

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2021

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2021 AT 7:00PM. DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS, DARBY TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED REMOTELY VIA TELEPHONE OR COMPUTER.

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

ON ROLL CALL, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS

OFFICIALS

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENT - NONE

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020 AT 12:00 PM TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021 AT 6:00 PM TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2020. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPIES ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 21, 2020. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPIES ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE LIST OF BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2020. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 2020 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2020 AND OCTOBER 2020 TRESURER'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR TO ADVERTISE THE NEW MILLAGE RATE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. IT WAS PROPERLY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE INCREASE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE DELCORA AQUA RESOLUTION 2021-01 OF ACT 537 PLAN UPDATE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY RETIREMENT OF OFFICER EDWARD MONGOLLUZO. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GOUGLER. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF CAMERAS AT THE POLICE BUILDING. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF GARAGE DOOR UPGRADES WITH REMOTE ACCESS FOR THE POLICE STATION. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GOUGLER. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO REAPPOINT DEBORAH DILLUZIO TO THE HEALTH BOARD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPOINT THERESA M. MYERS TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO REAPPOINT TONYA GROBES TO THE HEALTH BOARD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO REAPPOINT VENESSA POE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO REAPPOINT TERRYL QUARELES TO THE PLANNING BOARD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO REAPPOINT WILLIAM GLISSON TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO REAPPOINT EDWARD MIDDAUGH TO PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO REAPPOINT KAREN KELLY-BARLUP TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO REAPPOINT ROBERT GOUGLER TO THE LOCAL TAXPAYER BOARD OF APPEALS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

MONTHLY REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORTS-GIVEN BY LISA CATANIA, ENGINEER

MS. CATANIA SPOKE ON THE CDBG THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE HOUSING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND IS COMPLETED. ALSO, THE DCNR GRANT NEEDS A LIST OF THE TASK FORCE MEMBERS AND POSITION. THE DCNR WILL REVIEW IT AND DETERMINE WHETHER ANYTHING FURTHER IS NEEDED. SHE IS HOPING TO GET THE PLAY EQUIPMENT CONFIRMED FOR THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT. SHE SPOKE ON COROLUZO IS DOING THE STORM SEWER SYSTEM AND THE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY. IT MAY BE FINISHED TODAY. SHE HAS NO MORE INFORMATION ON THE DEMOLITION FOR 608 AND 610. DELAWARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING A LIST OF PROJECTS THAT MAY BE SEEN AS A WISH LIST.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED ABOUT THE PARKING STUDY. HE ALSO ASKED IF SEPTA TRASH CANS COULD BE REQUESTED FOR ALL THE BUS STOPS.

MS. CATANIA TALKED ABOUT THE STREET SCAPES PROGRAMS.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATON ON THE SPEED BUMPS AND A GRANT CALLED RUBBLE STREETS.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

MS. WHITAKER EXPLAINED THIS COULD BE REQUESTED FROM A COMMISSIONER THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE ENGINEER TO TAKE A LOOK A THIS PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE ENGINEER'S REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2020 AND NOVEMBER 2020. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPIES ATTACHED.

SOLICITOR'S REPORTS-MICHAEL PIERCE, SOLICITOR

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE SOLICITOR'S REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020. IT WAS PROPERLY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FIVE APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED. COPIES ATTACHED.

POLICE REPORTS-GIVEN BY CHIEF SOUSA

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE THE POLICE REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2020. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPIES ATTACHED.

MANAGER SPOKE ON THE NEW MILLAGE RATE IS 8.8955 SHE ALSO SPOKE ON PARKING PASSES AVAILABLE AT TOWNSHIP AND SHORTLY AT THE POLICE STATION. THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WILL BE OPEN LATE NIGHT ON THURSDAY UNTIL 7:00PM. ALSO, ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021 FROM 1:00PM TO 3:00PM.

MS. WHITAKER COMMUNICATED THAT AT A PREVIOUS MEETING A QUESTION ABOUT FUNDS FOR THE LIBRARY WAS BOUGHT UP AND WHETHER OR NOT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS GIVING MONEY TO THE TOWNSHIP YEARLY. SHE HAD THE TREASURER LOOK IT UP AND IT IS \$1,051.38 IN THE ACCOUNT. THE LAST DEPOSIT WAS ON APRIL 4, 2017. THE LIBRARY HAS NOT BEEN GETTING MONEY FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT YEARLY. THE DEPLETION OF FUNDS CAME FROM DIFFERENT BILLS AND EXPENSES LIKE PECO BILL, ETC.

