

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 15,2022

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON JUNE 15, 2022, AT 7:00PM AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING, SHARON HILL (DARBY TOWNSHIP), PENNSYLVANIA, 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

OFFICIALS

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

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER
MR. COOPER, DEPUTY CHIEF
MS. POE, SECRETARY
MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR
MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER

ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022, 6:00 P.M. THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL MATTERS.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-OPENED THE FLOOR TO CITIZENS COMMENTS.

TIBERIAS BOBO, STATION 76 FIRE CHIEF 704 FELTON AVENUE
MR. BOBO ASKED ABOUT THE POSITION OF FIRE MARSHAL SINCE IT IS ON THE AGENDA AND WANTED TO KNOW WHO THE CANDIDATE IS.

COMMISSIONER LACEY STATED THAT IT WOULD BE TABLED SINCE THEY ARE STILL OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM THE TWO CANDIDATES.

ALISHIA CARR, 638 MAGNOLIA AVENUE
MS. CARR THANKED THE BOARD FOR THE NEW TREE AT THE MADISON AND BEECH PLAYGROUND AND THE TREE TRIMMING BY WILLIAMS TREE SERVICE. ALSO, THE LARGE PORTION OF THE TREE WHICH WAS SPLITTING WAS RECOMMENDED TO TOM FOR THE FULL REMOVAL OF THE TREE THAT SITS ON THE CORNER OF BEECH AND MADISON. IT IS ROTTING AT THE ROOT AND WITH THE STORMS IT IS A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. WILLIAMS CONCURED WITH THE ELECTRICAL WIRES THERE, THE CARS PARKED THERE AND THE CHILDREN. THE FULL REMOVAL WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY, \$2,000.00.

MS. CARR ALSO ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY PUBLIC UPDATES TO THE FIRE COMPANIES PLAN OF ACTION AVAILABLE ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AND PUBLIC UPDATES FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN?

THERE WERE NONE.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR EXPLAINED THERE IS NO MONEY AVAILABLE YET.

MS. CARR ALSO ASKED HOW MUCH FUNDING WAS RECEIVED BY THE TOWNSHIP FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER EXPLAINED THAT WE RECEIVED THE FIRST PAYMENT LAST YEAR WHICH WAS A LITTLE OVER \$400,000.00. THE TOWNSHIP SHOULD BE RECEIVING THE SECOND ALLOTMENT THIS YEAR. WHICH WAS NOT ALLOCATED YET.

MS. CARR REQUESTED TO USE \$2,500.00 OF THAT FUNDING TO HAVE THAT ONE TREE REMOVED.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED SHE DID RECEIVE A CALL TODAY ABOUT THE TREE THAT WAS SPLIT AND SHE APPROVED TO TAKE THAT ONE DOWN. SHE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THE ONE ON THE CORNER SO SHE WILL LOOK AT THAT ONE.

MS. CARR STATED THAT IN REVIEWING THE BUDGET, 62 PERCENT OF THE TOWNSHIP REVENUE IS FROM RESIDENTIAL TAXES. SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF THAT INCLUDED DELINQUENT TAXES.

BARRY MERLINO, TAX COLLECTOR STATED HE IS NOT SURE BECAUSE HE DEALS WITH CURRENT TAXES BUT HE CAN GET HER THAT INFORMATION FOR HER.

MS. CARR OFFERED TO SEND MR. MERLINO AN EMAIL. SHE ASKED WHAT HEART AND LUNG IS.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR ANSWERED IT IS A SPECIFIC BENEFIT THAT IS ATTRIBUTED TO POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE INJURED IN SERVICE. THIS BENEFIT IS FOR FULL-TIME.

MS. CARR ASKED IF WE HAD A NEW TRASH SERVICE.

COMMISSIONER LACEY REMARKED THAT IT IS STILL THE SAME TRASH SERVICE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED MS. CARR TO EXPLAIN HER QUESTION ABOUT THE FIRE STUDY.

