

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2024

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON MARCH 13, 2024, AT 7:00PM AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING, SHARON HILL, PA 19079.

COMMISSIONER LACEY, PRESIDENT CALLED THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 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. HOLMAN, COMMISSIONER  
MS. TALIAFERRO, COMMISSIONER-ON PHONE  
MR. FITZ, COMMISSIONER  
MS. SANDONE, COMMISSIONER  
MR. DINGLER, OPERATIONS MANAGER

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-EXCUSED  
MR. SOUSA, CHIEF OF POLICE  
MS. POE, SECRETARY  
MR. VAN WYK, SOLICITOR  
MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER  
MR. CHILDS, FIRE CHIEF

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

MARIAN BURNETT, 1522 LINCOLN AVENUE  
MS. BURNETT ASKED ABOUT HAVING A PROGRAM TO TRAP CATS, FIX THEM AND RELEASE THEM BACK INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

COMMISSIONER LACEY STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY PROGRAMS AND ASKED MR. DINGLER, OPERATIONS MANAGER TO LOOK INTO IT.

RESIDENT DID NOT GIVE HER NAME, 1555 TRIBBETT AVENUE  
SHE HAS CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SHE STATED THERE IS AN AUTO SHOP ON CLIFTON AVENUE BY THE PLAYGROUND. PEOPLE ARE SERVICING CARS. THERE IS A LINE OF CARS. THEY TAKE UP TRAFFIC. THEY HAVE A CAR SHOP BUSINESS. THERE IS TRASH AND OIL IS GOING TO BE ALL OVER. DO THEY HAVE PERMISSION TO HAVE A BUSINESS?

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER STATED SHE IS NOT SURE EXACTLY WHAT THE LADY IS REFFERING TO BUT THEY CANNOT BE SERVICING CARS THERE. SHE STATED SHE WILL WORK WITH JIM AND HAVE HER INSPECTOR GO OUT THERE.

COMMISSIONER LACEY ASKED FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT TO LOOK INTO IT

RITA VITELLI, 1089 GLEN CIRCLE  
MS. VITELLI REQUESTED THE TOWNSHIP START PUTTING TRASH CANS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD LIKE WHAT GLENOLDEN IS DOING. SHE STATED IT IS GETTING DIRTY.

SHE ALSO STATED CARS COME FLYING UP THE WRONG WAY ON ACADEMY AVENUE. SHE ALSO ASKED WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DRIVEWAY APRON. SHE SAID THIS MAN BUYS A HOUSE FOR \$220,000 AND THE DRIVEWAY IS A MESS. THEY DID NOT GO BACK AND LOOK AT IT AND THE NEW OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOMETHING HE INHERITED. THE HOLE IS GETTING BIGGER AND THE TRASH MEN ARE GOING UP ON THE LAWN. THE ADDRESS IS 1094 ACADEMY AVENUE.

COMMISSIONER LACEY SAID HE WILL HAVE SOMEONE LOOK INTO IT.

ALICIA CARR, 638 MAGNOLIA AVENUE

MS. CARR RESPONDED TO MARIAN BURNETT'S COMMENT ON THE CATS. SHE SAID THERE ARE TWO PROGRAMS. ONE IN COLLINGDALE FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE. ALSO, FORGOTTEN CATS IN UPPER DARBY.

SHE ALSO RESPONDED TO MS. VITELLI COMMENT. SHE IS WORKING WITH KEY PENNSYLVANIA BEAUTIFUL ORGANIZATION. THEY HAD THE CLEAN-UP OF BRIARCLIFFE LAST YEAR AND THEY WILL BE ROLLING IT OUT AGAIN THIS YEAR.

GREG DETRUS, 624 S. GARFIELD. STATED THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT USING TRASH CANS. THE SQUIRRELS ARE ALL OVER THE TRASH. THE ADDRESS IS 620 S. GARFIELD AVENUE. HE ALSO SAID HE IS ON THE END OF THE ROW AND THE NEIGHBORS COME OUT THE FRONT DOOR AND DRAG THEIR BAGS ACROSS HIS NEIGHBOR'S YARD, UP TO HIS FRONT DOOR AND DOWN THE SIDE OF HIS HOUSE. THE ADDRESS IS 620 S. GARFIELD AVENUE.

COMMISSIONER LACEY STATED CODE ENFORCEMENT WILL CHECK IT OUT.

