

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2023

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2023, AT 7:00PM AT 21 BARTRAM AVENUE, GLENOLDEN, PA 19036.

COMMISSIONER LACEY, PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR JOHN METTS, CODE ENFORCER WHO PASSED 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. VAN WYK, SOLICITOR
MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER
MR. CHILDS, FIRE CHIEF

PRESENTATION BY BRIGALOON

THERE WERE QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER SMITH WANTING TO KNOW ABOUT PARKING, THE TYPE OF BUSINESSES, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF SPACE FOR STORES LIKE FAMILY DOLLAR.

THE PRESENTER STATED ITHE PROPERTY IS NOT ZONED FOR THAT.

MS. WHITAKER ASKED WHAT TYPE OF TREES DID THEY PLAN TO PUT IN?

THE PRESENTER STATED THEY CAN WORK WITH HER AND MR. DAMON ON THE TREES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED ABOUT THE WEIGHT OF THE BUILDING AND HOW DO THEY INTEND ON FILLING IN THAT AREA?

THE PRESENTER STATED THEY HAD GEOTECHNICAL REPORTS COME OUT AND THEY HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO ASKED WHAT IS THE NORMAL SIZE OF THE OFFICES AND HOW MANY OFFICES AND WHAT TYPE OF RENT?

THE PRESENTER STATED ABOUT 20% OFFICES. THE RENT WOULD BE \$12 TO \$13 A SQUARE FOOT. THERE ARE ALSO OTHER FACTORS AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED BRIGALOOON TO CALCULATE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT AND NOT THE SQUARE FOOTAGE. HE ALSO WANTED TO KNOW HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST TO BUILD THE BUILDING.

CITIZEN COMMENT

TOM ORLANDO, 18 STRATFORD RD-THREE OF THE STOP SIGNS ARE FALLING AT THE CORNER OF STRATFORD AND ASHLAND. MR. ORLANDO ALSO READ A LETTER IN TRIBUTE TO JOHN METTS, WHO PASSED AWAY.

ALICIA CARR, 638 MAGNOLIA AVE-WANTED TO KNOW IF THE BRIGALOOON PROJECT IS A ONE OR TWO-STORY BUILDING AND WILL THERE BE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS PUT IN?

THE PRESENTER STATED THERE WILL BE SPRINKLERS PUT IN.

MS. CARR ALSO ASKED WHAT THE TIME FRAME WOULD BE FOR CONSTRUCTION.

THE PRESENTER ANSWERED ANYWHERE BETWEEN EIGHT TO TWELVE MONTHS AND SOMETIMES IT IS DRIVEN BY WEATHER.

MS. CARR WANTED TO KNOW IF THE TENANTS PAY BUSINESS TAX?

COMMISSIONER LACEY SAID YES.

MS. CARR ASKED THE BOARD IN THE UPCOMING PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETINGS TO EXTEND AN OFFICIAL CONTRACT TO UPPER DARBY PRIMOS SECANE 74 FOR 24/7 365 CONTINUOUS PAID PROFESSIONAL FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICES IN THE BRIARCLIFFE SECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP, MAKING THEM THE PRIMARY COMPANY IN THE TOWNSHIP.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CLOSED PUBLIC COMMENT.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

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

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO RATIFY THE VOTE THAT WAS TAKEN ELECTRONICALLY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, TO PURCHASE THE FIRE TRUCK FOR DARBY TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY STATION NO. 76 FROM BOTH ARPA AND SINKING

FUNDS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL OF BRIGALOOON INC. PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DARBY TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08 ELIMINATING POLICE OFFICERS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2024. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-09 FOR THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO BE USED FOR ELGIN PELIGAN NP JD DUAL TIER 4F (STREET SWEEPER). IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED ABOUT THE COST.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED THE COST IS APPROXIMATELY \$273,000.00. SHE ALSO STATED THAT ITEMS 12 THROUGH 18 ARE GRANT APPLICATIONS. MOST OF THE ITEMS SHE DOES NOT HAVE THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR AND SHE WILL UPDATE THE BOARD AS SHE RECEIVES THEM THE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 30TH.

THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO BE USED FOR DARBY TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY STATION NO. 76 FIRE HOUSE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED IF THIS IS DIFFERENT THAN THE (INAUDIBLE) THAT WE PRESENTLY HAVE?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED IT EXCEEDED THE \$150,000 ONCE YOU LOOK AT ALL THE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE. IN ADDITION, TO POSSIBLY PURCHASE AND TEAR DOWN A BUILDING. A NEW BUILDING WITH THE COST OF THOSE REPAIRS IS SIGNIFICANTLY MORE THAN \$350,000 SO THIS WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL APPLICATION REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO COMPLETE THAT PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED WHAT IS THE DOLLAR AMOUNT?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-I DON'T HAVE THAT. I JUST SAID THAT I DON'T HAVE ALL THE NUMBERS YET, SHE SAID.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-11 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO BE USED FOR DARBY TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY STATION NO. 76 MEETING AND RENTAL HALL (PHASE 1). IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO BE USED FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY AUDIO AND VISUAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION AT 21 BARTRAM AVE AND 1085 HOOK ROAD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO AND COMMISSIONER SMITH.

COMMISSIONER SMITH QUESTIONED WHAT IS THE COST FOR THAT?

COMMISSIONER LACEY STATED WE ARE STILL COLLECTING DATA FOR THAT. WE ARE SEEKING BIDS.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO BE USED FOR THE DARBY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT (2) POLICE VEHICLES. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED THE CHIEF HOW MANY POLICE CARS DO THEY CURRENTLY HAVE?

CHIEF SOUSA STATED THEY HAVE (7) MARKED AND (3) UNMARKED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED HOW MANY OFFICERS DO THEY HAVE?

CHIEF SOUSA STATED THEY HAVE (15) FULL-TIME AND (3) PART-TIME.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO BE USED FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY LICENSE & INSPECTIONS ELECTRIC VEHICLES. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED HOW MANY VEHICLES?

COMMISSIONER LAVEY STATED (2).

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15 FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO BE USED FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY

COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF AT 1085 HOOK ROAD. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED IF THE MOTION COULD BE AMMENDED TO INCLUDE THE FORMER POLICE STATION ON HOOK ROAD. IT IS IN NEED OF MAJOR WORK AND IT HAS ASBESTOS AND NEEDS WORK DONE ON THE OUTSIDE AND IT NEEDS MORE LIGHTING.

MR. VAN WYK, SOLICITOR STATED YOU WOULD NEED ANOTHER RESOLUTION SINCE IT'S ANOTHER PROPERTY AND DIFFERENT FINANCING.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT-MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER, IF SHE HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THE HOLE ON TRIBBITT AVENUE AND HOOK ROAD FOR THE ROAD PROGRAM 2023?

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER STATED SHE WAS NOT ASKED TO DO THAT. HE ASKED THOMAS TO LOOK AT THAT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED HE NEVER ASKED THOMAS. HE CLEARLY ASKED MS. WHITAKER AND MS. CATANIA TO SET UP A DATE AND TIME UPON THEIR AVAILABILITY TO COME TO TRIBBITT AVENUE AND IT NEVER HAPPENED.

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER STATED SHE COULD PROBABLY GO THROUGH HER NOTES OR GO THROUGH THE MINUTES THAT SHE WAS NOT ASKED TO DO THAT AT THE LAST MEETING. SHE WROTE IT DOWN THAT THERE WAS A SINKHOLE ON TRIBBETT AND HOOK BUT SHE DID NOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE THAT WAS FOR THE MAINTENANCE GROUP TO TAKE A LOOK AT. SHE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT IT THE NEXT TIME SHE IS IN DARBY TOWNSHIP. THAT IS NOT THE 2023 ROAD PROGRAM. THE ROAD PROGRAM IS SET. IT WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND AT THIS POINT SHE CAN NOT CHANGE IT. IT WOULD HAVE TO HAPPEN NEXT YEAR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ABOUT THE HOLE ON FORRESTER AND BURTON AVENUE.

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER STATED IT IS A PLUMBING ISSUE AND IT IS BEING HANDLED BY THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER IF SHE HAD AN UPDATE.

MS. WHITAKER STATED THAT THAT IS THE HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED ABOUT THE PROPOSAL FOR THE SIGNAL POLE PAINTING.