MS. CARR EXPLAINED THERE WAS A LINE ITEM IN THE 2022 BUDGET THAT SAID A FIRE SAFETY PLAN WOULD BE PUT IN PLACE BY THE TOWNSHIP. SHE THOUGHT A GROUP WOULD BE COMING TOGETHER TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT AS A WHOLE FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S PERSPECTIVE. HER CONCERNS ARE THAT SINCE WE ARE DOWN ONE FIRE COMPANY, THE TOWNSHIP IS BEING PRO-ACTIVE ABOUT THE EXSISTING SERVICES.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED THAT THE TOWNSHIP IS IN THE PROCESS OF HAVING THE REPORT UPDATED TO REFLECT TWO COMPANIES. WE ARE PLANNING TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY FOR RESIDENTS TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS ABOUT FIRE SERVICES. THE MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE JULY CAUCUS

MEETING AND THE JULY REGULAR MEETING. THERE WILL BE AN HOUR AND A HALF ALLOTTED FOR RESIDENTS TO COME OUT TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS. MS. CARR THANKED MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER AND MS. POE, SECRETARY FOR GETTING THE MINUTES AND BUDGET ON THE WEBSITE.

JOYCLYN JONES, 1440 FORRESTER AVENUE
MS. JONES STATED SHE WAS PRESENT AT THE LAST MEETING AND SPOKE ABOUT WEEDS GROWING IN THE BACK OF HER PROPERTY. THE MORE RAIN, THE WEEDS ARE GETTING LONGER, GETTING CLOSER TO THE PROPERTY AND PREVENTING THE MAN FROM CUTTING THE GRASS IN THE BACK. MS. WHITAKER HAD SOMEONE COME OUT TO CUT AROUND IT BUT IT WAS NEVER CLEANED OUT SHE SAID. SHE IS REQUESTING AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS ON GETTING ALL THOSE WEEDS TAKEN OUT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED THE WHOLE THING NEEDS TO BE TAKEN DOWN. HE STATED HE WILL CHECK ON THAT.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

MS. JONES ASKED WHAT THE PROTOCOL WAS FOR RESIDENTS NOT CUTTING THEIR GRASS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED THE COMMISSIONERS ARE THINKING ABOUT OPTIONS.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ STATED IT WOULD BE TOO MUCH FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO TASK SINCE IT IS ONLY FOUR OF THEM. THAT MAY BE SOMETHING TO SUB OUT TO AN OUTSIDE COMPANY TO DO A FULL CLEAN OUT BACK THERE.

MS. JONES STATED THAT MS. WHITAKER HAD SAID SHE WOULD HAVE SPECIALIST COME OUT TO ASSESS THE AREA.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER SAID SHE WOULD FOLLOW UP WITH THOMAS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH REQUESTED TO COMMUNICATE TOMORROW VIA EMAIL. HE RECOMMENDED THAT AN OUTSIDE SERVICE COME AND REMOVE THOSE ITEMS, AS WELL AS THE TREE THAT JUST FELL DOWN IN CONWAY PARK IN THE CREEK. HE SAID IT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN OUT. IT CAN BE DONE ALL TOGETHER WITH THE SAME COMPANY.

MS. JONES ASKED ABOUT PROTOCOL WHEN RESIDENTS DO NOT CUT THEIR GRASS. SHE STATED SHE HAD CALLED JOHN METTS BUT DID NOT GET A CALL BACK.

COMMISSIONER FITZ REQUESTED SHE CONTACT HER COMMISSIONER AND HAVE HIM REACH OUT TO CODE ENFORCEMENT AND OR THE MANAGER TO SET THAT UP. HE STATED JOHN METTS IS OUT ON MEDICAL LEAVE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED HER TO EMAIL MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER AND COPY HIM ON THE EMAIL.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

MS. JONES STATED COMMISSIONER SMITH PLACED THE "CURB YOUR DOG" SIGN IN FRONT OF HER HOUSE BUT SHE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE OF THE SIGN BECAUSE NO ONE IS OBEYING IT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED THAT THE PERSON WHO REQUESTED THE SIGN IS NOT HERE AND THE SIGN IS CLOSER TO HER PROPERTY.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED A NOTICE WILL GO UP AND INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT IN THE AREA.

DAN LASALLE, 1018 LAWNTON TERRACE
MR. LASALLE WANTS TO KNOW WHEN THEY OBTAINED THE FIRE APARATUS. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THEY PAID FOR THEM AND WHAT THEY ARE CONSIDERED. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE LIST.

(INAUDIBLE) 6 STRATFORD ROAD
QUESTIONED THE ORDINANCE FOR BILLING.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR STATED HE GAVE IT TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR INITIAL REVIEW AND IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE FIRE COMPANIES AFTER THAT.

