

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
MARCH 7,2022

THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON MARCH 7, 2022, AT 7:00PM AT 21 BARTRAM AVENUE (DARBY TOWNSHIP), GLENOLDEN, PENNSYLVANIA, 19036.

COMMISSIONER LACEY, PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR BRENDA PIERCE 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-EXCUSED

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

ON FEBRUARY 23, 2022, 6:00 P.M. AND MARCH 7, 2022, 6:00 P.M. THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-I WILL NOW OPEN THE FLOOR UP FOR CITIZEN COMMENT. THIS MEETING TONIGHT IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE CARE OF OUR REGULAR MONTHLY TOWNSHIP BUSINESS. WE ARE SETTING WEDNESDAY NIGHT TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMS SERVICES. SO, WE ASK THAT THE COMMENTS TONIGHT AND DISCUSSION TONIGHT WOULD BE REVOLVED AROUND OUR NORMAL EVERYDAY BUSINESS.

TIBERIAS BOBO, 704 FELTON AVENUE  
THERE IS NO DECISIONS BEING MADE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND IT IS NOT BEING DISCUSSED AT ALL THIS EVENING, CORRECT?

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-THERE MAY BE ONE MOTION THAT'S GOING TO BE DISCUSSED BUT WE WILL OPEN IT UP IF IT COMES DOWN TO THAT.

MR. BOBO-SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT IF YOU DISCUSS IT, IT WOULD THEN BE REOPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-IT WOULD BE REOPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO THAT MOTION BEING VOTED ON.

ASHLEY DOLCEMORE, 1151 OAKWOCK DRIVE

SO, I WANT TO CLARIFY THAT WEDNESDAY IS WHEN EVERYTHING ABOUT THE FIREHOUSE WILL BE TALKED ABOUT AND YOU'RE SAYING TONIGHT YOU'RE ASKING THE PUBLIC TO WITHHOLD ANY COMMENT THAT THEY MAY HAVE ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND JUST ASK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP TONIGHT.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-THAT'S CORRECT.

MS. DOLCEMORE-OKAY, I DO HAVE A QUESTION THOUGH. WAS TONIGHT SUPPOSED TO BE A CAUCUS MEETING AND THEN THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ON WEDNESDAY?

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-IT WAS READVERTISED FOR THAT. ALL CAUCUS MEETINGS ARE ADVERTISED AS BUSINESS MEETINGS IN ADDITION IN CASE THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO WHEN SITUATIONS COME UP WHERE BUSINESS NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF AT A DIFFERENT TIME THEN THE REGULAR CAUCUS MEETING. THAT'S WHY, THE CAUCUS MEETINGS DO NOT HAVE TO BE ADVERTISED, THEY HAVE BEEN ADVERTISED FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR. SO THAT BUSINESS CAN TAKE PLACE DURING THOSE MEETINGS.

MS. DOLCEMORE-SO RIGHT NOW IS A REGULAR COMMISSIONER'S MEETING?

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-CORRECT.

MS. DOLCEMORE-YOU SAID THAT THIS IS A NORMAL OCCURANCE. THAT A COMMISSIONER'S MEETING WOULD HAPPEN ON A DAY THAT A CAUCUS MEETING IS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN. IS THAT CORRECT?

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-NOT ALWAYS. IT HAPPENS TO THIS BECAUSE WE HAD SO MUCH, WE HAD TO DEAL WITH ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT THE COMMISSIONERS FELT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO TAKE CARE OF MATTERS SEPARATE.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

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

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2022. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

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

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR

APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO EXTEND THE SUSPENSION OF BRIARCLIFFE FIRE COMPANY FOR AN ADDITIONAL 60 DAYS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

COMMISSIONER LACEY OPENED THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

PAUL GRAF, CHIEF OF GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY, 802 OAKWOOD DRIVE-WE LOOKING TO DECERTIFY THEM?

COMMISSIONER LACEY-AS OF RIGHT NOW WE ARE EXTENDING THE EXTENTION FOR 60 MORE DAYS.

MR. GRAF-ARE WE LOOKING, THAT'S WHAT I AM ASKING? WE'RE GOING TO EXTEND THEM FOR ANOTHER 60 DAYS, CORRECT? WE'RE WAITING FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. IS THAT WHAT WE'RE SAYING?

COMMISSIONER LACEY-THAT'S THE FIRST STEP. THAT'S WHY WE SAID WE WERE GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ALLOW THEM TO DO THEIR INVESTIGATION. ONCE THEY TURN THE REPORT OVER TO US, WE CAN MOVE FORWARD FROM THERE.

MR. GRAF-SO YOU'RE LOOKING FOR CRIMINAL CHARGES?

COMMISSIONER LACEY-NOT STATING THAT. I'M STATING THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS HANDLING IT FIRST. WE ARE WAITING TO GET THE INFORMATION...

MR. GRAF-I MET WITH THEM,

COMMISSIONER LACEY-OKAY. GREAT. I DID NOT.

MR. GRAF- BUT WE KNOW THIS IS BIGGER THAN DELAWARE COUNTY, WE DO KNOW THAT. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ALL KNOW THAT THIS IS WORLDWIDE NOW. I DON'T KNOW IF ALL OF YOU KNOW. (INAUDIBLE) CONTACTED US. THEY WANT INTERVIEWS ANS STUFF LIKE THAT.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-OKAY. THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON THIS MOTION? WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND. ARE YOU READY FOR THE QUESTION? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR?

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF BENJAMIN ARNOLD, IV FROM PARKS & RECREATION, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH.  
FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPOINT ALIYAH ROBERTS, WARD II, TO PARKS & RECREATION, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH.  
FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

#### PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

MANAGER'S REPORT, NICOLE WHITAKER  
UPDATE ON UPGRADE OF PHONE SYSTEM AND ASKED ALL TO BE PATIENT. SOME ADJUSTMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE. POSTED ON FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE IS THE MASTER PLAN SURVEY FOR CONWAY PARK. SHE RELAYED THAT EVERYONE'S INPUT IS NEEDED. THE DEADLINE IS APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MANAGER'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.  
THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