SHE THANK ED THE BOARD FOR APPROVING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO STATED THAT, MOVING FORWARD, THE LIBRARY FUNDS GIVEN BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHOULD BE USED FOR BOOKS AND OTHER ARTICLES THAT THE STUDENTS USE.

MS. WHITAKER STATED THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHOULD REQUEST THAT WHEN ALLOCATING THE FUNDS.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO REQUESTED TO SEE THE VENDING BOOK FOR PARKS & RECREATION. SHE IS HOPING THAT "WHEN THE SHIP IS RIGHTED", SHE IS HOPING TO SEE A LIBRARY GETTING A LIBRARY IN THE LOWER END.

SHE ASKED ABOUT THE PROPERTIES ON CLIFTON AVENUE AND WHAT IS THE RECOURSE.

MS. CATANIA STATED THAT 608, THE RECOURSE WOULD COME FROM THE SOLICITOR. SOMETHING WILL BE SENT OVER TO THE COUNTY. SHE SAID THE PROPERTY WILL BE LIENED ON BEHALF OF THE

COUNTY AND THE TOWNSHIP. THE NEXT THING WOULD BE THE FORMAL LETTER STATING WE HAVE HEARD FROM HER.

MR. PIERCE SAID THAT IS CORRECT AND HE WILL CONFIRM ANY NOTIFICATION.

MS. WHITAKER SAID THE DEMOLITION APPLICATION GRANT WAS SENT. SHE WILL BE SENDING THEM PICTURES AND OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND THEY ARE CURRENT IN TAXES.

AS FAR AS 610, SHE MADE CONTACT AND RECEIVED A CALL BACK. IT SOUNDS AS IF THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL BE TAKING POSSESSION OF THAT PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER ASKED IF THIS MOTION COULD BE HELD OFF UNTIL THE COMPANIES MET. COMMISSIONER LACEY STATED WE JUST APPROVED TO BRING IN A SPECIALIST TO GET RECOMMENDATIONS.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH RESINDED HIS MOTION AND MOVED TO HAVE GOODWILL GET THEIR LOCAL BACK TEMPORARILY.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO TABLE THE MOTION UNTIL THE JANUARY 2021 MEETING TO DISCUSS THE LOCAL. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO SPOKE ON THE VEGETATION AND CREEK BED AND SHE ANTICIPATES THE HIGHWAY WOULD BE CUT DOWN AND SPRAYED. AS FAR AS THE LIBRARY, SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT FUNDS CAME IN. MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES WERE DRAWN DOWN FROM THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING. LAST, MS. COOPER ON THE HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT IS LISTED INCORRECTLY. SHE WAS APPOINTED IN FEBRUARY.

COMMISSIONER FITZ SPOKE ON THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER LACEY READ TOTALS FOR OCTOBER 2020 (\$18,598.00) AND NOVEMBER 2020 (\$13,580.50).

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER STATED WE HAVE A POSITIVE BUDGET WITH NO INCREASE OTHER THAN SEWER.

MS. NICOLE, MANAGER ASKED THE BOARD TO EMAIL BEATRICE POE WITH ANY INFORMATION ON APPOINTMENT ISSUES OR CONCERNS. NEW APPOINTMENTS WILL BE DONE AT THE JANUARY MEETING.

SHE THANKED THE BOARD FOR THEIR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR RETAINING HER. SHE ALSO THANKED THE STAFF, HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR THOMAS THORPE, AND THE ENTIRE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, OUR CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT, SHE ALSO THANKED LISA CATANIA AND MIKE PIERCE. SHE WISHED ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

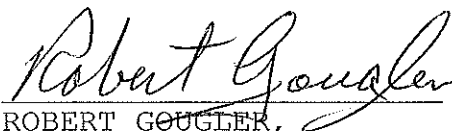
ALL WISHED HAPPY HOLIDAYS BEFORE THE MEETING AJOURNED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



BEATRICE POE,
SECRETARY



ROBERT GOUGLER,
PRESIDENT