

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 10, 2023

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON MAY 10, 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  
MR. CHILDS, FIRE CHIEF-EXCUSED  
CHIEF EICHELMAN, GOODWILL FIRE CO.

OFFICIALS

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER  
MR. SOUSA, CHIEF OF POLICE  
MS. POE, SECRETARY  
MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-EXCUSED  
MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER  
MR. STOKES, ASST FIRE MARSHAL-EXCUSED  
MR. JAMES LEWIS, DTVFC #4

COMMISSIONER LACEY THANKED ALL WHO COORDINATED WITH THE EARTH DAY CLEAN UP THAT HAPPENED IN THE TOWNSHIP. HE WOULD LIKE IT TO BE A YEARLY TRADITION.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BARRY MERLINO-1078 CEDARWOOD, I JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHO CURRENTLY HOLDS THE TITLE TO THE PROPERTY OF BRIARCLIFFE FIRE COMPANY.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-SO, I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE BUT I KNOW WE HAVEN'T BEEN NOTIFIED OF ANY TRANSFER.

MR. MERLINO-SO, IT'S STILL OWNED BY...

COMMISSIONER LACEY-IT DID BELONG TO BRIARCLIFFE FIRE COMPANY. TO THE BEST OF KNOWLEDGE (INAUDIBLE).

MR. MERLINO-OKAY. THANK YOU.

JOAN (INAUDIBLE) 1040 BROOKWOOD, I JUST WANT TO SPEAK TO THE CHIEF AFTER.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-SURE.

ALICIA CARR- 638 MAGNOLIA AVE, MY DISAPPOINTMENT IS REAL. 60 DAYS AGO, I SUBMITTED A RIGHT TO KNOW REQUEST TO DARBY TOWNSHIP ASKING FOR AN ACCURATE GOODWILL VOLUNTEER LIST ALONG WITH ALL APPLICABLE TRAINING CERTIFICATIONS AND BACKGROUND CHECKS. THE LIST THAT I RECEIVED WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF 4/18/23 AS SUBMITTED BY TIM EICHELMAN IS NOT UP TO DATE. THIS INACCURATE, INFLATED LIST RIGHT HERE, IT'S THE REASON THAT I COME TO THE MONTHLY TOWNSHIP MEETINGS AND MAKE NOISE. ASKING ONLY FOR THE TRUTH SO THAT THE RESIDENTS OF DARBY TOWNSHIP HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE OF RECEIVING ADEQUATE EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTER SERVICES. AFTER RESEARCHING THE STATUS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL LISTED, I AM COMPLETELY DISTURBED. I CONTINUALLY ASK MYSELF WHY IS THERE A NEED TO INFLATE THIS? TO INFLATE STATISTICS. TO INFLATE DATA. TO NOT PROVIDE CRITICAL DATA WHEN REQUESTED. ONLY WHEN THE GRANTS AND TOWNSHIP INFORMATION IS REQUESTED. WHY ARE WE IDENTIFYING GRANTS NOT LISTED? PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER, FIREFIGHTING, DRIVER ENGINEER, LIEUTENANT, CAPTAIN, BATTALION CHIEF, ASSISTANT CHIEF, FIRE CHIEF. ON THIS LIST IT JUST SAYS MEMBER OR DRIVER. DAN ASALLE, NO ASSOCIATION WITH THE FIRE FIGHT, WITH THE FIREHOUSE SINCE FEBRUAY, 2023. ZOYEE (INAUDIBLE) SHE'S TRAINED AS AN EMT ONLY NOT AS A FIREFIGHTER, I'M JUST NOTING THAT. HARRY J GILMAN, III, FIRE CHIEF OF CHESTER TOWNSHIP. I'M UNAWARE OF HIM BEING A VOLUNTEER AT GOODWILL. I HEARD THAT HE'S A HIGH SCHOOL BUDDY OF MR. EICHELMAN. CHESTER COUNTY FIRE COMPANY HAS TIM EICHELMAN, JR. AND SENIOR AS WELL AS CHRISTOPHER SWANSON LISTED AS ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS. SO, I ASKED MYSELF WHY ARE THE FIRE CHIEFS VOLUNTEERING AT BOTH FACILITIES WHEN GOODWILL SCRATCHES CALLS. CHRISTINE EICHELMAN. I'M UNAWARE OF CHRISTINE TRAINED AS A FIREFIGHTER OR AS AN EMT. (INAUDIBLE) GILFORD. HE WAS REMOVED FROM BROOMALL FIRE COMPANY DUE TO CAUSE. WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF HIS GOODWILL MEMBERSHIP AS PER OUR TOWNSHIP? PAUL BRETT JR., NO ASSOCIATION WITH THE FIREHOUSE SINCE FEBRUARY 2023. EDWARD MCBRIDE, NO ASSOCIATION WITH THE FIREHOUSE SINCE FEBRUARY, MARCH OF 2023. HE'S NOW WITH COLLINGDALE. WHEN I REMOVE THE OUTLIERS FROM THIS LIST, WE'RE LEFT WITH A GUTTED VOLUNTEER CREW. NOT ENOUGH CONSISTENT DRIVERS OR (INAUDIBLE). TOO MANY EMT'S WITH NO DEDICATED AMBULANCE TO MAKE THE RUNS. DELCO DISPATCH STATS ARE ALARMING. MORE SCRATCHES THAN TIMING APPEARANCES...