#### ENGINEER REPORT, LISA CATANIA HIGHLIGHTS ARE:

- THE ROAD PROGRAM FOR 2022. SHE WOULD LIKE TO GET THAT OUT FOR BIDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- THE CHAPTER 94 REPORTS WERE COMPLETED AND HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.
- THE DELCORA YEAR 2 REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.
- AQUA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT WORK.
- RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONWAY/MADISON PARK AWARD (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,540.00).
- BID FOR 601 CLIFTON BUILDING-SUGGESTING THE BIDS BE REJECTED AND DO A REBID.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-MS. CATANIA, THE 601 CLIFTON AVENUE, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU STATED TO REJECT THOSE BIDS PROBABLY BECAUSE THE MISTAKES AND THE COST ESTIMATES WERE EXTREMELY HIGH. I'M GOING TO MOTION TONIGHT, SO YOU ARE AWARE, TO REALLY LOOK AT THAT BUILDING (INAUDIBLE) THE WHOLE PROJECT WHICH WAS SOMETHING WE COULDN'T AFFORD AT THE TIME. SO, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE BOTH ON THE SAME PAGE. SO, WE ARE CLEAR WHAT WE ARE ASKING FOR WHEN I GIVE THAT REPORT ABOUT 601. THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THE BID OUT THE FIRST TIME.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-I HAVE A COMMENT ON THAT BUILDING. AS YOU KNOW, LAST MONTH I TALKED ABOUT GETTING A BUILDING BUILT FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY. I AM LOOKING AT THE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY ON HOOK ROAD AND ALSO THE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY ON CLIFTON AVENUE BUT I AM NOT LOOKING TO SALVAGE A BUILDING. THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN IN TWO DIFFERENT BUILDINGS NOW AND BOTH BUILDINGS ARE INADEQUATE SO WHICHEVER PROPERTY THAT I AM LOOKING TO GET THE BOARDS SUPPORT ON WOULD HAVE TO BE TORN DOWN. SO, I AM THINKING NOW THAT THE PROPERTY AT 601 CLIFTON AVENUE IS QUITE OLD AND NEEDS A LOT OF WORK. SO, THE GRANT THAT I MENTIONED LAST MONTH TO TRY TO GET A LIBRARY BUILT. I AM NOW CONSIDERING THE PROPERTY AT 601. JUST SO THAT'S KNOWN.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-POINT OF ORDER. SINCE WE'RE NOT ON REPORTS. 601 CLIFTON AVENUE, ACCORDING TO OUR ENGINEER, THE BUILDING IS IN GREAT SHAPE. SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IN THE BUILDING AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE WOULD TAKE AND APPLY FOR GRANTS TO COVER A BUILDING WHICH IS GOING TO COST A CHANGE IN ADA COMPLIANCES AND SO FORTH. IN 2022, I THINK THE MOST OF US CAN ATTEST THAT OUR CHILDREN VERY SELDOM USE A LIBRARY OR A BOOK. THE PURPOSE OF USING 601 IS FOR A RESOURCE CENTER, WHERE YOU CAN USE TECHNOLOGY, COMPUTERS, AEROBICS AND SO FORTH. I DON'T THINK, I'M SORRY, ACCORDING TO THE PEOPLE I SPOKE WITH, THE RESIDENTS, IN ALL FIVE WARDS, A RESOURCE CENTER IS VERY MUCH NEEDED. OVER 20 YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A STUDY DONE TO THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AT STUDEVAN AND CONWAY PARK. NOTHING HAPPENED. YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT A PLAN FROM 1975. IF EVERYBODY GOOGLES 1975 DARBY TOWNSHIP LIBRARY. WE ARE STILL TALKING ABOUT THIS THING FROM 1975. SO, WE DON'T HAVE A PLACE SIZEABLE TO DO THAT. IF ANYTHING, I WOULD SUGGESTT WE TEAR DOWN THE OLD POLICE STATION, THE OLD LIBRARY, AND THAT DEPLORABLE HIGHWAY GARAGE THAT WE HAVE AND PUT SOMETHING THERE IF YOU WANT TO GET A MILLION DOLLAR GRANT. SO THE BOARD KNOWS OUR POSITION. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO BE GOING BACK AND FORTH, FIGHTING AND PICKING OVER SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TODAY. WE HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE MONEY THAT CLEARLY SAYS THAT WE CAN DO THIS. SO, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT. THE MONEY IS ALREADY AVAILABLE. IT'S CLEAR. THE 600 PAPERS THAT THE BUSINESS MANAGER PUT OUT OR THE 60 PAGES THAT YOU ASKED FOR. MONIES ARE AVAILABLE, TODAY. SO, I DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAME UP WITH PRICING WHERE THE CONCRETE WAS THREE TIMES AS MUCH AND I HAD TO GO BACK AND CHECK. IT'S NOT MY JOB TO DO THOSE THINGS. SO, IN MY MOTIONS. I WILL MAKE MOTIONS TODAY, ASKING THE BUSINESS MANAGER TO SEARCH OUT TO DO THINGS. TO UTILIZE THE BUILDING THAT WE HAVE. WE HAVE A LIBRARY HERE. NOBODY'S USING THIS ONE. SO WHAT SENSE ARE WE KEEP BEATING IN YOUR HEAD ABOUT THE LIBRARY.

NICOLE WHITAKER, MANAGER- DOES THE BOARD NEED TO DO ANYTHING REGARDING THE BIDS?

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER-YOU WOULD REJECT THE BID AND WE WOULD REBID THAT AT A LATER TIME.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO REJECT THE BID. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-MS CATANIA, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE \$216,000.00 THAT CAME FOR INFRASTRUCTURE OR FOR THE SHORE UP THE CREEKS IN CONWAY PARK, FORRESTER AVENUE? YOU HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THAT MONIES?

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER-I'M ON THE PERIPHERY OF THAT. NO TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH I DON'T HAVE ALL OF THE INFORMATION. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PUT TOGETHER A PROPOSAL FOR THE COLLABORATIVE TO GO IN AND DO THE DESIGN WORK TO DO THE BANK, THE STREAMBANK RESTORATION. THAT'S AS FAR AS WE'VE GOT. I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S \$216,000.00.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THE MONIES THAT CAME THROUGH WITH CONGRESS SCANLON. \$216,000.00. MY CONCERN IS WHEN YOU SAY THE STREAMBANKS...

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE STORMWATER COLLABORATIVE GRANT MONEY?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-WAS IT \$216,000.00?

