. BECAUSE IF I DON'T VOTE, IT JUST STAYS STILL WHICH MEANS OUR OFFICERS (INAUDIBLE) MOLD DAMAGE AND SO FORTH SO, CAN WE VISIT THIS...THE REASON WHY I DIDN'T VOTE WAS BECAUSE I THOUGHT WE WERE ALLOWING TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS MORE BIDS FOR PRICES TO WORK IN THE TOWNSHIP. HAD WE DONE THAT THEN... HAD I KNOWN THEN I WOULD HAVE VOTED TO GET THE REPAIRS NEEDED. SO, MY QUESTION IS, HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO WAIT..

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR STATED YOU CAN MAKE A MOTION AGAIN. THAT'S WHY I INDICATED IF IT'S TIED TWO, TWO. IF YOU WANT TO REVISIT THAT AND MAKE A MOTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO ONE OR THE OTHER, THEN YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THAT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED COMMISSIONER FITZ DO YOU WANT TO REVISIT THIS TONIGHT OR DO YOU WANT TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT MONTH?

COMMISSIONER FITZ STATED HE AGREES THAT THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING PROCESS AND IT NEEDS TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE THAT ROOF IS IN POOR CONDITION. AS FAR AS ALLOWING OR LETTING THE BID GO TO ADDITIONAL COMPANIES, I'M NOT IN FAVOR OF THAT.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO STATED THAT SHE THINKS HE'S TALKING ABOUT ANOTHER NIGHT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID OKAY, I GOT YOU. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. SO, WHAT WE CAN DO BECAUSE IT'S ALREADY BEEN DECIDED. DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO PURCHASE A BENCH FOR CLIFTON AND FORRESTER AVENUES. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

MONTHLY REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT-GIVEN BY LISA CATANIA, ENGINEER.
MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED A RESIDENT CONTACTED HER WHO PURCHASED ONE OF THE INSURANCE PLANS FOR SEWER. THEY MOVED AND AT SOME POINT THEY REALIZED THEY PAID FOR THEIR INSURANCE TWICE, FOR TWO PLANS. HE HEARD BACK FROM AQUA AND THEY SAID THEY NEEDED A LETTER FROM THE TOWNSHIP STATING THAT HE ONLY HAS ONE LATERAL. THEY WERE CHARGING HIM FOR TWO. SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW WE CONFIRM THAT?
DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER- DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ENGINEERS REPORT?

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO ACCEPT THE ENGINEER'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT BY MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR
COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SOLICITOR'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE REPORT BY CHIEF SOUSA.
COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO ACCEPT THE POLICE REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH.
FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.
COMMISSIONER LACEY GAVE THE LICENSE AND INSPECTION REPORT TOTALS FOR OCTOBER 2021 AND NOVEMBER 2021.
COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED HE WAS CONTACTED BY A CONTRACTOR; HE HAD A JOB IN THE TOWNSHIP. THE ESTIMATED COST FOR THE JOB WAS \$350.00. THE COST FOR THE PERMIT WAS \$240.50. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO

BECAUSE THAT'S A HIGH NUMBER. THE CONTRACTOR COULDN'T AFFORD TO PAY AN EMPLOYEE TO DO THE WORK BECAUSE THE PERMIT COST 75 PERCENT OF WHAT IT COST TO DO THE JOB. I WOULD LIKE THE TOWNSHIP TO REVISIT THESE FEES. I BELIEVE THAT A CONTRACTOR THAT IS REGISTERED WITH THE TOWNSHIP, AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR, SHOULD HAVE THE FLAT RATE. MAYBE LIKE \$100.00 AND THEN \$35.00 PER JOB OR 10 PERCENT OF THE JOB. HOW CAN A RESIDENT PAY \$350.00 TO DO THE JOB AND THEN THE CONTRACTOR COST \$240.00? WE WANT QUALITY WORK BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THESE FEES ARE FEASIBLE. IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING IS NOT ADDING UP. BENEFICIAL FOR THE CONTRACTOR AND THE RESIDENT. HOW DO WE COME UP WITH THAT NUMBER OF \$240.00? MR. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED SHE WAS ACTUALLY DOING PERMITS THIS WEEK SO, SHE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT. IT'S \$204.50. IT'S A \$100.00 APPLICATION FEE. AND ANY JOB THAT'S LESS THAN \$1,000.00 IS ANOTHER \$100.00 AND THE STATE FEE IS \$4.50. SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO BRING IT UP TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION. SHE DID SPEAK WITH A RESIDENT WHO HAD SOME VALID POINTS. SHE THINKS THE BOARD SHOULD CONSIDER A DISCOUNTED RATE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS APPLYING FOR PERMITS. THE GFCI OUTLETS, THOSE ARE MINIMAL. SOMEONE CAME IN THIS WEEK WHO HAD TO HAVE ONE OF THOSE PUT IN, THAT JOB WAS \$350.00 AND THE PERMIT WAS 204.50 FOR THAT AS WELL. SO, THERE ARE SOME AREAS WHERE WE COULD CONSIDER MAKING SOME ADJUSTMENTS ON SMALLER COST JOBS. SO, THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THE BOARD COULD CONSIDER, MOVING INTO NEXT YEAR. COMMISSIONER LACEY ASKED IF THIS WAS SOMETHING WE COULD LOOK AT JOB BY JOB?

NICOLE WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET SPECIFICALLY, THAT ONE HAS COME UP SEVERAL TIMES. SO, FOR THAT ONE, THE GFCI, THE ISSUE WITH THAT ONE IS WE DO HAVE PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL. WE HAVE OUTSIED INSPECTORS GO AND CHECK HOSE OUT. SO, WE DO HAVE TO PAY SOMEONE ELSE TO DO THAT INSPECTION. IT IS NOT OUR SPECIFIC CODE ENFORCER. SO, THAT THERE LIES THE PRICE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED WHAR IS THE INSPECTORS FEE? DON'T THEY HAVE TO PAY A FEE WHEN THEY GO OUT TO INSPECT THE PROPERTY?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER SAID IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THEIR HOURLY RATE IS. SO, WE HAVE BLII GAVIN. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR RATES AR OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD BUT \$55.00 AN HOUR AND UP. WE HAVE TO COVER THOSE COST AS WELL. SHE IS NOT SAYING TAKE IT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. WE CAN REVIEW SOME SECTIONS BASED ON THE COST OF THE JOB AND MAYBE WAIVE THE APPLICATION FEE IN THOSE INSTANCES BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE THEY ARE GETTING HIT WITH THE APPLICATION FEE AND JUST CHARGE FOR THE ACTUAL PERMIT. SO, THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DISCUSS BUT IT WOULD BE ACROSS THE BOARD SO IT'S FAIR FOR EVERYONE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED IF THE APPLICATION FEE IS \$100.00?

MS. WHITAKER SAID YES, IT IS. \$100.00 FOR EVERY \$1,000.00. THAT'S A BUILDING PERMIT. THAT'S SEPARATE. SO, BUILDING IS SEPARATE, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING. THEN YOU HAVE HEALTH, FIRE. EACH CATEGORY IS DIFFERENT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED IF PERHAPS THEY COULD GET A COPY OF THE FEE SCHEDULE BECAUSE OUR FEES ARE HIGHER THAN NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES AND TO HAVE CONTRACTORS...