COMMISSIONER LACEY-OKAY. WE'RE AT THE THREE MINUTES. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUBMIT THAT TO THE BOARD?

MS. CARR-NO, I WOULD NOT. I'LL CONTINUE IT NEXT MONTH.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-OKAY. THANK YOU.

MS. CARR-AND I ALSO HAVE IT ON THE... SEVERAL FACEBOOK PAGES AS WELL. RIGHT TO KNOW.

ED MCBRIDE, 1026 HOPKINS AVENUE-A NUMBER OF GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY IS PRESENT. HAVE BEEN. ENGINEER CERTIFIED. I'VE GIVEN MY TIME TO THAT FIRE COMPANY AND TO THIS TOWNSHIP. BEEN IN THIS TOWNSHIP. 43 YEARS. I'VE GIVING 25 YEARS OF MY SERVICE TO THIS TOWNSHIP, THROUGH SCOUTS, SCHOOL BOARD

FIREHOUSE. GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY IS A GOOD ORGANIZATION WORKING VERY HARD TO BE A PART OF THIS TOWNSHIP AND HAS. THE UNFORTUNATE HAPPENINGS OF BRIARCLIFFE FIRE COMPANY HAPPENED. WE WERE HOPING THAT THE TOWNSHIP WOULD... THAT THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WOULD RISE TO THE OCCASION BECAUSE OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED THERE. BECOME PART OF THE GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY BUT THAT HAS NOT COMPLETELY HAPPENED EVEN THOUGH WE'RE TRYING OUR BEST. BUT TO GET SLANDERED EVERY MONTH. OKAY. BY A RESIDENT. IT'S ONLY DAMAGING TO THIS TOWNSHIP. ALL THE INFORMATION SHE HAS WHOEVER SHE'S GETTING IT FROM, LOOKS LIKE FROM PAUL GRAFF, IS WRONG. OKAY. I SIT HERE AT THESE MEETINGS CONSTANTLY LISTENING TO THIS WOMAN. WHY DOESN'T SHE COME VOLUNTEER AND HELP US? BECOME PART OF THE GOODWILL ORGANIZATION AND HELP US. HELP THE COMMUNITY. RAISE IT UP. SOMEONE THERE FOR THE TOWNSHIP. NO ONE FIRE COMPANY IN THIS WHOLE COUNTY, THERE ARE 75 FIRE COMPANIES IN DELAWARE COUNTY FIGHT A FIRE ALONE. WE DON'T HAVE MUTUAL AID. NOW, WITH THE HELP OF 74 COMING IN, THAT'S GREAT BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE DAYTIME PEOPLE. OKAY. NOT ALL THE TIME. SOMETIMES WE'RE AROUND. SO THAT IS GOOD. OKAY. BUT THAT HAPPENED THAT YOU GUYS BROUGHT THAT FORWARD. WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT. OKAY. BUT I JUST... WITH THE SLANDER EVERY MONTH. AND THEN FACEBOOK ALL THE TIME. OKAY. IT'S NOT TRUE. BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION NOT PART OF THE PROBLEM.

MS. CARR-IT'S NOT SLANDER IF IT'S TRUE.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-BANGS THE GAVEL. PLEASE.

MR. MCBRIDE-BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT PART OF THE PROBLEM.