MS. WHITAKER-NO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH- THE ONE THAT'S FOR \$216,000.00 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. THEY PUT MONIES OUT AND IT HAS DARBY TOWNSHIP DOWN FOR \$216,000.00. TO SHORE UP THE CREEKS. SO, MY QUESTION IS, WHO WAS GOING TO DETERMINE WHAT AREAS WAS GOING TO BE SHORED UP?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-SO, IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME THING, AND I DON'T HAVE THE SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNT, SO I'D HAVE TO LOOK FOR THAT. BUT IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE STORMWATER COLLABORATIVE, THEN THAT IS THE COLLABORATIVE THAT DARBY TOWNSHIP IS IN. IT'S LIKE SEVEN OR EIGHT DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITIES TO MEET MS4 REQUIREMENTS BY THE GOVERNMENT. SO, IT'S A COLLABORATIVE WITH SEVERAL MUNICIPALITIES, RIGHT? SMALLER MUNICIPALITIES SO THAT THEY, TYPICALLY IF YOU'RE A LARGER ONE YOU CAN DO PROJECTS ON YOUR OWN. BUT SMALLER MUNICIPALITIES THAT CAN'T AFFORD TO MEET THESE UNFUNDED MANDATES ARE A PART OF THE COLLABORATIVE SO, IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME THING THE COLLABORATIVE THAT MONEY IS SPECIFICALLY FOR CONWAY PARK. THE RESTORATION OF CONWAY PARK. SO, WE STARTED TWO YEARS AGO WITH THE KNOTWEED. WE HAD THE COMPANY COME IN AND SPRAY ALL THE KNOTWEED DOWN. THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CAME IN AND PULLED IT ALL UP. SO NOW THEY HAVE TO, YOU KNOW. NOW THAT ALL THOSE OLD TREES AND EVERYTHING AND THE SOME OF THE STREAM BANK IS FALLING, THEY'RE GOING

TO RESTORE IT AND SO LISA HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE COLLABORATIVE TO DESIGN, TO DO THE DESIGN FOR THAT PROJECT. AGAIN, IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME PROJECT

COMMISSIONER SMITH-WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE SAME PROJECT.

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER-I BELIEVE WE ARE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-IS THAT THE ONE FROM GOVERNOR WOLF?

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER-THIS IS AN AWARD LETTER. THIS IS SOMETHING IT'S CALLED THE GROWING GREENER GRANT AND IT IS THROUGH THE COLLABORATIVE UH THE AWARD LETTER FOR \$216,000.00 IT SAYS HERE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-DOES IT SAY CONWAY PARK OR DOES IT SAY STREAMBANKS?

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR AWARD ON THE AWARD OF YOUR GROWING GREEN OR WATERSHED PROTECTION GRANT. THE NEXT STAGES IS TO REVIEW THE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED, AND I I DON'T HAVE ANY OF THAT, IT SAYS CONWAY PARK STREAMBANK IS \$216,300.00 RESTORATION WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-SO, DOES THE CONWAY PARK STREAMBANK, DOES THAT COVER THE WHOLE CREEKBED OR...

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER-IT'S A STREAMBANK RESTORATION AND AT THIS POINT WE'RE LOOKING AT IT'S ABOUT 700 LINEAL FEET OF STREAM BANK.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-SO, THIS ACTUAL \$200,000 IS NOT GOING TO COVER THE ENTIRE PROJECT. THIS IS JUST ONE PHASE OF IT AND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER-WITH THAT 216,000 AS MATCHING.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT-MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR.

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK EVERYBODY FROM THE TOWNSHIP AND THE PUBLIC WHO REACHED OUT ON PASSING OF MY WIFE RECENTLY. IT WAS VERY HEARTFELT AND THE FAMILY TRULY APPRECIATE IT. AS FAR AS REPORTS WE ARE FINALIZING SOME OF THE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE WAWA PROJECT AND THERE WERE NO OTHER ACTION ITEMS UNLESS ANYONE HAS QUESTIONS.

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

POLICE REPORT-CHIEF SOUSA  
COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE POLICE REPORT. IT WAS  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION  
CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

#### SCOMMISSIONER REPORT

COMMISSIONER FITZ-GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE. THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022 IS AS FOLLOWS. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, FOUR.  
NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED, 544. ALL DUTIES HAVE BEEN PERFORMED IN  
NORMAL MANNER. ALL EQUIPMENT IS IN EITHER NEW TO FAIR CONDITION.  
THAT'S ALL I HAVE FOR THE HIGHWAY REPORT. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT WE'LL  
BE SPEAKING IN REFERENCE TO THAT ON WEDNESDAY. THAT'S ALL I HAVE FOR  
THE THIRD WARD.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO  
THANK MR. BEN ARNOLD FOR HIS TWO YEARS OF SERVICE AS THE PARKS AND  
RECREATION MEMBER. HE IS ALSO INVOLVED IN THE ALUMNI WITH THE  
CONWAY PARK PROJECT SO I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR ALL HIS SERVICE. I'D  
LIKE TO WELCOME MS. ROBERTS TO HER NEW POSITION. AS STATED BY THE  
MANAGER WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FOR MORE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE ON  
THE SURVEY FOR CONWAY PARK. IT'S BEEN A VERY GOOD SHOWING SO FAR  
BUT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE PEOPLE PARTICIPATING. AS ALREADY  
STATED FOR MY WARD, WARD TWO, THE 601 CLIFTON AVENUE. I'M THINKING  
THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE A BETTER PLACE FOR A LIBRARY AND  
REFURBISHING OLD BUILDINGS, YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENS THERE. THERE ARE  
STILL OLD BUILDINGS THAT NEED A LOT OF INFRASTRUCTURE. SO, WE WILL  
TRY OUR BEST TO GET GRANTS THAT WILL PROVIDE THE FUNDS WE NEED TO  
BUILD A NEW STRUCTURE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE THIS EVENING.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-DISCUSSION FOR PURCHASING LIGHTS AT THE BRIDGE  
AT CLIFTON AVE AND FOSTER AVE. I'M SORRY, WALTER AVENUE BRIDGE. IT'S  
BEEN DISCUSSED SEVERAL TIMES. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO GET THOSE  
LIGHTS PURCHASED AND INSTALLED. WHETHER THEY BE SOLAR LIGHTS AND  
SO FORTH. IT'S DARK THERE.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-YOU SAID IT'S WALTERS AVENUE?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-YES.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-I HAVE A QUESTION ON THAT. IS THAT SOMETHING  
THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT TO GET A PLAN ON HOW MANY LIGHTS NEED TO  
BE THERE?



COMMISSIONER SMITH-NO, I'M THINKING THAT WE JUST GO AND PURCHASE. THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MAKES PURCHASES AT HOME DEPOT. DO WE HAVE A CREDIT CARD FOR THAT PLACE? WE'LL GET A SOLAR LIGHT.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-SO, SINGLE LIGHT? SO, WE HAVE A MOTION ON THE TABLE TO PURCHASE A LIGHT FOR CLIFTON AND WALTERS AVENUE. DO WE HAVE A SECOND TO PURCHASE THE LIGHT FOR THE BRIDGE? I'LL SECOND THE MOTION. DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

COMMISSIONER FITZ-ONE QUESTION IN REFERENCE TO THIS. WHAT IS THE DOLLAR FIGURE ON THIS SOLAR LIGHT? IS THERE A CAP PUT ON THIS?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I'M THINKING THE LIGHT SHOULDN'T COST MORE THAN \$150.00. IT'S A SOLAR LIGHT. ANYTHING TO LIGHT UP THE AREA. SIX FOOT...