JOSEPH BROWN, 1107 TRIBBETT AVENUE

MR. BROWN HAS CONCERNS ABOUT THE DOG WASTE IN THE AREA. HE REITERATED THAT TRASH CANS ON THE CORNER WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL. PEOPLE ARE ALSO WALKING THEIR DOGS WITH NO BAGS AT ALL.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CLOSED PUBLIC COMMENT.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2024. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE LIST OF BILLS FOR FEBRUARY 2024. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SANDONE. FIVE APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023, JANUARY 2024, AND FEBRUARY 2024. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE DCNR C2P2 GRANT RESOLUTION 2024-05. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SANDONE. FIVE APPROVED.

MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE CDBG PROJECT 2022 MADISON PARK PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PREMIER CONCRETE INC. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE AFTER-PROM DONATION OF \$500.00 FOR ACADEMY PARK HIGH SCHOOL. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SANDONE. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE SALE OF VARIOUS TOWNSHIP VEHICLES IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN.  
COMMISSIONER FITZ ASKED IF THERE WAS A LIST OF THE VEHICLES.  
MR. DINGLER, OPERATIONS MANAGER STATED THERE IS A PROJECTED LIST OF FOUR VEHICLES.  
FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO RATIFY THE VOTE TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO HIRE A FULL TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SANDONE. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE HIRE OF SEASONAL TEMPORARY HELP FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR APRIL 2024 THROUGH OCTOBER 2024. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO CREATE THE POSITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SANDONE. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPOINT RICHARD WOMACK AS PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE SOLICITOR TO DRAFT A LEASE FOR 601 CLIFTON AVENUE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SANDONE. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE CONTRACT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF THE WAWA PERFORMANCE BOND NO. 107566682 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$561,458.89. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SANDONE. FIVE APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

#### PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT-MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE ENGINEERS REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

SOLICITOR REPORT GIVEN BY MR. VAN WYK, SOLICITOR.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SOLICITORS REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SANDONE. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE REPORT GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. CHIEF SOUSA HAD TO LEAVE FOR AN EMERGENCY CALL.

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

CHIEF CHILDS, ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL READ THE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT FOR RUFUS STOKES FIRE MARSHAL.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

CHIEF CHILDS GAVE DARBY TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY NO. 4 REPORT FOR CHIEF WYNN (LATE).

CHIEF CHILDS GAVE GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 REPORT FOR CHIEF EICHELMAN (ABSENT).

JIM CHILDS, TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF GAVE THE TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF REPORT.

COMMISSIONER SANDONE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FIRE COMPANIES AND FIRE CHIEF REPORTS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPIES ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS.

COMMISSIONER FITZ, WARD III-GAVE THE HIGHWAY REPORT. HE EXPRESSED HIS HAPPINESS FOR NEW EMPLOYEE AND THAT HELP IS ON THE WAY. COPIES ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN READ THE LICENSE & INSPECTIONS REPORT. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, THERE WILL A CAR SHOW AT 10:00AM AND AN EASTER EGG HUNT AT 3:00PM. THE LOCATION IS STUDEVAN FIELD AND IT IS FOR ALL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS.

COMMISSIONER SANDONE HAD NOTHING.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-STATED TO CONTACT PARKS & RECREATION PRESIDENT, WALTER REALER FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EASTER EGG HUNT AND CAR SHOW. HE IS ALSO WORKING ON GETTING ACCESS TO DARBY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL FOR RECREATION.

THE LIBRARY BOARD CONTINUES TO MEET AND THEY ARE BOXING UP THE OLD BOOKS AND REVIEWING THE BOOKS DONATED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF BLACK LIBRARIANS. THEY WANT TO GET THE NEW BOOKS INTO THE LIBRARY.

COMMISSIONER LACEY, WARD IV-TAXES ARE STARTING TO COME IN. THE TAX COLLECTOR IS REPORTING THAT TO THE BOARD. HE THANKED THE TAXPAYERS FOR PAYING THEIR TAXES ON TIME.

#### NEW BUSINESS

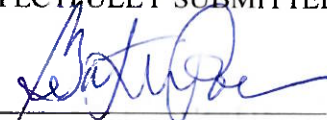
COMMISSIONER HOLMAN MOVED TO ADD A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE BOARD TO PURCHASE A TABLE AND A FULL-PAGE AD FOR \$500.00 FOR DARBY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY FIRST HONORARY LUNCHEON. THIS REQUEST WAS DISCUSSED AT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MEETING. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED


COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PURCHASE A TABLE AND A FULL-PAGE AD FOR \$500.00 FOR DARBY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY FIRST HONORARY LUNCHEON ON APRIL 20, 2024. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO ADJOURN. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
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BEATRICE POE,  
SECRETARY

  
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JOHN LACEY,  
PRESIDENT