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED THEY ARE NOT HIGHER. WE LOOKED AT LANSDOWNE, GLENOLDEN, SPRINGFIELD, MY MUNICIPALITY. WE HAVE A SPREADSHEET. BEFORE THIS BOARD PASSED THE CURRENT FEE SCHEDULE, WE DID A WHOLE STUDY, LIKE A YEAR, BEFORE THE BOARD PASSED THE FEE SCHEDULE.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE BOARD DID'NT DO WAS INCLUDE THE FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMEOWNERS. THESE FEES HAVE BEEN THE SAME SINCE 2011. THE ONLY THING THAT INCREASED WAS YOUR ANNUAL RENTAL INSPECTIONS AND YOUR U & O'S, I BELIEVE. AND THEN WE ADDED FEES FOR REINSPECTION. WE ADDED A FEE FOR THE SEWER LATERAL TEST. WE WERE GOING OUT TO DO THOSE SO WE ADDED FEES BUT THE RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR DID'NT INCREASE. THEY HAVE BEEN THE SAME FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED HE WILL GET THE DOCUMENTATION TO LOOK AT FOR NEXT YEAR BECAUSE IT IS KIND OF HARD FOR THE RESIDENTS. YOU GIVE SENIOR CITIZENS A DISCOUNT, YOU ALSO HAVE SINGLE FAMILIES. SINGLE HOMEOWNER PARENTS.
DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ HAD NO COMMENTS ON THE THIRD WARD. HE GAVE THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO THANKED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN SLOWING TRAFFIC ON SHARON AVENUE. SHE ALSO THANKED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR PROVIDING 25 MEALS AND VISITING 25 RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES FOR THE HOLIDAY. ONE OF THE RESIDENTS, CRYSTAL BELL NEEDS ACCESS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO HAVE AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM. IT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ARCH DIESCES. SHE SPOKE TO MR, KEARNEY ABOUT GETTING THAT DONE SOME TIME IN JANUARY. AS SHE GETS MORE INFORMATION SHE WILL PROVIDE IT TO THE BOARD. COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO ALSO SPOKE ON PARKS AND RECREATION STATING THAT THEY HAD A MEETING LAST NIGHT. IT WAS NOT WELL ATTENDED. HOPEFULLY THEY WILL HAVE A SCHEDULE STARTING IN JANUARY. SHE DOES NOT HAVE ANYTHING FOR THE LIBRARY AND SHE WISHED ALL SEASON'S GREETINGS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED HOW MANY PEOPLE ATTENDED THE MEETING?

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO ANSWERED, TWO PEOPLE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED YOURSELF AND ONE OTHER PERSON.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO SAID ME AND ONE OTHER PERSON.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED IF THAT PERSON WAS FROM WARD I OR WARD II?

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO SAID NO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT SHE CALLED A MEETING AND NOONE SHOWED UP.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH GAVE THE BOARD DOCUMENTS AND DISCUSSED THEM.

MS. POE, SECRETARY ASKED COMMISSIONER SMITH COPIES FOR THE MINUTES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ADDED THAT WARD I EXTENDS HOLIDAY GREETINGS.

MS, WHITAKER STATES THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS BOUGHT TO HER ATTENTION ON SOCIAL MEDIA. SHE NOTED WE HAVE FOUR PERSONNEL IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. SHE SAID WE ARE A SMALL MUNICIPALITY DIVIDED INTO

THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN SIDE OF TOWN. THEY HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH INJURIES, DEATH IN FAMILIES, THINGS LIKE THAT AND THEY HAVE BEEN GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND. SHE JUST WANT TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE THEM AND SAY THEY ARE A TEAM OF FOUR AND THRY DO THEIR JOBS DILIGENTLY AND GIVE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT. IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES OR COCERNS, LRT HER KNOW AS MANAGER. ALSO, 2022 PARKING PERMITS WILL GO ON SALE. THEY ARE STILL \$20 AND ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING 8AM TO 10AM AND 3PM TO 5PM. THE INFORMATION WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE.

BARRY MERLINO ASKED ABOUT MAKING COPIES.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED WE SPEND ANYWHERE BETWEEN 15 TO 20 MINUTES SO, WE ARE JUST ASKING PEOPLE TO COME PREPARED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON THE FLAGS.

MS. WHITAKER STATED SHE IWILL GETTHE COST FIRST AND SHE WILL BRING IT BACK TO THE BOARD.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO ADJOURN.

IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH.


FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER-SECOND. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



BEATRICE POE,
SECRETARY



ROBERT GOUGLER,
PRESIDENT