THERE WAS NO OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT. COMMISSIONER LACEY CLOSED PUBLIC COMMENT.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON MAY 11, 2022. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ETALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST FOR MAY 2022. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE REHIRE OF HARRY DINGLER, PART-TIME, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07 FOR THE STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350,500.00. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO AND COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO INSPECT COVERT PARK FOR EROSION. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE WAWA PROJECT NO. 8160 ESCROW RELEASE NO. 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,798.00 TO 1200 CALCON HOOK ROAD INVESTMENT LLC. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH QUESTIONED, ASKING WHAT WAS THE PAYMENT FOR?

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR ANSWERED IT IS FOR PUBLIC SITE IMPROVEMENTS.

MS. WHITAKER MANAGER STATED THAT AS THEY MOVE THROUGH THE PROJECT, THEY ASKED FOR RELEASE OF A CERTAIN DOLLAR AMOUNT TO RELEASE MONEY OF THEIR BOND AND THIS IS NUMBER 3.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED TO NOTE THAT THEY DO NOT USE REBARBED WIRE FOR THE SIDEWALK. IF THEY ARE GOING TO DO THIS PROJECT, THEY SHOULD DO IT CORRECTLY AND THE INSPECTORS ARE MAKING SURE THAT THE SIDEWALKS ARE THE RIGHT DIMENSIONS. HE SAID, IF TWO PEOPLE WALK ON THAT SIDEWALK, NORTH, AND SOUTH, THEY ARE GOING TO BUMP EACH OTHER BECAUSE THE SIDEWALK IS TOO SMALL. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT ELECTRICAL LINES WERE DESTROYED DURING CONSTRUCTION SO THE LIGHT DOES NOT LIGHT UP. HE REPORTED IT TO THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED THEY ASKED FOR A DOLLAR AMOUNT HIGHER THAN THIS, AFTER THE ALTERNATE ENGINEER REVIEWED IT, BASED ON HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECT HE CAME UP WITH THIS DOLLAR AMOUNT BECAUSE ALL ITEMS WERE NOT COMPLETED. SHE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH HIM TO FIND OUT REGARDING THE SIDEWALK.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVE TO HIRE CHRISTOPHER BOLDEN, FULL-TIME, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE PENDING THE RESULTS OF A BACKGROUND CHECK. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO TABLE NUMBER 12 AGENDA ITEM. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVE TO PAY INVOICE NO. 9987 TO 95 SIGNS FOR THE LETTERING DETAILING OF OFFICER IN CHARGE UNIT LOCATED IN STATION 76, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,640.00. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A BASKETBALL BACKBOARD PACKET FROM TOPHOOPS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,858.00. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON CLEARVIEW LANDFILL AREA. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ.

THERE WAS A QUESTION FROM COMMISSIONER SMITH WHO ASKED WHAT AREA WAS SHE TALKING ABOUT?

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO STATED THE AREA IN DARBY TOWNSHIP.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED WAS IT ACROSS THE CREEK IN WARD II?

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO SAID YES.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO INSPECT 1114 LINDEN AVENUE WHICH MAY BE UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

THERE WAS A QUESTION FROM COMMISSIONER SMITH WHO WANTED TO KNOW IF THE TOWNSHIP CONTACTED THE OWNER OF THAT PROPERTY?

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR STATED IT WOULD BE PART OF THE PROCESS WHEN THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER GOES TO INSPECT IT.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT, LISA CATANIA

MS. CATANIA READ HER REPORT AND ADDED THAT INITIAL INFORMATION SHE HAD SENT A YEAR AGO CONCERNING THE LANDFILL. SHE JUST CHECKED THE WEBSITE TODAY AND IT SAYS THAT THERE MAY HAVE A REMEDIATION PLAN ON THE PHILADELPHIA SIDE. SHE IS NOT AWARE THAT EPA HAS REACHED OUT TO DARBY TOWNSHIP BUT SHE WILL CONTACT JOSH BARBER FROM EPA.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER IF THERE WAS AN UPDATE ON THE BRIDGE ON FORRESTER AVENUE AND WHO OWNS THAT BRIDGE.