TINA MENGINIE, PRESIDENT OF GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY-I'VE BEEN A FIRE FIGHTER FOR YEARS. I'M VERY WELL TRAINED. I'M ALSO AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN. I AM ALSO A NURSE. SO, I JUST WANTED TO GIVE SOME POSITIVE ABOUT OUR FIRE COMPANY. CURRENTLY WE'VE CHANGED LEADERSHIP. WE'RE WORKING UP AND UP. WE DON'T HAVE A LOT BUT WE GET OUR TRUCKS OUT. WE HAVE A LOT OF HEART. IT'S GOING TO TAKE A PROCESS FOR US TO REBUILD BUT WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN WITH WHAT WE HAVE. I'M VERY EXCITED THAT WE'RE MOVING IN A POSSITIVE DIRECTION. DOING THE RIGHT THING ISN'T EASY AND IT TAKES A PROCESS BUT, YOU KNOW, WE WOULD LOVE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO STOP BY. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU ASK QUESTIONS. SAY, OH I HEARD THIS. CAN WE TALK ABOUT THIS? COME WATCH US TRAIN. WE HAVE TRAINING EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT. WE WOULD LOVE THAT. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION INSTEAD OF BEING THE PROBLEM.

MS. CARR-I AM NOT...

MS. MENGINIE-THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE IT.

CHRISTINE EICHELMAN, 3 STRATFORD ROAD- I AM SURE MANY OF THE FOLKS IN THIS ROOM ARE ALREADY AWARE OF THAT SINCE THEY'VE MADE IT A PERSONAL GOAL TO HARASS MY FAMILY. I AM SPEAKING THIS EVENING AS A MOTHER, WIFE, RESIDENT,

AND ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEER AT GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY, NOT A FIREFIGHTER OR EMT AS MENTIONED IN A GUARDED FACEBOOK GROUP. I AM THE WIFE OF VOLUNTEER FIRE CHIEF TIM EICHELMAN FROM GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY, STEPMOTHER TO VOLUNTEER FIREMAN TIM EICHELMAN JR FROM GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY AND THE MOTHER OF 2 SMALL BOYS WHO HOPE TO BE VOLUNTEERS ONE DAY LIKE THEIR DAD AND BIG BROTHER. IT'S HARD FOR ME TO THINK THAT MY LITTLE GUYS **COULD** BE SO UNAPPRECIATED AND OUTRIGHT HATED BY THE PEOPLE THEY WOULD GIVE THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT LIKE THEIR DAD AND BROTHER DO. COULD YOU IMAGINE GETTING A CALL TO RESPOND TO SOMEONE'S HOME AND THAT PERSON HAS DONE NOTHING BUT TRASH YOU OVER AND OVER BUT NEVER THINK TWICE ABOUT THAT RESPONSE AND JUST DOING WHAT YOU DO? GOSH, WHAT SPECIAL PEOPLE. THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN FILLED WITH EXTREME DIVIDE, HATRED, AND DOWNRIGHT HARASSING BEHAVIOR FROM RESIDENTS WITHIN THIS TOWNSHIP. IF THE AMOUNT OF PASSION THAT HAS GONE INTO SHAMING, BASHING, ATTACKING, AND HARASSING ONE ANOTHER WAS PUT INTO PRODUCTIVE, WORTHWHILE ACTIONS, IMAGINE WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE LAST YEAR. EVERY SINGLE TIME I TURN AROUND IT'S THE SAME BROKEN RECORD "CLOSE 77, BRING IN 74" WELL YOU GOT 74, AND YOU HAVE 77 WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO SERVE THE TOWNSHIP. PLEASE ENLIGHTEN ME ON WHAT THE PROBLEM IS EXACTLY. DO WE NOT SEE THE PATTERN – WE NEED A PAID COMPANY, OUTCRY AFTER OUTCRY – YOU GET IT. NOW WE NEED TO CLOSE 77 BC OF THAT "TIM EICHELMAN GUY" – THAT TIM EICHELMAN GUY PASSED THE BACKGROUND CHECKS THAT WERE DEMANDED THAT TIM EICHELMAN GUY HAS SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS AWAY FROM HIS FAMILY ATTENDING MEETINGS, TRAININGS, TAKING CARE OF YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT. NOT ONE SINGLE VOLUNTEER IN THAT FIRE COMPANY HAS ANY FINANCIAL GAIN, THEIR ONLY GAIN IS THE APPRECIATION OF THE RESIDENTS THEY SERVE AND THEIR KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY ARE HELPING OTHERS. MY SUGGESTION TO THOSE LEADING AND BEHIND "CAMPAIGN: CLOSE STATION 77" IS TO REALLY TAKE SOME TIME TO REFLECT AND RECOGNIZE THAT AS WITH ALL THINGS, THERE ARE THREE SIDES TO EVERY STORY. YOU WANT TO CLOSE A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION THAT ONLY BENEFITS THE TOWNSHIP, REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOUR PERCEPTION IS. REALITY AND PERCEPTION ARE TWO VERY DIFFERENT THINGS. SO CALLED FACTS FROM DISGRUNTLED EX-MEMBERS ARE NOT RELIABLE AND WERE THE SAME PEOPLE YOU WERE AGAINST JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, AND THOSE SAME PEOPLE WERE AGAINST YOU. IT'S HYPOCRITICAL TO THINK THAT ANYTHING YOU ARE BEING FED IS RELIABLE AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEEK ALL SIDES OF THE STORY IF YOU TRULY HAVE THE BEST OF INTENTIONS AND ARE NOT JUST ON A SMEAR CAMPAIGN AS IT APPEARS. LASTY, AND CERTAINLY NOT LEAST TO THOSE IN THIS ROOM TONIGHT. WHO HAVE BEEN HARASSING MY FAMILY, SPECIFICALLY MY CHILDREN - KNOCK IT OFF. YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON APRIL 8, 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE LIST OF BILLS FOR APRIL 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FIVE APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FIVE APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE ESTIMATE NO. 23-E731 FOR AKRONS SCENE LIGHTS FOR GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,686.00. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE IN CONWAY PARK STARTING MID JUNE 2023 UNTIL THE END OF JULY 2023. FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO AUTHORIZE BID OF THE 2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-MADISON AVENUE PARK PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS UPON CONCURRENCE OF OHCD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

#### PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT-MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER

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

SOLICITOR REPORT-MR. PIERCE WAS ABSENT (EXCUSED). HE DID READ HIS REPORT AT THE WORKSHOP MEETING (5/8/2023). HIS REPORT IS ON FILE AT THE TOWNSHIP.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SOLICITORS REPORT AS READ ON MONDAY. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

POLICE REPORTS GIVEN BY CHIEF SOUSA.

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

GOODWILL FIRE CHIEF REPORT GIVEN BY CHIEF EICHELMAN.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE THE GOODWILL FIRE CHIEF REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

DARBY TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY NO. 4 REPORT GIVEN BY DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES LEWIS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE THE DARBY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NO. 4 REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL REPORT WAS READ AT THE MONDAY WORKSHOP MEETING (5/8/2023). EVERYONE HAS A COPY AND IT IS ON FILE AT THE TOWNSHIP.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT AS READ ON MONDAY. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

#### COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

COMMISSIONER FITZ, WARD III-GAVE THE HIGHWAY REPORT.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-GAVE HER REPORT ON SUMMER LEAGUE. PLANS FOR FUNDING AT VARIOUS PARKS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-PRESENTING AND ALSO BRINGING UP FOR NEW BUSINESS DCED GRANT FOR GREENWAYS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION PROGRAMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,500.00 TO BE USED FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT WARD I CENTER COURTS TO INCLUDE REFURBISHMENT OF THE BASKETBALL COURT, HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND SITE FURNISHINGS. COMMITMENT FROM TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS AT FIFTEEN PERCENT.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-COMMISSIONER, I HAVE QUESTIONS ON THE \$42,500.00. DO WE GET THAT AMOUNT FROM THE ENGINEER?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-NOT YET.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-SO, WE STILL HAVE TO GET WHAT THE DOLLAR AMOUNT IS?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-BASICALLY REPAVEMENT DOESN'T COST ANYTHING CLOSE TO \$12,000.00. IF YOU GO FOR A HIGHER NUMBER, YOU CAN PROBABLY DO SOME OTHER THINGS IN THAT AREA. YOU DON'T HAVE TO APPLY FOR 42. THE LOWER YOU APPLY FOR THE LESS YOU HAVE TO PUT OUT. IT'S A GRANT FOR UP TO \$250,000.00. SO, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO PUT A BUNCH OF BIDS OUT THERE FOR A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET AT THIS MOMENT. SO, IF WE CAN LOOK AT FOR DOING THE MINIMUM FOR RIGHT NOW WHICH BASICALLY IS RESURFACING THE BASKETBALL COURT KNOWING THAT THIS GRANT CLOSES BY THE 31<sup>ST</sup>. I JUST RECEIVED THIS ON MONDAY MORNING.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-SO, WE HAVE TO GIVE THE ENGINEER TIME TO LOOK INTO WHAT COST. PLUS, CAN WE BUNDLE ON THIS GRANT APPLICATION? BECAUSE THERE'S

