

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 12, 2023

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON JULY 12, 2023, AT 7:00PM AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING, SHARON HILL, PA 19079.

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

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

OFFICIALS

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER
MR. SOUSA, CHIEF OF POLICE
MS. POE, SECRETARY
MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR
MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER
MR. CHILDS, FIRE CHIEF

CITIZEN COMMENT

CLARENCE GANS-1319 BURTON AVE-ADRESSED THE SPEEDING PROBLEM AND VEHICLES GOING THROUGH STOP SIGNS. MR. GANS PASSED OUT A LETTER TO THE BOARD. A COPY IS ON FILE WITH THE TOWNSHIP.

JOAN (INAUDIBLE) 1040 BROOKWOOD LANE REQUESTED TO SPEAK TO THE POLICE CHIEF AFTER THE MEETING.

SANCHIA GOMEZ-1424 CLIFTON AVE-HAD COMPLAINTS ABOUT PEOPLE GOING THROUGH STOP SIGNS ON HER STREET, WHICH IS THE INTERSECTION OF CLIFTON AND ROOSEVELT DR. SHE ALSO DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE PURPOSE OF THE NEWSPAPER WAS BUT SHE FELT IT IS IN POOR TASTE.

CRAIG 624 S. GARFIELD HAS CONCERNS ABOUT OVERNIGHT PARKING AND CARS NOT GETTING TICKETS. HE ALSO HAS CONCERNS ABOUT WHEN THE TRASH TRUCK COMPRESS THEIR LOADS IT LEAKS ALL OVER THE STREET AND IT SMELLS. HE STATED THAT 619, BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES, THERE IS SOME KIND OF SCREEN THEY PUT UP. IT IS SIX FEET HIGH.

ALICIA CARR-638 MAGNOLIA-SPOKE ABOUT THE MAY 10TH DARBY TOWNSHIP MEETING WHERE MEMBERS FROM GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY EXPRESSED THEIR FEELING ABOUT THE SLANDER FROM HER. SHE STATED SHE DOES NOT ENGAGE IN THOSE BEHAVIORS. AS A TAXPAYER SHE IS WITHIN HER RIGHT TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FIRE COMPANIES. SHE STATED HER REASONS WHY GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY SHOULD BE DECERTIFIED BY DARBY TOWNSHIP.

REVEREND JUSTIN COHEN, 7218 BRENT ROAD, UPPER DARBY, COUNTY LEVEL CHAPLAIN FOR THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. HE IS THE

LIASON BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE VETERANS. AFTER GIVING A BRIEF HISTORY ON VETERANS AND HIS ORGANIZATION, HE LEFT HIS BROCHURE WHICH IS ON FILE WITH THE TOWNSHIP.

TIBERIAS BOBO-FELTON AVENUE, CHIEF BOBO ASKED ABOUT FUNDING FOR FIRE ENGINES.

COMMISSIONER LACEY STATED THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING INTO IT AND THAT IS ALL THE INFORMATION HE HAS AT THIS TIME.

CHIEF BOBO STATED AS USUAL THE FIRE COMPANY IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

WALTER REALER-1433 WALTER AVENUE-MR. REALER ASKED WHAT THE CONTINGENCY PLAN IS IF A COMMISSIONER IS UNABLE TO FINISH HIS TERM?

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR STATED THERE IS A PROCESS FOR FIRST-CLASS TOWNSHIP.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CLOSED PUBLIC COMMENT.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON MAY 30, 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON JUNE 6, 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE LIST OF BILLS FOR JUNE 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2023 TREASURERS REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE ROAD PROGRAM FINAL STREET LIST. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER READ THE LIST. DISCUSSION ENSUED. FIVE APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE FIRE LINE EQUIPMENT TO PUT THE 1996 SPARTAN FERRARA PUMPER-BRIARCLIFFE UP FOR SALE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED AUTHORIZE BID FOR THE ROAD PROGRAM. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE FIRE LINE EQUIPMENT TO PUT THE 1998 SPARTAN FERRARA PUMPER-GOODWILL UP FOR SALE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT-MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER

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

SOLICITOR REPORT GIVEN BY MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE THE SOLICITOR'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT GIVEN BY CHIEF SOUSA.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE POLICE REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 REPORT GIVEN BY CHIEF EICHELMAN.

DARBY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 4 REPORT GIVEN BY CHIEF CHILDS. CHIEF BOBO HAD TO ATTEND DRILL.

DARBY TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF REPORT GIVEN BY CHIEF CHILDS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DARBY TOWNSHIP FIRE REPORTS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPIES ATTACHED.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT GIVEN BY JAMES CHILDS IN THE ABSENCE OF RUFUS STOKES, FIRE MARSHAL. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

COMMISSIONER FITZ, WARD III-GAVE THE HIGHWAY REPORT. COPY ATTACHED. A SPECIAL THANK YOU WAS GIVEN TO THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR ALL THE TREE REMOVAL AND STORM SEWER RECOVERIES THAT THEY HAD TO DO IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS WITH ALL THE RAIN.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-GAVE HER REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION. SHE SPOKE ON PEOPLE DRIVING THROUGH THE PARK, DRIVING THROUGH THE PLAYGROUND. THE PARK IS NOW BLOCKED OFF ON ONE SIDE. SHE IS ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS NOT TO DRIVE THROUGH OR INTO THE PARK. IT IS A SAFETY ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

COMMISSIONER LACEY, WARD IV-GAVE THE LICENSE & INSPECTIONS REPORT. COPY ATTACHED.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO CONSIDER HAVING SPEED BUMPS INSTALLED MIDWAY BETWEEN BURTON AND FORRESTER AVE AND MIDWAY ON CLIFTON FROM ROOSEVELT DRIVE TOWARDS FORRESTER AVE, BETWEEN THE TWO STOP SIGNS.

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER STATED SHE PUT TOGETHER A PROCESS THAT THEY SHOULD GO THROUGH. SHE HEARS OFTEN THERE IS A NECESSITY FOR SPEED BUMPS. SHE SUGGESTS DOING A SPEED STUDY. THERE ARE OTHER TRAFFIC CALMING PROCEDURES THAT COULD BE DONE.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO STATED THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE TRASH TRUCKS AND THE CURRENT CONTRACT WHICH IS COMING TO AN END. SHE WANTS TO PUT A MOTION OUT TO AUTHORIZE THE DRAFTING OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BIDDING OUT THE TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION. SHE IS SUGGESTING THE TOWNSHIP CAN SHARE THIS WITH FOLCROFT BOROUGH. COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR STATED THAT FOLCROFT ALREADY AWARDED THEIR DRAFT AND PUT OUT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR STATED THE PROCEDURE WOULD BE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND GO FROM THERE.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO AMENDED HER MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT BIDDING OUT THE TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION FOR DARBY TOWNSHIP. IT WAS PROPERLY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.


COMMISSIONER FITZ-NONE.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-NONE.


COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO ADJOURN. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



BEATRICE POE,
SECRETARY



JOHN LACEY,
PRESIDENT