

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2023

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 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 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. SOUSA, CHIEF OF POLICE  
MS. POE, SECRETARY  
MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR  
MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER

THE 2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET WAS PRESENTED BY MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER. SHE THANKED THE FINANCE TEAM THAT WORKED DILIGENTLY TO PROVIDE A BALANCED BUDGET FOR 2024. MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED THE FINAL BUDGET WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR APPROVAL ON DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00PM. THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET WILL BE POSTED TO THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE OR COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00AM TO 5:00PM.

CITIZEN COMMENT

ALICIA CARR, 638 MAGNOLIA AVE-MS. CARR HAD SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BUDGET. SHE WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE GENERAL FUND AND FIRE SERVICES AND THE FIRE COMPANIES APARATUS FUNDS. SHE STATED SHE WILL SEND HER QUESTIONS IN AN EMAIL TO THE TOWNSHIP MANAGERS.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

MS. CARR HAD A QUESTION FOR CHIEF SOUSA TOO ABOUT THE BULLET PROOF VEST.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

MS. CARR ASKED, IF THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS GO TO THE GENERAL OR SINKING FUND?

MR. PIERCE STATED THEY GO INTO THE SEWER AND TRASH FEES THAT ARE PAID TO MUCKINIPATES AND DARBY CREEK.

LISA DANIEL SPOKE ABOUT GAS LEAKS IN THE TOWNSHIP AND WANTED TO KNOW WHY THE TOWNSHIP IS NOT BEING NOTIFIED BY PECO?

CHIEF SOUSA STATED IF PECO HAD IT UNDER CONTROL, THEY WOULD JUST TAKE CARE OF IT. USUALLY THE RESIDENT WOULD CALL 911 FIRST.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

TIBERIAS BOBO-FIRE CHIEF NO. 4 HAD A QUESTION ABOUT THE FIRE MARSHAL. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHY THEY HAD \$17,000.00 ALLOTTED IN THE BUDGET.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED IT IS FOR FIRE INVESTIGATIONS AND GEAR, ETC.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

CHIEF BOB ALSO WANTED TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FIRE FUND AND THE FIRE ESCROW FUND?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED THE FIRE ESCROW IS IF SOMEONE HAS A HOUSE FIRE AND THE INSURANCE COMPANY SENDS THE FUNDS TO THE TOWNSHIP SO THAT WHEN THEY ARE GETTING THE WORK DONE, THE TOWNSHIP HOLDS IT TO PAY OFF ANY COST.

CHIEF BOBO ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY ITEMS ACTUALLY BUDGETED FOR FIRE SERVICES IN THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO ADOPT THE 2024 TOWNSHIP OF DARBY PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET.

IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.


COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER TO ADVERTISE THE PASSING OF THE 2024 TOWNSHIP OF DARBY PRELIMINARY OPERATING BUDGET. ALSO, TO ADVERTISE THE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE AND ASSOCIATED FEE ORDINANCES.

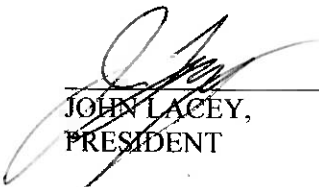
IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
BEATRICE POE,  
SECRETARY

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN LACEY,  
PRESIDENT