\$250,000.00 SITTING ON THE TABLED THAT WE CAN POSSIBLY GET. WE HAVE OTHER PROJECTS THAT WE'RE ALL AWARE OF THAT NEEDS FUNDING.

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER-THERE IS A GUIDLINE. THERE'S NOWHERE IN THIS GUIDLINE THAT SAYS THAT IT SHOULD JUST BE ONE PROPERTY. OR, WE CAN JUST PUT ONE APPLICATION IN. SO, THERE'S AN EMAIL HERE AND I SENT AN EMAIL OUT TO ASK THAT VERY QUESTION. WHY PUT SOMETHING IN AND NOT TELL US (INAUDIBLE) SO I SHOULD BE HEARING BACK.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

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

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER LACEY-I DO HAVE A PIECE OF NEW BUSINESS. I RECEIVED AN E-MAIL PHONE CALL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON CONCERNING ACADEMY PARK AFTER PROM. THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF FUNDRAISING THAT HAS GONE ON OVER THE PAST MONTH OR SO. THE ORGANIZATION HAS COME UP ABOUT \$2000.00 SHORT ON THEIR GOALS FOR WHAT THEY NEED TO PULL OFF AFTER PROM. SO, THEY'VE ASKED THAT EACH OF THE FOUR COMMUNITIES THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PLEASE DONATE \$500.00 EACH SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE THE AFTER PROM. SO, WHAT I NEED TO DO, SINCE THIS IS A MONETARY AMOUNT. I NEED TO ASK FOR A MOTION TO PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA. DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA.

COMMISSIONER SMITH AND COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO PUT THIS NEW BUSINESS ITEM ON THE AGENDA. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY OPENED PUBLIC COMMENT TO COMMENTS ON THE MOTION TO DONATE \$500.00 TO THE AFTER PROM AT ACADEMY PARK.

ALICIA CARR, 638 MAGNOLIA AVENUE-I'M JUST CURIOUS WHERE THE FUNDS WILL COME FROM?

COMMISSIONER LACEY-GENERAL FUND.

ED MCBRIDE, 1026 HOPKINS AVENUE-BEING A FORMER BOARD MEMBER FOR THE SOEAST DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT. THANK YOU GUYS, FOR PUTTING UP. I WISH YOU COULD PUT UP MORE BUT I UNDERSTAND. I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING THAT ALL THE COMMUNITIES, ALL OF THE FOUR BOROUGHES ARE PUTTING UP. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE DONATING \$500.00 TO ACADEMY PARK AFTER PROM. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO APPLY FOR THE DCED GRANT FOR GREENWAYS, TRAILS, AND RECREATION PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,000.00 TO BE USED FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT WARD I CENTER COURTS TO INCLUDE REFURBISHMENT OF THE BASKETBALL COURT, HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND SITE FURNISHINGS. COMMITMENT FROM TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS AT FIFTEEN PERCENT. ALSO, TO CLEAN ITEMS LISTED BY MS. CATANIA AND CROSSWALKS.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-SO, MS. CATANIA IS LOOKING INTO THE APPLICATION AND SAID SHE WOULD HOPEFULLY HAVE AN ANSWER TOMORROW OR THE NEXT DAY. SHE WILL GET THAT INFORMATION TO US AND THEN WE CAN MOVE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-SO, CAN MOVE ON IT TONIGHT SO IT'S APPROVED? IF SHE GETS A HIGHER AMOUNT OF MONEY, WE CAN GET MORE PROJECTS DONE AND IF SHE DOESN'T GET MORE MONEY WE CAN STILL ACT ON THE LOWER AMOUNT.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

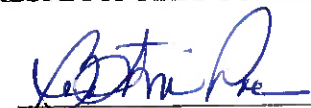
COMMISSIONER FITZ-NONE.


COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-NONE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FOUR 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