MS. CATANIA STATED THE ACTUAL NUMBER WAS IN HER REPORT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED MS. WHITAKER FOR AN UPDATE.

COMMISSIONER LACEY SAID NOONE MADE A MOTION OR HAD A CONVERSATION ABOUT SPENDING MONEY.

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

SOLICITOR REPORT GIVEN BY MR. VAN WYK, SOLICITOR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS FINANCES THAT WALMART WAS SUPPOSED TO PAY OUT CLOSE TO \$300,000.00 IN CITATIONS.

MR. VAN WYK SAID HE WOULD GET THAT INFORMAION AND GET BACK TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SOLICITORS REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

POLICE REPORT GIVEN BY CHIEF SOUSA.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED FOR AN UPDATE ON THE SPEED STUDY.

CHIEF SOUSA STATED HIS PRIORITIES WERE SHIFTED. HE HAS MANPOWER PROBLEMS AND THE SHOOTINGS IN WARD ONE. ALSO, HE HAS AN OFFICER INJURED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED FOR THE TIME OF DAY FOR THE TRAFFIC CITATIONS.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE POLICE CHIEFS REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

GOODWILL FIRE CHIEF REPORT GIVEN BY TINA MENGINIE, PRESIDENT OF GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY.

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

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED EACH FIRE COMPANY HOW MANY MEMBERS THEY HAVE?

GOODWILL HAS 13.

DARBY TOWNSHIP COMPANY NO.4 THE DEUTY CHIEF DID NOT KNOW AND SAID HE WOULD GET THAT INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSIONER.

HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT TRAINING CLASSES.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DARBY TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEFS REPORTS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT ON FILE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED MS. WHITAKER TO EMAIL THE FIRE MARSHAL IN REFERENCE TO THE FIRE ZONE PARKING VIOLATIONS. HE STATED THERE IS A VEHICLE PARKED AT THE FIRE HYDRANT IT'S BEEN THERE SO LONG ON ROOSEVELT DRIVE.

CHIEF SOUSA ASKED TO HOLD OFF ON THE EMAIL TO THE FIRE MARSHAL AND HE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT IT TOMORROW MORNING.

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

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THE CHIEF HAD RADIO COMMUNICATIONS? HE SAID HE HASN'T HAD TRAINING ON RADIO COMMUNICATIONS IN THE LAST YEAR. HE SERVED ON A CALL; IT WAS NOT GOOD RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

COMMISSIONER FITZ, WARD III-GAVE THE HIGHWAY REPORT. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED ABOUT GRASS THAT WAS CUT BY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND THE CLIPPINGS WERE NOT PICKED UP. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE ABUNDANCE OF ITEMS AT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND IT LOOKS A MESS.

COMMISSIONER FITZ ASKED COMMISSIONER SMITH TO EMAIL HIM THE PICTURES.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED IF THEY WERE STILL PAINTING THE STREETS IN PARTICUKAR TRIBBITT AVENUE.

COMMISSIONER FITZ ASKED COMMISSIONER SMITH TO EMAIL HIM WITH THAT INFORMATION.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-GAVE HER REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION AND THE LIBRARY. SHE ASKED EVERYONE TO COME OUT TO THE CAR SHOW.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LIBRARY AND THE CAR SHOW.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ADDRESSED A SINKHOLE ON TRIBBETT AVENUE. HE ASKED THE SOLICITOR TO CHECK ABOUT VENDORS AND PARTICIPANTS FEE.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH HAD NOTHING TO REPORT AT THE TIME.

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

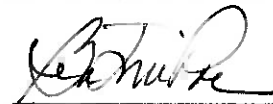
NEW BUSINESS-NONE

COMMISSIONER LACEY WISHED JACK LEE, CONSTABLE A SPEEDY RECOVERY FROM HIS RECENT SURGERY.

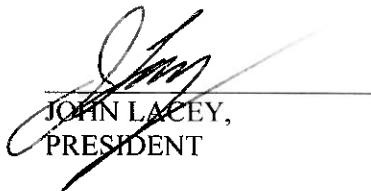
COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



BEATRICE POE,
SECRETARY



JOHN LACEY,
PRESIDENT