

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2022

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2022, AT 7:00PM AT STUDEVAN PLAZA, SHARON HILL (DARBY TOWNSHIP), PENNSYLVANIA, 19079.

ON ROLL CALL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS

OFFICIALS

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

COMMISSIONER LACEY OPENED THE FLOOR UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

LISA DANIEL, 915 POPLAR AVENUE.

MS. DANIEL WANTED TO TOUCH BASE WITH MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER ASKING DID SHE GET IN TOUCH WITH MIKE FROM THE TRASH COMPANY?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED SHE DID AND SHE FORWARDED THE EMAIL TO SAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND THEY ARE WORKING ON GETTING A MEETING TO TALK ABOUT THE INFORMATION SHE SENT. SHE ASKED ABOUT THE VIDEO SHOWN AND IT DOES NOT SHOW THE LEFT SIDE, WHEN MS. DANIELS SAY THEY ARE KIND OF HANGING OUT THERE.

MS. DANIELS STATED THE LEFT SIDE OF HER, THOSE NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN OUT SINCE OCTOBER BECAUSE THE HOUSE IS UP FOR SALE. THE PEOPLE AFTER THAT, THEY HAVE BEEN ON VACATION FOR TWO WEEKS. SO, FOR THFM TO BE SITTING THAT LONG ON HER PROPERTY, NOT EVEN PICKING UP HER TRASH, IS A LITTLE...

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER ASKED WAS ANYTHING OBSTRUCTING THE DRIVEWAY?

MS. DANIELS SAID NO. SHE ALSO THANKED MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER FOR PUTTING UP ALL THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS. SHE WENT ON TO SAY SHE WAS REALLY UPSET BECAUSE SHE SAT TWO AND A HALF HOURS AND READ ALL THE MEETINGS FOR THE LAST FOUR MONTHS. SHE TRIES TO MAKE ALL THE MEETINGS. THE ONE MEETING, SHE WAS UPSET ABOUT ALL THE COMMUNICATIONS GOING BACK BETWEEN ONE COMMISSIONER FIGHTING WITH THE OTHER COMMISSIONER AND THEY WANT TO PUT IT OUT IN THE MEETING, THAT'S A LITTLE UNCALLED FOR SHE STATED. SHE WAS REALLY UPSET TO SEE SOME OF THE COMMISSIONERS ACT LIKE THAT.

JOHN ROMANO, 629 HOOK ROAD.

MR. ROMANO ASKED THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER IF SHE KNOWS WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE MINI PUMP FOR THE FIRE COMPANY AND ARE THEY ACCEPTING BIDS?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED THE BOARD HAS NOT DECIDED WHAT THEY WANT TO DO WITH THAT YET. THEY JUST COMPLETED A FIRE STUDY FOR THE TOWNSHIP. THAT VEHICLE WAS PUT INTO CONSIDERATION. THEY WILL DISCUSS THE OVERALL CHANGES THAT WILL HAPPEN. THEY MAY HAVE TO PUT THAT ON MUNICIPAL BID. SO, IF YOU ARE REGISTERED WITH MUNICIPAL BID, YOU MAY WANT TO DO THAT.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR STATED YOU JUST ADVERTISE IT.

MR. ROMANO ALSO STATED HE WANTED TO PUBLICALLY CALL FOR THE RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER SMITH GIVEN THE CHARGES THAT ARE BOUGHT UPON HIM. I'D LIKE FOR HIM TO STEP DOWN.

RICHARD BENTON, 1545 FORRESTER AVENUE
MR. BENTON ASKED HOW MANY SAPLINGS (TREES) WERE INSTALLED IN COVERT PARK?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED SHE DIDN'T HAVE THE EXACT NUMBER.

MR. BENTON ASKED WAS THERE AN ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY DONE BEFORE ALL THOSE TREES WERE PUT THERE? IT LOOKS LIKE THERE IS GOING TO BE A FORREST TO HIM.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED THE GRANT MONEY RECEIVED FROM PECO AND THE PENNSYLVANIA MANAGEMENT SOCIETY FOR THE TREE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM. SOME OF THE TREES WILL DIE OFF AND SOME OF THE TREES IN THE PARK AREA PROVIDE SHADE AND FLOWERS IN THE PLAYGROUND AREA. MS. WHITAKER WILL FOLLOW UP WITH MR. BENTON TO LET HIM KNOW HOW MANY TREES ARE THERE.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

STACEY DANDRIDGE, 1214 TRIBBETT AVENUE.
MR. DANDRIDGE HAS CONCERNS ABOUT 1101 TRIBBETT AVENUE WHERE THE FRONT YARD WORK IS ALL TORN UP. IT HAS BEEN LIKE THAT FOR ABOUT SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED THE BUSINESS MANAGER IS AWARE AND IS GOING TO CHECK ON THE OWNER OF THAT PROPERTY. OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT WILL GO OUT THERE TOMORROW TO GET THAT PROCESS STARTED AND GET THE CONCRETE REMOVED SINCE NOBODY LIVES THERE, HE STATED. COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID THE PERSON WAS TAKING TOO LONG SO WE WANT TO VERIFY IF THERE WAS A PERMIT TO GET THAT DRIVEWAY REPLACED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2021. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST FOR DECEMBER 2021. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FROM NOVEMBER 2021. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED APPROVE THE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2021. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE DAVE DAMON AS ALTERNATE ENGINEER. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPOINT EMILY SKANE, WARD IV TO THE HEALTH BOARD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPOINT MARK MAFFEI, WARD V TO THE RECREATION BOARD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPOINT CAROL CONWAY, WARD II TO THE LIBRARY BOARD IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPOINT LINDA BRADLEY, WARD II TO THE ZONING BOARD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPOINT CALISTA BOBO TO THE TAXPAYER'S BOARD OF APPEALS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

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.