MS. CATANIA STATED THAT AS SHE NOTED IN HER E-MAIL, SHE HAS A SOURCE WITH PENNDOT THAT SHE IS ABLE TO GO INTO PENNDOT, THEY HAVE A BRIDGE CONDITIONS. THAT BRIDGE IS NOT NOTED ON THAT PARTICULAR PENNDOT WEBSITE. PENNDOT HAS NO RECORD OF IT. SHE SAID, THAT'S LOCAL. THERE IS MUNICIPAL, STATE AND COUNTY BRIDGES ON THAT MAPPING AND THERE IS NOTHING. THE ONLY RECORDS SHE HAS RIGHT NOW ARE IN A SEED BOX BECAUSE HER GARAGE HAS BEEN TORN DOWN AND SHE CANNOT GET TO THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE ALL BOXED UP. SHE DOES NOT KNOW

WHETHER THERE IS RECORD HERE OF ANY KIND OF DEDICATION OF FORRESTER THAT MIGHT HAVE THAT BRIDGE INFORMATION ON IT BUT AS OF NOW SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHO OWNS THAT BRIDGE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID HE SPOKE TO THE COUNTY AND THEY SAID THE BRIDGE BELONGS TO DARBY TOWNSHIP.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ALSO ASKED, IN REGARD TO FORRESTER AVENUE, IF THERE WAS ANYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE WITH THE CREEK AREA THAT IS DIVIDING (INAUDIBLE) IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CREEK.

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER STATED THAT SHE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT SHE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO DO ANYTHING WITH THAT BUT WE DO NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED MS. CATANIA IF SHE GOT A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THE 1500 BLOCK OF FORRESTER AVENUE HOLES AND SINKING AREA WHERE THE UPSIDE-DOWN CONE IS?

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER STATED SHE SPOKE TO THOMAS ABOUT THAT AND HE WAS GOING TO HAVE A CONTRACTOR DO SOME REPAIR THERE BUT SHE WILL CHECK WITH THOMAS. SHE KNOWS HE HAS A LOT ON HIS PLATE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED ABOUT THE DRAIN AT THE BRIDGE THAT IS COLLAPSING AND IT NEEDS TO BE REBUILT. DOES SHE HAVE AN UPDATE ON THAT?

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER STATED SHE REPORTED THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS THAT INLET WAS ON THE ROAD PROGRAM LIST.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE SURVEY TO DETER THE SPEEDING ON FORRESTER AVENUE.

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER STATED THAT THE TYPICAL PROCEDURE WOULD BE THAT THERE WOULD BE A SPEED STUDY DONE FIRST AND THOSE SCHEDULES ARE VERY BACKED UP. THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE THAT SERVICE FROM ANOTHER POLICE COMPANY IS ACTUALLY DOING THAT WORK FOR THE TOWNSHIP. ONCE WE HAVE ALL OF THAT INFORMATION IT WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO HER AND SHE WILL BE ABLE TO GO THROUGH AND COME UP WITH SOME ALTERNATIVES FOR TRAFFIC CALMING.

CHIEF SOUSA STATED THE MACHINE COST \$3,600.00 AND HE SUGGEST THAT THE TOWNSHIP BUY ONE.

DISCUSSION ENSUED ABOUT THE SPEED BUMPS, RED LIGHTS CAMERAS AND TRAFFIC CALMING.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER ABOUT THE PROJECTIONS FOR THE CALCON HOOK ROAD AND THE FORMER GAS STATION THERE.

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER STATED SHE WAS ASKED TO DO A PROPERTY AND TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY. THE HENDERSON GROUP HAS NOT GIVEN HER ANY INFORMATION TO MOVE ANY FARTHER FROM THAT. SHE DOES NOT HAVE ANYMORE INFORMATION THAT SHE CAN GIVE AND SHE COULD NOT GIVE IT TO HIM IN THE PUBLIC OR FOR THE PUBLIC UNTIL IT GETS PUBLICLY SUBMITTED TO TOWNSHIP.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED MS. WHITAKER TO FIND OUT THE LAST TIME THAT PROPERTY WAS TRANSFERRED. HE STATED HE HAS THE ANSWERS. HE STATED HE WANTS THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED BECAUSE A FEW YEARS AGO IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE CONTAMINATED LAND AND THAT YOU COULD NOT BUILD ON IT BECAUSE IT SINKS. NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN IT IS NOW ABLE TO BE DEVELOPED. HE THINKS THE RESIDENTS NEED TO KNOW WHAT IS COMING TO THE COMMUNITY.