COMMISSIONER FITZ-I JUST I JUST WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THERE'S A CAP ON THIS BECAUSE I JUST DON'T WANNA HAVE THE TOWNSHIP RECEIVED A \$600 BILL FOR A SOLAR LIGHT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THAT'S FINE. THE MOTION WOULD BE TO HAVE THE MANAGER SEEK AND FIND APPROPRIATE LIGHTING, NOT EXCEEDING \$200.00.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I HAVE A QUESTION. GRANTS. I KNOW WE DON'T HAVE A GRANT WRITER. WHO IS RESPONSIBILITY WOULD IT BE TO SEEK GRANTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP?

MS. WHITAKER-ME.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THAT'S PART OF YOUR DUTIES? SO, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THAT TO BE DONE, JUST SAY, MS. WHITAKER COULD YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH SUCH AND SUCH AND SUCH?

MS. WHITAKER-SO, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU HAD A SPECIFIC PROJECT IN MIND AND THEN I COULD LOOK FOR GRANTS THAT WOULD MATCH THAT PROJECT. BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'VE FORWARDED ME EMAILS BEFORE AS WELL AS COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO WITH GRANTS FROM, I THINK, REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG'S OFFICE AND THEY'RE MULTIPLES BUT IF WE HAD A PROJECT THEN I COULD IDENTIFY GRANTS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS THIS. IT'S NOT A MOTION, IT'S VERY EMBARRASING. THIS TOWNSHIP. THE THINGS THAT WE DO. AS LEADERS, FIGHTING AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. IT'S NOT EVERYBODY. WE HAVE SIDEWALKS THAT NEEDS ATTENTION. WE STREETS THAT NEEDS ATTENTION. I HEAR THE COMPLAINTS OVER HERE IN THREE, FOUR AND FIVE. VEHICLES ILLEGALLY PARKED, AND NOTHING IS BEING DONE. NOTHING IS BEING DONE. EVERYTIME COMMISSIONER SMITH COMES UP WITH AN IDEAL OR SOMETHING, IT'S

DELAYED, DISRESPECTED. YOU WOULD THINK, I WENT TO ACADEMY PARK HIGH SCHOOL SO FROM 1982 WHEN THEY CLOSED DARBY TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, WE HAVEN'T HAD A PLACE TO GO. WE HAVVE ALMOST A MILLION DOLLARS. PRESENTLY, A MILLION DOLLARS. WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS. MOST OF OUR EMPLOYEES DON'T LIVE IN DARBY TOWNSHIP. WE'RE GIVING OUT RAISES AND WE CAN'T SAY, FIX THE SIDEWALK. AND THEN WE TURN AROUND AND I GET A REPORT, ADA COMPLIANT. I WANT EVERY RESIDENT, WHEN YOU GO HOME OR TOMORROW, LOOK AT YOUR SIDEWALKS, THE CURBCUTS, THEY ARE NOT ADA COMPLIANT. THE CONTRACTOR JUST SCRAPED IT. IT SHOULD BE A RED BUBBLE ON EVERY CORNER OF THIS CLASS A TOWNSHIP. WE SIT HERE LIKE EVERYTHING IS PEACHES AND CREAM AND IT'S NOT. FEELINGS ARE HURT. PEOPLE FEUDING WITH ONE ANOTHER. IT HAS TO STOP. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO ASK FOR. YOU ASK FOR THIS. WHAT IS THIS? WHAT IS THAT? IT'S UNBELIEVEABLE. WE'RE PAYING THOUSNDS OF DOLLARS FOR CONSULTANTS TO TELL US WHAT WE WANT OR WHAT WE SHOULD GET OR SUGGEST. PLEASE DON'T ROLL YOUR EYES TONIGHT. NOT TONIGHT. CAUSE I GOT ABOUT FIFTEEN CALLS FROM DIFFERENT RESIDENTS, EVERYTIME I SAY SOMETHING YOU ROLL YOUR EYES.

MS. CATANIS, ENGINEER-I'M NOT ROLLING MY EYES...

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I'M ASKING YOU NOT TO DO IT TONIGHT. AND THE THING IS I'M REALLY JUST TIRED. WE SAY WE LOVE DARBY TOWNSHIP. MS. WHITAKER DID WE GET ANYTHING FROM THE FLAGS YET?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-THEY EMAILED ME BACK, I HAD TO SEND THEM MULTIPLE PICTURES BECAUSE THE ONES THAT I SENT THEM WERE BLURRY SO WHEN THEY WENT TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF IT. IT LOST THE PICTURE. SO, I TOOK A PICTURE OF THAT. I TOOK A PICTURE OF THAT MATERIAL FLAG ON MY DESK. SO, THEY'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO RECREATE THE LOGO, SO THAT'S IN PROGRESS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-COMMISSIONER FITZ-YOU'RE OVER TOP OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. I MET WITH THE BUSINESS MANAGER. WAS IT MONDAY, MS. WHITAKER?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-LAST MONDAY, UMHUM.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THE BUSINESS MANAGER, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, MR. THOMAS, ALONG WITH THE SECRETARY. AND THEY STATED THEY CLEAN UP ON MONDAY. THEY GAVE ME A LIST OF THE THINGS THAT THEY DO AND THESE THINGS ARE NOT BEING DONE.

COMMISSIONER FITZ-OKAY, WHY WASN'T I INCLUDED ON THIS CONVERSATION?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I DON'T KNOW. SHE INVITED ME TO THE MEETING. I CAME TO THE MEETING. THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT WAS THERE. SO, I STRATEGICALLY WAITED. TRASH IS DOWN THERE. I ASKED FOR TRASH CANS A

WHILE AGO. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. I'M JUST BRINGING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION SO YOU COULD KNOW. SO, WE COULD GET SOME MORE PRESSURE AND GET SOME OF THESE THINGS DONE.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-WHAT DID THEY DO FOR YOU, THOUGH?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR ME.

MS. WHITAKER, MANGER-THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-NOT FOR ME.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-YOU ASKED FOR THAT AREA TO BE CLEARED OUT. WHAT WAS THAT, AT THE AT THE BRIDGE? I'M ASKING YOU THAT WAS ON YOUR LIST BECAUSE WE WE'RE (INAUDIBLE) FOLLOWING LIST. IT TOOK THEM TWO DAYS TO DO THAT. SO, THAT TOOK THEM FROM THEIR REGULAR DUTIES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THEY WERE RIGHT THERE IN THAT AREA.