MR. PIERCE SOLICITOR ASKED MS. WHITAKER TO GO OVER QUOTES.

QUOTES ARE:

STEVE PICKHAVER ROOFING AND SIDING \$\$20,100.00 PLUS PERMIT COST

J. R. PECK CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC \$29,000.00

QUOTES ATTACHED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

COMMISSIONER FITZ- STEVE PICKHAVER ROOFING AND SIDING

COMMISSIONER LACEY- STEVE PICKHAVER ROOFING AND SIDING

THE ROLL CALL VOTE IS TIED, TWO TO TWO.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO CHANGED HER VOTE TO STEVE PICKHAVER ROOFING AND SIDING.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ALSO CHANGED HIS VOTE TO STEVE PICKHAVER ROOFING AND SIDING STATING HE IS CHANGING HIS VOTE TO VOTE WITH THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS TO GET THE JOB DONE.

MR. PIERCE ASKED COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO AND COMMISSIONER SMITH IF THEY ARE INDEED NOW VOTING FOR STEVE PICKHAVER ROOFING AND SIDING? COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO AND COMMISSIONER SMITH BOTH SAID YES. THE BID IS AWARDED TO STEVE PICKHAVER ROOFING AND SIDING.

MONTHLY REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT-GIVEN BY LISA CATANIA, ENGINEER.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO PREPARE A RFP FOR THE 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED THE ENGINEER TO REPEAT HER STATEMENT ABOUT 601 CLIFTON AVENUE.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ENGINEER'S REPORT.

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

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSIONER LACEY GAVE THE LICENSE AND INSPECTION REPORT TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 2021.

COMMISSIONER FITZ GAVE THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2021. HE ALSO WISHED THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WHO LOST FAMILY MEMBERS WELL AND HE THANKED THE EMS, FIRE, POLICE AND THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS WHO ASISTED IN THE FIRE ON NORTH ACADEMY AVENUE. HE SAID IT WAS A JOB WELL DONE.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO CONGRATULATED COUNCILPERSON RICHARD WOMACK FOR BEING ELECTED TO DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL. SHE ALSO NOTIFIED ALL THAT THERE IS A NEW COVID 19 TESTING SITE AT THE TRAINING CENTER ON CALCON HOOK & TRIBBITT AVENUE. THE DAYS ARE MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY. FOR PARKS & RECREATION CONWAY PARK TASK FORCE HAD A VERY GOOD MEETING. THEY WILL HAVE A MEETING ON JANUARY 20TH AT THE SENIOR CENTER. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE. THE FLIER IS ON THE TOWNSHIP FACEBOOK PAGE AND THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE. ON THE 20TH THERE WILL BE A SURVEY THAT ANYONE CAN TAKE TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT YOU WANT DONE IN CONWAY PARK.

COMMISSIONER SMITH PROPOSED AND MADE A MOTION TO USE 601 CLIFTON AVENUE AS A COMMUNITY RESOURCE BUILDING. ONCE THE WORK IS COMPLETED, HE WOULD LIKE TO GET IN THE BUILDING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO START PROGRAMS. HE IS HOPING THE BOARD COULD COME TOGETHER FOR SOME IDEAS TO USE THAT BUILDING BY MARCH.

COMMISSIONER LACEY ASKED IF THAT WAS A MOTION TO HAVE THE BUILDING READY BY MARCH?

COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID NO. TO SIT DOWN AND MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE NECESSARY ITEMS LIKE INTERNET AND TABLES. TO DO A WALK THROUGH TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS WORKING TO USE THE BUILDING AS A RESOURCE CENTER. ALSO, COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED, JUST SO THE RESIDENTS ARE AWARE, THE TOWNSHIP HAS AGREED TO REPLACE THE BENCH THAT WAS BROKEN AT FORRESTER AND CLIFTON AVENUES. THE TOWNSHIP FLAG WAS ADDRESSED BY THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER AND HE THANKED MS. WHITAKER.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER FITZ-NONE

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-NONE

COMMISSIONER SMITH HAD A QUESTION FOR THE CHIEF. HE WANTED TO KNOW IS CAR #6707 GOING TO BE REPLACED OR FIXED?

CHIEF SOUSA SAID CAR #6707 IS A PICKUP TRUCK BUT THE CAR AT LARRY'S IS NOT WORTH FIXING.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO REPLACE THAT VEHICLE WITH THE R CAP MONEY.

COMMISSIONER LACEY ASKED IF THE VEHICLE IS INSURED?

CHIEF SOUSA STATED ALL THE INFORMATION WAS SENT TO DIANE.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY SAID HE THINKS THEY NEED TO GET MORE INFORMATION.
MOTION FAILED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ADJOURN.


COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN.

IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ.

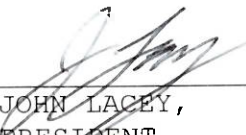
FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



BEATRICE POE,
SECRETARY



JOHN LACEY,
PRESIDENT