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER STATED THAT SHE NOTED IN HER E-MAIL BACK TO COMMISSIONER SMITH ON THE 27TH THAT WHERE THAT IS INDUSTRIAL AREA AND AS LONG AS THE CONTAMINATION IS PERMITTED PROPERLY WITH DEP THERE CAN BE DEVELOPMENT THERE. SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THAT DEVELOPMENT WILL BE. SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THE EXTENT OF THE CONTAMINATION IS. SHE IS ASSUMING THAT IF THERE WAS A LAND TRANSFER WHICH SHE DOES NOT KNOW, SOMEBODY DID IN PHASE ONE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ON IT. THEY WOULD KNOW WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS, WHAT THE CONDITION AND WHAT THE EXTENT OF THE CONTAMINATION WAS AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY COULD DO ANYTHING WITH THE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED, SOME TIME AGO THERE WERE HOUSES ALL THROUGH THAT SIDE OF DARBY TOWNSHIP. LAND DEVELOPMENT CAME THROUGH, HIS GRANDFATHER'S HOUSE WAS ONE OF THOSE PROPERTIES THAT THEY SAID WAS NO GOOD LAND AND NOW IT IS GOOD TO BE USED, THEN MAYBE WE COULD PUT SOME OTHER STUFF THERE. ASK THE RESIDENTS WHAT WE WANT IN OUR COMMUNITY. PEOPLE JUST BUY LAND, BUILD CONSTRUCTION SITES OR WHATEVER THEY WANT TO DO. THEY DON'T HIRE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. IT'S NOT BENEFICIAL FOR THE RESIDENTS. THERE ARE A LOT OF BUSINESSES NOT PAYING A TAX...

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER SAID SHE DID MEET WITH BRIAN SMITH FROM THE HENDERSON GROUP LAST WEEK. HE APPARENTLY RECEIVED SOME PHONE CALLS AND INQUIRIES ON WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE PROPERTY. THEY HAVE MET WITH THE DEP. THAT PROPERTY THAT USED TO BE ON THE CORNER THAT WAS THE GAS STATION. THEY HAVE NOT TAKEN POSSESSION OF IT YET. SHE BELIEVES THE GRAVES OWN THAT PROPERTY AND IF THE SALE HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED YET. THE HENDERSON GROUP IS NOT MOVING FORWARD UNTIL THE SALE IS COMPLETE. ONCE THE SALE IS COMPLETE, THEY WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE TOWNSHIP AND THEN WE WILL MOVE FORWARD FROM THERE.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT-MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH QUESTIONED THE SOLICITOR ABOUT TRANSCRIPT THAT NEEDED TO BE COPIED. HE REQUESTED THEY BE TURNED OVER TO THE SECRETARY SO SHE CAN DISTRIBUTE TO THE COMMISSIONERS TO BE REVIEWED.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR STATED HE IS TRYING TO GET IT DONE SO THAT HUNDREDS OF PAGES ARE NOT BEING COPIED TO KEEP COST DOWN.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

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

POLICE REPORT-CHIEF SOUSA

COMMISSIONER SMITH QUESTIONED CONCERNS ABOUT PARKING ON HOOK ROAD. THERE ARE CARS THAT ARE DISMANTLED AND IT REALLY LOOKS BAD. HE ASKED WHAT CAN BE DONE BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN TICKETED IN A WHILE. THERE IS A BLUE TRUCK FROM PHILADELPHIA, WE ARE TRYING TO BEAUTIFY.

CHIEF SOUSA STATED THAT HOOK ROAD IS A CODES AND A ZONING ISSUE. HE'S HAD NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS WITH MAX. MAX DOES NOT CARE. HE'S THE OWNER OF ALL THOSE PROPERTIES. WE ISSUE PARKING TICKETS FOR ALL THOSE CARS THEY ARE SITTING THEIR CARS THERE FOR SERVICE, NO FAULT OF THE CUSTOMERS. HE SUGGESTED TO HAVE CODES DO AN EVALUATION. HE WANTS TO SEE ALL THE LEASING AGREEMENTS. WE NEED TO HAVE, JUST LIKE WE DID WITH WHITE'S AUTO, HAVE A ZONING HEARING AGAINST MAX SORENSON AND BRING HIM IN FRONT OF A JUDGE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ALSO WANTED TO KNOW HOW MANY VEHICLES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE IN EACH LOT BECAUSE MAX HAS A SALVAGE LICENSE AND THERE IS NO SALVAGING IN DARBY TOWNSHIP. HE ASKED IF A SIGN COULD BE PUT UP SAYING "NO COMMERCIAL PARKING AFTER 6:00 P.M. OR THEY WILL BE TOWED".

CHIEF SOUSA WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHO IS LEASING THOSE PROPERTIES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED THERE IS AN ORDINANCE AND A STATE LAW THAT SAYS THERE IS TO BE NO DISMANTLED VEHICLES.