MS. WHITAKER, MANGER-I'M JUST I'M JUST POINTING OUT THAT THAT IS WHAT THEY DID FOR YOU, AND IT'S ONLY FOUR GUYS. REMEMBER IT'S ONLY FOUR. YOU WEREN'T INVITED BECAUSE THEY WERE FOLLOW-UP ITEMS THAT WAS SENT TO ME. THOMAS IS HAPPENED TO BE HERE, I SAID, PLEASE SIT IN ON THIS BECAUSE SOME THINGS ARE FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT. AND THEN I HAD MS. BEA SIT IN TO TAKE NOTES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-SO THE THING IS, WHAT I'M SAYING IS THIS. YOU SAID THEY DID SOMETHING, THEY DIDN'T DO NOTHING FOR ME PERSONALLY, IT'S FOR THE TOWNSHIP.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-I KNOW IT'S FOR THE TOWNSHIP BUT IT WAS AT YOUR REQUEST.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-BUT THE THING IS, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE. YOU JUST CLEARLY SAID THAT YOU WAS KNOCKING DOWN KNOTWEED AND SO FORTH. THE GOAL WAS TO BE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE. I KNOW WE HAVE ONLY FOUR HIGHWAY WORKERS. BUT I COULD ALSO ACCOUNT WHERE THESE WORKERS ARE AT TOO. SO, I'M NOT HERE TO PUT ANYONE ON THE SPOT. I'M ASKING, WHAT CAN WE DO DIFFERENTLY.

COMMISSIONER FITZ-HIRE MORE EMPLOYEES. EVERY MEETING THAT I COME TO, WHEN I GIVE MY HIGHWAY REPORT, I REMIND EVERYBODY THAT WE HAVE FOUR EMPLOYEES THE FIRST WARD IS NOT THE ONLY WARD IN THIS TOWNSHIP. THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT NEED TO BE ATTENDED TO THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. I AM IN CONTACT WITH THE HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR ON A WEEKLY BASIS AND I KNOW THEY ARE SPENDING QUITE A BIT TIME ON THE LIST OF PROJECTS THAT YOU NEED COMPLETED AND I ALSO GIVE THEM THE APPROVAL TO GO

DOWN AND DO IT AS LONG AS EVERYTHING ELSE AND ALL THE OTHER WARDS HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF IN THEIR NORMAL DUTIES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-AND THAT'S FINE I KNOW WE HAVE FOUR EMPLOYEES AND WE HAVE FIVE WARDS WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH EMPLOYEES. SO, WE GOT ISSUES. AGAIN, I ASKED FOR TRASH CANS. CAN WE PUT SOME MORE TRASH CANS OUT THERE? I ASKED ABOUT THE CAT THING. THE CAT THING IS STILL THERE. I WAS TOLD IT'S NOT GOING TO BE REMOVED. IT'S LIKE IT'S A DUMPING GROUND. THE SAME THING THEY COMPLAIN ABOUT OTHER WARDS OVER HERE NOT PICKING UP YOUR CIRCULARS, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. YOU KNOW, WE GOT TO DO BETTER AS RESIDENTS. SO, I'M TRYING TO TELL THE CHILDREN AS WELL AND THE ADULTS, PUT YOUR STUFF IN THE TRASH CAN. WE DON'T HAVE A TRASH CAN TO PUT IT IN. SO AGAIN, I'M ASKING FOR TRASH CANS TO BE PUT DOWN THERE. SO, IT'S NOT JUST SAYING HIGHWAY. I'M SAYING WHAT I DESERVE. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHER RESIDENTS BUT I DESERVE THESE THINGS.

COMMISSIONER FITZ-IF YOUR GONNA HAVE A MEETING WITH THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER AND THE HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR I'D LIKE TO BE INCLUDED ON THAT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I DID'NT HAVE A MEETING WITH THEM.

COMMISSIONER FITZ-YOU STATED...

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I SAID I WAS INVITED TO A MEETING. SHE CLEARLY JUST SAID IT WAS A FOLLOW UP MEETING BECAUSE OF THE ITEMS ON THERE. SHE CALLED THOMAS IN. I DIDN'T CALL THOMAS IN. I DIDN'T CALL THOMAS IN. MOST OF THE TIME I WOULD SEND AN EMAIL LIKE YOU ASKED ME TO DO. SEND EMAILS, PUT THEM TOGETHER AND YOU GET A RESPONSE. I HAVEN'T SENT THEM. WE'VE HAD BAD WEATHER WE'VE BEEN DOING DIFFERENT THINGS IN THE COMMUNITY. WE'VE GOT OTHER PROJECTS TO DO AS WELL SO, JUST MOVING FORWARD. JUST KNOW THAT IF YOU TELL ME THIS IS YOUR SCHEDULE. THIS IS WHAT YOU DO, FOR EXAMPLE, COMMISSIONER, OH WE'RE CLEANING DRAINS. YOU LIVE NEAR CLIFTON AVE? HAVE THOSE DRAINS BEEN CLEANED?

COMMISSIONER FITZ-ONCE AGAIN THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IS FOUR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-BUT THE THING IS THEY TOLD US, ALL FIVE OF US THAT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO CLEAN UP THE NIGHT OF THE STORM, AND THEN THEY WERE GOING TO GO HOME. THESE THINGS WERE NOT CLEAN. THEY'RE STILL NOT CLEAN AND THE SNOW HAS BEEN MELTED FOREVER NOW. SO, THE THING IS. LET'S COME TO SOME TYPE OF... WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE IT LOOK RIGHT? LIKE OTHER COMMUNITIES. THIS IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE. BUT IT'S STARTING TO BECOME TRASHY. AND COMMISSIONERS OUT OF THREE, FOUR AND FIVE. I SEE THESE COMMENTS. IT'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE PHILADELPHIA. LIKE THE SCHUYLKILL. THAT'S WHAT YOUR RESIDENTS ARE SAYING IN WARDS THREE, FOUR AND FIVE. AND YOU CAN'T YOU CAN'T SEE EVERYTHING, THAT'S OK. I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE UP ANYMORE TIME ON THAT.