CHIEF SOUSA STATED THEY CAN DEEM THAT VEHICLE A HAZZARD AND PUT AN ABANDONED STICKER ON IT.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH WANTS TO SEND A LETTER TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO CUT THOSE HIGH WEEDS BECAUSE IT IS A VIOLATION. HE WILL PUT IT IN AN EMAIL.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT BY NICOLE WHITAKER, MANAGER
MS. WHITAKER REITERATED THE FIRE STUDY MEETINGS PRIOR TO THE JULY COMMISSIONERS CAUCUS MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING. THEY WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 P.M. FOR THE FOCUS MEETING WHICH WILL BE AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND THE REGULAR MEETING WILL BE AT 1085 HOOK ROAD.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MANAGER'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

COMMISSIONER FITZ, WARD IV
GAVE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT.
COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED ABOUT GRASS CUTTING IN ARNOLD COVERT PARK.

COMMISSIONER FITZ STATED HE WOULD ASK THOMAS IF THEY CAN WEAR RUBBER BOOTS IN THERE.

MS. WHITAKER MANAGER STATED THEY HAVE THEM AND THAT PARK WAS CUT TODAY.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO, WARD II
COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO THANKED THE DARBY TOWNSHIP ACADEMY PARK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR ADDING FIVE MORE PICNIC TABLES TO CONWAY PARK AND RAISING MONEY TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL THE PICNIC TABLES. THEY HAVE ONE OR TWO MORE BENCHES TO COME ALONG WITH OTHER MONEY RECEIVED TO PURCHASE OTHER EQUIPMENT. CONWAY PARK IS UP AND COMING SHE SAID.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO IF SHE HAD AN UPDATE ON THE MEMORIAL WALL IN CONWAY PARK THAT WAS DESTROYED BY SOMEONE WHO HIT IT. IT IS STILL LAYING ON THE GROUND AND HE WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE WAS A REASON WHY IT HAS NOT BEEN CLEANED UP.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO STATED THEY KNOW WHO HIT THE MEMORIAL BUT IT CANNOT BE CLEANED UP PROBABLY BECAUSE OF INSURANCE.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED THEY DID NOT HAVE ANY INSURANCE.

CHIEF SOUSA STATED WHAT HE WOULD NEED TO KNOW IS A PRICE TO REPLACE IT SO HE COULD ATTACH IT TO THE CITATIONS FOR RESTITUTION.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH, WARD I
SPOKE ABOUT JUNE 26TH WORLD PEACE CONCERT IN CONWAY PARK AND HE WANTED
THE BOARD TO KNOW. HE REQUESTED ALL FIVE WARDS TO COME OUT.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER, WARD V. HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

COMMISSIONER LACEY GAVE REPORTS ON LICENSE & INSPECTIONS HE ALSO SPOKE ON
THE PLANNING BOARD AND THE ZONING BOARD.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF EDWARD MERKEL
FROM THE PLANNING BOARD, EFFECTIVE MAY 9, 2022. IT WAS SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPOINT EVIE MERLINO TO THE PLANNINGBOARD,
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ AND
COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER LACEY ANNOUNCED THAT THE INFORMATION FOR THE PROCESS TO
ADVERTISE FOR THE REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR AGED UNUSED FIRE APARATUS WILL BE
SHARED DURING NEXT MONTHS MEETING.

COMMISSIONER SMITH REQUESTED A LETTER TO THE PROPERTY OWNER AT HOOK
ROAD MARKET. THE BUSINESS IS CLOSED. THERE IS A LOT OF TRASH. HE REQUESTED
TO HAVE THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CLEAN IT UP IF SHE DOES NOT GET A RESPONSE.
HE ALSO THANKED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR HAVING THAT WHITE BOX TRUCK
REMOVED. HE REQUESTED TO HAVE THE AA BUILDING ON HOOK ROAD PAINTED AND
THE HIGHWAY GARAGE CLEANED UP.

COMMISSIONER FITZ STATED THEY ONLY HAVE THREE PERSONNEL RIGHT NOW AND
THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO DO IN THE TOWNSHIP. HE WILL ADD IT TO THE LIST.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER LOOK AT THE
CREEK AREA PROBLEMS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FOUR APPROVED.
MOTION CARRIED.


COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ.

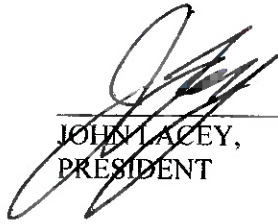
FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



BEATRICE POE,
SECRETARY



JOHN LACEY,
PRESIDENT