THE DRAINS WERE ASKED TO BE TAKEN CARE OF. HOOK ROAD POTHOLES WERE ASKED TO BE TAKEN CARE OF. THIS WAS ONLY FOLLOWED UP PRIOR TO THE MEETING BECAUSE I GOTTA SAY SOMETHING ABOUT EMPLOYEES NOT WORKING OR EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS, THINGS OF THAT NATURE. WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE THAT CONVERSATION. TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR JOB. NOT THE COMMISSIONERS, THE EMPLOYEES. THAT'S FOR ALL OF THEM. I HAVE NOTHING ELSE MR. PRESIDENT.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-WARD IV REPORT. THE ZONING BOARD MET LAST WEEK AS A RECAPITULATION FOR THE ZONING BOARD HEARING FOR WHITE AUTO. EVERYTHING WAS CLOSED OUT IN REGARD TO EVIDENCE THAT WAS BEING SUPPLIED IN TESTIMONY. THEY'LL BE MEETING AGAIN IN 30 DAYS. I'LL GET THAT DATE AND PUBLISH IT. THE CLOSING MEETING IS SET FOR APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>. THAT IS ALL I HAVE.

#### NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER SMITH-YES, I'M REQUESTING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO DO A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF FINANCES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY AND IF WE NEED TO BRING AN AUDITOR IN TO DO THAT. IN PARTICULAR THERE WAS A FIRE TRUCK THAT WAS PURCHASED SOME YEARS AGO. THERE WAS A GRANT THAT WAS APPLIED FOR IN THE NAME OF BRIARCLIFFE FIRE COMPANY. DENIED. APPLIED FOR IN GOODWILL NAME. DENIED. APPLIED IN DARBY TOWNSHIP #4 NAME. APPROVED. I AM ASKING THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY, PRESENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TO DO A 100 PERCENT FINDING OF WHEN THE TRUCK WAS PURCHASED, HOW MUCH WE PAID FOR THE TRUCK, HOW WE PAID FOR THE TRUCK. AND I ALSO PUT UP THE GRANT ON THAT TRUCK.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-DO YOU HAVE DO YOU HAVE THE TRUCK INFORMATION THAT WE CAN LOOK UP?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-WE ONLY HAVE SEVEN TRUCKS. SO, WE KNOW IT'S NOT 76 ONE, TWO OR THREE. WE KNOW IT'S NOT 77 ONE OR TWO PIPELINE. I'M CLEARLY TALKING ABOUT WE HAVE TWO TRUCKS AT STATION 75.

MR PIERCE, SOLICITOR-COMMISSIONER SMITH I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THAT WAS NOT A GRANT. THAT WAS PART OF THE BOND ISSUE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I'M 100 PERCENT SURE. MOST OF THE TIME YOU ALREADY KNOW WHEN I SPEAK ON SOMETHING I'VE DONE MY HOMEWORK. SO, THE THING IS THIS I'M PUTTING IT ON RECORD. AS LONG AS THE FIRE TRUCK COMES DOWN THE LOWER END, WE'RE OK. THE THING IS, AND THIS IS NOTHING ABOUT BRIARCLIFFE'S CURRENT, WHATEVER'S GOING ON WITH THAT. I'M JUST SAYING IN GENERAL; WE NEED NEW TRUCKS. WE HAD ONE. IT NEVER CAME TO US. ANY FIREFIGHTERS CAN VERIFY, YOU CAN RAISE YOUR HAND UP. I'M TELLING THE TRUTH.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-MS. WHITAKER I'M ASKING THAT YOU DO THE RESEARCH ON THIS. ON THE TRUCK, HOW IT WAS FUNDED.

MS. WHITAKER-I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN FIND.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THE OTHER THING, ALLOCATIONS FOR FIRE COMPANIES. WHERE ARE WE AT WITH THAT? SUPPORTING THESE FIRE COMPANIES FINANCIALLY, YEARLY.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-I BELIEVE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WOULD NEED TO BE DISCUSSED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-OK SO, WE CAN BRING IT BACK AT ANOTHER MEETING. JUST FOR THE RECORD IT WAS \$3000 A YEAR MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO I GUESS. THE TOWNSHIP GAVE EACH FIRE COMPANY FOR THE GENERAL OPERATIONS THAT THEY NEED TO DO AROUND THE STATION OR WHATEVER. I'D LIKE TO SEE US TRY TO MOVE UP TO \$5000, IF WE CAN. I KNOW IT'S NOT IN THE BUDGET RIGHT NOW. BUT I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING FOR THESE FIRE COMPANIES OUT HERE SERVICING OUR COMMUNITIES.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-DEFINITELY SOMETHING WE COULD LOOK AT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-WELL BASICALLY, I WANT TO GO BACK TO GIVING THE ALLOCATION TO THE FIRE COMPANIES AS IN PAST PRACTICE AND GIVING AN INCREASE AS WELL. IT'S NOW 2022 GIVE THEM SOMETHING. WE HAVE THE INFRASTRUCTURE MONEY WE COULD USE IT FOR THAT. SO, I GUESS I'LL MAKE A MOTION TO GIVE AT LEAST \$3000 TO FIRE SERVICES FOR GENERAL OPERATIONAL USE. THAT IS A MOTION.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-QUESTION ON THAT, SO, AT LEAST \$3000. I THINK WE NEED TO DO SOME INVESTIGATION AND SEE WHAT'S BUDGETED. AND ALSO, TO SEE IF WE STILL HAVE THE ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT) MONEY TO GO THROUGH AND ASSIGN WHAT WE PLAN ON USING THAT FOR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-WE DIDN'T USE NONE OF THAT MONEY YET. SO, IS IT NOT ALMOST \$1,000,000 IN THERE. WE GOT BOTH ALLOCATIONS, RIGHT?

MS. WHITAKER MANAGER-NO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH- ONLY ONE? SO, WE HAVE \$500 SOMETHING THOUSAND DOLLARS?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-\$480 SOMETHING THOUSAND DOLLARS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE TAKE 80,000...

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-SO, THE QUESTION FROM ME WOULD BE WHICH FIRE COMPANIES? SO, WE HAVE THREE, ONE IS SUSPENDED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH- THEN WE CAN ONLY DO TWO. ONE IS SUSPENDED RIGHT NOW AND RIGHT NOW THE RESIDENTS OF DARBY TOWNSHIP STILL NEED SERVICES AND STILL GETTING SERVICES. THOSE FIREFIGHTERS ARE WALKING AROUND WITH GLOVES AND LOMAC SUITS THEY DON'T HAVE. I DON'T THINK ANY OTHER COMMISSIONERS KNOWS WHAT'S NEEDED FOR FIRE SERVICES. THEY DON'T HAVE THE ROPES THAT'S NEEDED TO PUT IN THEIR POCKETS IN CASE THEY HAVE TO TIE SOMETHING TO THE WINDOW, TO HANG OUT THE WINDOW. CLEARLY SAYING WE HAVE \$480,000 SITTING THERE, AGAIN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THIS MONEY. LAST MONTH I SAID, HEY LET'S BUY A POLICE CAR. LET ME CHECK AND SEE. THIS MONTH I'M SAYING HEY LET'S EQUIP THE FIRE COMPANY. AHHH, I GOTTA SEE WHAT THEY GONNA DO ABOUT THAT. WE CAN GIVE RAISES. DO WHATEVER WE GOT TO DO FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIVE IN THIS TOWNSHIP. BUT WE CAN'T SERVICE THE PEOPLE THAT PROTECT AND SERVE OUR (INAUDIBLE) OUR LIVES. SO, I WOULD THINK THAT SINCE IT'S 480,000 THAT 80,000 COULD BE BUDGETED OR UTILIZED STRICTLY FOR THE TWO FIRE COMPANIES THAT'S RUNNING RIGHT NOW. AND IF EVERYTHING WORKS OUT WELL WITH BRIARCLIFF, THEN THEY GET A PORTION OF WHATEVER THE OTHER COMPANIES GOT. BUT WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING WITH THESE FIREFIGHTERS.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-I KNOW THAT THE ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT) MONEY SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THE TOWNSHIP CAN PURCHASE POLICE VEHICLES AND OR FIRE APPARATUS. IT DOESN'T TALK ABOUT GIVING MONEY DIRECTLY TO A FIRE COMPANY.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-IT ALSO STATES THAT ANYTHING DEEMED FIT.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER- BUT THERE IS MONEY, AND THE BOARD DID DO AN INCREASE IN THE FIRE TAX. SO, I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO DO YOU KNOW, A SMALL AMOUNT, THREE, EVEN 5000 PER COMPANY BECAUSE WE DID STATE THAT WE WOULDN'T BE GIVING THEM SOME DIRECT MONEY SO I DO THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO GIVE EACH FIRE COMPANY \$5000.00.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-I WOULD TAKE IT OUT OF THE MONEY THAT IS ALREADY BUDGETED THROUGH THE FIRE TAX RATHER THEN THE ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT)...

COMMISSIONER SMITH-SO, ARE WE SAYING THAT 'CAUSE MY OTHER MOTION WAS GOING TO BE, TO GIVE AT LEAST, A MINIMUM \$500 PER ESSENTIAL WORKER BECAUSE IT WAS COVID MONEY. YOU GAVE ME THE PAPER, I READ IT, THESE ARE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO WITH THE MONEY.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-AND AS FAR AS THAT'S CONCERNED COMMISSIONER, I THINK THAT THAT WOULD BE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM THAT YOU ALL SHOULD TALK ABOUT AS FAR AS ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND GIVING THEM MONEY BECAUSE WE NEED TO IDENTIFY THOSE AND...

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-ESTABLISH THE CRITERIA.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-WELL I DIDN'T SAY THIS PERSON, I'M SAYING EVERY ESSENTIAL WORKER, YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY, BECAUSE IT WAS MONEY FROM COVID. IT'S AN ITEM THAT'S APPROVED TO DO. IF YOU DON'T WANNA DO IT. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO APPRECIATE OUR POLICE, OUR SECRETARIES AND HIGHWAY WORKERS WE DON'T HAVE TO DO IT. I JUST THREW IT OUT THERE. WHY IS THE MONEY THERE AND WE DON'T USE IT? WE CAN'T USE IT FOR FIXING SIDEWALKS, FIXING BRIDGES IN THE BACK OF THE STREETS. I'M JUST SAYING DON'T LET THE MONEY SIT THERE AND WE DON'T USE IT. WE CAN COME BACK WEDNESDAY AND TALK ABOUT IT.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-COMMISSIONER ARE YOU MAKING A MOTION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-DO WE HAVE \$10,000.00 WE CAN GIVE FROM OUT THE FIRE TAX MONEY?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-YES.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER SAID YES.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-DO YOU WANT THAT DISPERSED INTO FIRE COMPANIES?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-YES. \$5,000.00 S PER FIRE COMPANY DISPERSED FROM THE FIRE TAX.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-WE HAVE A MOTION ON FLOOR FOR \$5000 EACH IN. THE ACTIVE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT THIS TIME. DO WE HAVE A SECOND ON THE MOTION? I'LL SECOND THE MOTION. WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND, DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-QUESTION. SO, THE \$5000 JUST GOES DIRECTLY TO THE FIRE COMPANY IS IT FOR ANYTHING SPECIFIC? IS IT FOR EQUIPMENT? WHAT ARE WE ACTUALLY...?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-IT'S AN ALLOCATION THAT MONEY GIVEN COMMISSIONER, YEARS AGO. IF THEY WANT TO DO SOMETHING AROUND THE FIREHOUSE, OTHER THAN TRAINING. IT COULD BE LOTS OF THINGS THEY CAN DO.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-AND THEY WOULD NEED TO SHOW THAT THEY ARE IN GOOD STANDING.

MR. PIERCE-THEY NEED TO SHOW A CERTIFICATE STANDING IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THAT AND THEY NEED TO...



COMMISSIONER SMITH-LISTEN, EXCUSE ME. POINT OF ORDER. WE ALREADY KNOW, I THINK THEIR STATUS IS UP AND RUNNING. LISTEN IF THEY'RE STATUS IS UP AND RUNNING, WHEN THEY GET UP 2:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING TO PROTECT OUR LIVES THEY AREN'T ASKING ABOUT THEIR STATUS UP AND RUNNING RIGHT. IT'S A REAL SIMPLE THING. GIVE THE FIRE COMPANY THE MONEY TO DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO BRING MORE FIREFIGHTERS TO THE TABLE. COMMUNITIES ARE STRUGGLING WITH FIREFIGHTERS. IF THEY WANT TO TAKE \$5000.00 TO BUY XBOX THAT'S GONNA LET THEM BE THERE. IF THEY WANNA BUY A TV THEY CAN BE THERE AT THE STATION COMFORTABLE WHILE THEY ARE WAITING TO RESPOND. AGAIN, EVERYTHING DON'T HAVE TO BE BACK AND FORTH.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-THERE WAS A QUESTION ON THE MOTION.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

MR. PIERCE-SOLICITOR-GENERALLY WHAT HAPPENED IS WHEN THE ALLOCATIONS WERE GIVEN, MONEY WAS GIVEN, AND THIS IS ONLY JUST BYPASSED HISTORY, MONIES WERE GIVEN AND THEN THEY ACCOUNTED FOR WHATEVER THEY SPENT THE MONEY ON AND REPORTED BACK. THAT'S WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN THAT'S WHAT WAS HAPPENING FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. I KNOW THAT.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I'D LIKE TO PUT IN A FORMAL MOTION THAT AT LEAST \$40,000 BE EARMARKED, PER COMPANY, ALL THREE, PER YEAR. YOU ASKED THE QUESTION DID THEY NEED IT, THEY SAID THEY NEED GEAR. ONCE THE FIRE COMPANIES SUBMIT TO THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER, SIZE, PRICING SO SHE CAN SEE WHICH ONE IS THE BEST. THAT WE PUT MONEY ASIDE TO PURCHASE FIRE GEAR. THAT IS A MOTION. FIRE PROTECTIVE GEAR.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-SO THE MOTION DO WE HAVE A SECOND ON THE MOTION? SECOND ON THE MOTION? I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE MEET CONSIDERING THE ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT) OF FUNDING AND FIGURE OUT WHAT MONEY WE HAVE AND WHERE IT CAN BE SPENT AND COME UP WITH A PLAN AND PRESENT IT TO THE PUBLIC.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-POINT OF ORDER MR. PRESIDENT. WE'VE KNOWN WHAT THE MONIES WAS FOR. WE ALL HAD THE SAME INFORMATION. YOU CHOSE NOT TO READ IT, SO BE IT. I SEE DARBY BOROUGH; THEY JUST GOT SOME ALLOCATION MONEY AND THEY ALLOCATED MONEY TO THEIR FIRE COMPANY. SHARON HILL BOROUGH, SAME THING. SO, WE STILL HAVE NOT TOUCHED THIS MONEY YET. WE RAISED THE TAXES. THEY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE THE FIRE TAX IS GOING TO GO, AND THEN, HOW DARE US SIT HERE AND GO HOME AND GO TO SLEEP TONIGHT AND EXPECT THAT ANY OF THESE FIRE

FIGHTERS WILL COME AND WE CAN'T EVEN OFFER PROTECTIVE GEAR. LOMAX SUITS, HELMET, GLOVES, BOOTS. HOW CAN YOU. CAN YOU LOOK AT THESE FIREFIGHTERS THAT ARE HERE TODAY?

COMMISSIONER FITZ-I DON'T THINK ANYBODY UP HERE IS DENYING ANY REQUESTS. I JUST THINK THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR A BETTER PRESENTATION OF WHERE THIS MONEY IS GOING AND WHICH ONES NEED PROPER SIZE. LET THE FIRE COMPANIES COME TO US AND SAY, HEY WE HAVE THIS MONEY CAN WE UTILIZE THIS TO PURCHASE THIS? I'M JUST NOT HAPPY WITH SAYING LET'S JUST GIVE HIM \$40,000 TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT TO DO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I DIDN'T SAY GIVE THEM \$40,000. AND AGAIN, WE CAN VOTE (INAUDIBLE). I CLEARLY STATED THAT WE EARMARK \$40,000 PER FIRE COMPANY FOR PROTECTING GEAR AND THEN GET THE RIGHT PRICE AND THEN GIVE IT TO THE BUSINESS MANAGER SO SHE CAN VERIFY THE PRICING AND GET THE BEST PRICE. I DIDN'T SAY JUST GIVE THEM \$40,000.00. THERE'S NO ACCOUNTABILITY. THERE IS GOING TO BE ACCOUNTABILITY BECAUSE SHE IS GOING TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-SO, IF ONE FIRE COMPANY NEEDS MORE THAN 40,000 AND ONE FIRE COMPANIES NEEDS LESS THAN 40,000, IS THIS GOING TO BE A BLANKET AMOUNT OF \$40,000, OR SHOULD WE DO MORE INVESTIGATION?

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-OK SO, I THINK IT WOULD BE WISE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO COME UP WITH A LIST OF, I'M NOT GONNA SAY WISH LIST BUT YEAH, WISH LIST OF THE EQUIPMENT THAT'S NEEDED. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. LET'S SEE WHAT WE HAVE IN THE ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT) FUNDS AND THEN LET'S ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF GRANT MONEY THAT'S OUT THERE. BUT WE ALSO (INAUDIBLE) SHOWED US THAT ON THE BACK OF THAT REPORT THERE'S A LOT OF GRANT MONEY OUT THERE FOR FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT. SO, I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO TAP INTO THAT. YES, WE HAVE SOME MONEY. YES, WE CAN USE IT. LET'S TOGETHER, INSTEAD OF JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT EACH OTHER MEAN. BUT SIT DOWN. LET'S SEE WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED, LOOK THROUGH IT. LET'S FIND OUT WHAT WE CAN AFFORD BECAUSE SOME OF THOSE GRANTS MIGHT BE MATCHING GRANTS. THAT WE COULD USE THE ARPA (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT) MONEY AS A MATCHING GRANT FROM WHAT I'VE READ. SO, THEN WE CAN GET THE EQUIPMENT THAT EVERYONE NEEDS AND HAVE THAT (INAUDIBLE) OUT THERE CORRECTLY AND HAVE GOOD EQUIPMENT FOR OUR FIRE FIGHTERS.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-EXCUSE ME PRESIDENT SORRY THE MOTION WAS TO EARMARK XYZ DOLLARS.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-BUT NO ONE SECONDED THE MOTION.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THAT'S OK, THEN NO ONE HAS TO COME TO YOUR HOUSE FOR A FIRE EITHER. WE KEEP GOING AROUND WITH...

COMMISSIONER LACEY-I'D RATHER NOT SET A LIMIT ON SOMETHING WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT IS. SO, I'D RATHER NOT EARMARK SOMETHING I'D RATHER FIND OUT WHAT THE NUMBER IS. LOOK INTO THE RESOURCES THAT WE CAN TAP INTO AND SIT HERE AND MAKE A GOOD DECISION ON HOW TO USE THE FUNDING THAT WE HAVE AS WELL AS THE FUNDING THAT WE CAN GET. I DON'T WANT TO JUST START NUMBERS AND THINGS. WHAT I WOULD LIKE AS I STATED PLEASE COME UP WITH A LIST OF WHAT'S NEEDED I I KNOW YOU GUYS PROBABLY HAVE EASY ACCESS TO THE COST OF EQUIPMENT AS WELL.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-MS. WHITAKER, I'M ASKING THAT YOU SET UP A MEETING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, PLEASE HAVE YOUR LIST TOGETHER SO WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-NOTING FURTHER. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

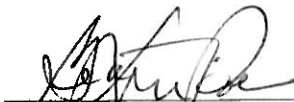
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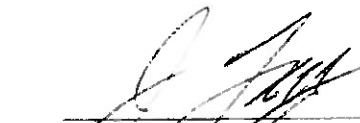
COMMISSIONER SMITH-SO MOVED.  
IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
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