

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2024

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2023, AT 7:00PM AT 21 BARTRAM AVENUE, GLENOLDEN, PA 19036.

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

MR. LACEY, COMMISSIONER
MS. HOLMAN, COMMISSIONER
MS. TALIAFERRO, COMMISSIONER
MR. FITZ, COMMISSIONER
MS. SANDONE, COMMISSIONER

OFFICIALS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

LAURA HAMILTON-1565 TRIBBETT AVENUE.
MS. HAMILTON HAS CONCERNS ABOUT THE WORK BEING DONE ON TRIBBITT AVENUE. THERE WAS A BIG WATER EXPLOSION ON NEW YEARS DAY. THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING SINCE LAST YEAR AND THEY ARE STILL WORKING WITH GIGANTIC TRUCKS. IT IS BLOCKED OFF AND THE WATER IS SEWERAGE.

COMMISSIONER LACEY STATED IT IS A COUNTY PROJECT TO REPLACE THE BRIDGE. HE STATED HE WAS NOTIFIED ABOUT THE EXPLOSION AND HE DID REACH OUT TO THE COUNTY AND TO THE INDOVIDUALS ON THE PROJECT. THEY DID COME OUT UNTIL 3:00AM. THEY CAME BACK THE NEXT MORNING TO CLEAN UP. HE WAS TOLD THAT EPA AND DEP WAS NOTIFIED AND THE SITUATION WAS RESOLVED.

LINDA O'DENNIS-1561 TRIBBETT AVENUE
MS. O'DENNIS STATED SHE CALLED 911 FIVE OR SIX TIMES. THEY HAD TO WAIT EIGHT HOURS WITH TEN FEET HIGH OF WATER, SHOOTING UP BLACK ROCKS. THE ROCKS WERE HITTING THEIR CARS. THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND UNDERGROUND PIPES. SHE CALLED AQUA WHO CAME OUT AND STATED THERE IS A PIPE RIGHT IN FRONT OF HER HOUSE. WATER IS LEAKING FROM HER HOUSE TO THE STREET. THEY SAID SOMEONE WILL COME OUT AGAIN TO SEE WHERE THE UNDERGROUND PIPE IS LEAKING. ANOTHER ISSUE IS PARKING. THEY CANNOT GET OUT OF THE DRIEWAY BECAUSE THE WORKERS ARE PARKING THERE. SHE SUGGESTED THEY

LEAVE NOTES. SHE IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT DRINKING THE WATER BECAUSE IT IS VERY CLOUDY. SHE WANTS TO KNOW IF THE TOWNSHIP TESTED THE WATER.

COMMISSIONER LACEY STATED THAT WOULD BE AN AQUA ISSUE.

MS. O'DENNIS SAID IT IS ALSO A PEST CONTROL PROBLEM AND THE PAVEMENT IS HORRIBLE FROM THEM DIGGING.

DISSCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY SUGGESTED SHE GET A LIST OF ITEMS TOGETHER AND MEET WITH MS. WHITAKER OR SEND AN EMAIL.

MS. O'DENNIS ALSO HAS ISSUES WITH THE NOISE FROM THE SHOOTING RANGE COMING FROM THE TRAINING CENTER.

COMMISSIONER LACEY STATED THAT IS ALSO A COUNTY ISSUE AND HE WILL PASS THAT INFORMATION OVER TO THE COUNTY.

DISCUSSION ENSUED ABOUT WHO TO CALL IN AN EMERGENCY LIKE THIS WHERE THEY HAD TO WAIT EIGHT HOURS.

DOMINIQUE-1537 TRIBBETT AVENUE.

MR. DOMINIQUE STATED THAT IN REFERENCE TO THE WATER SHOOTING OUT, HE WASN'T RAISING TOO MUCH OF A CONCERN UNTIL HE REALIZED THEY COULDN'T GET IT CUT OFF UNTIL 3 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING. THEY DID NOT CLEAN UP PROPERLY. THEY LEFT ROCKS ON THE DRIVEWAYS AND ON THE CARS AND HOUSES. THE WATER HAS BACTERIA AND WASTEWATER. THE CONTRACTORS STATED WHATEVER THE PROBLEM IS, IT'S NOT THEIR PROBLEM AND THEY HAVE NO INTENTION ON FIXING IT BECAUSE THE TOWNSHIP DON'T WANT TO GIVE THE MONEY TO FIX IT. THEY ENCOURAGED THE RESIDENTS TO COME TO THE MEETING AND SPEAK WITH THE COMMISSIONERS. WHATEVER THE PROBLEM IS, IT'S NOT BASED ON THEM BUILDING THE BRIDGE. NOW THEY SAID IT'S GAS LINES AND OTHER THINGS. THEY HAVE BEEN HAVING A PROBLEM WITH THIS BACK AND FORTH FOR A YEAR AND A HALF.

COMMISSIONER LACEY STATED THEY WILL CALL TOMORROW.

MR. DOMINIQUE ASKED IF THEY KNEW WHAT EXACTLY WAS GOING ON?

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER STATED THEY ARE REPLACING THE BRIDGE BUT IN REPLACING THE BRIDGE THEY HAVE TO REPLACE CERTAIN UTILITIES. THEY TOOK OUT A SANITARY MANHOLE THAT'S OWNED AND OPERATED BY DARBY CREEK JOINT AUTHORITY. IT'S ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE CREEK FROM WHERE HE IS. FOR THE EASE OF THEM DEMOLISHING AND CONSTRUCTING THE BRIDGE. THEY ALSO BYPASSED THEIR SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM THAT CAME DOWN HIS STREET, AS WELL AS THE SANITARY SYSTEM FOR DARBY CREEK JOINT AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO DO ALL THIS WORK. MS. CATANIA STATED WHEN SHE SAW THE SPRAYS OF WATER, SHE COULD TELL IT WAS A PUMP ISSUE. IT WOULD GO UP AND THEN IT WOULD STOP FOR A BIT AND

THEN IT WOULD GO UP AGAIN. THAT IS A BYPASS PUMPING ISSUE. THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT A MANHOLE THAT IS ON KAISER DRIVE WHICH IS NOT IN DARBY TOWNSHIP. IT IS IN FOLCROFT BOROUGH AND SOME ISSUES THEY HAVE THERE. SO, THEY ARE UTILIZING THAT AS AN ISSUE THAT THE TOWNSHIP HAS TO TACKLE. SHE STATED WE HAVE GENERAL SEWER GOING DOWN THERE TO VIDEO OUR ENTIRE MAIN. HOPEFULLY IT WILL BE TOMORROW BUT SHE IS GETTING CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO WHERE THEY ARE IN THEIR CONSTRUCTION.

RESIDENTS HAD QUESTIONS FOR MS. CATANIA AND DISCUSSIONS ENSUED.

CHIEF SOUSA SAID TO CALL 911 WITH ANY TYPE OF EMERGENCY. ALSO CALL 911 WHEN THEY ARE BLOCKING THE RESIDENT'S VEHICLES IN.

TIBERIAS BOBO-702 FELTON AVENUE.

MR. BOBO SAID, IT WAS STATED THAT THE EPA WAS NOTIFIED, WHERE DID OUR LOCAL LEVEL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PLAY IN THAT? HE INDICATED THAT IS HAZZARDOUS MATERIALS AND THE FIRE COMPANIES DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. ALSO, WATER PRESSURE WAS LOST FOR MORE THAN EIGHT OR MORE MEANING OUR HYDRANTS WERE OUT OF SERVICE.

COMMISSIONER LACEY STATED THERE WAS NO FRESH WATER ISSUES.

MR. BOBO SAID HE WOULD SIT DOWN AND TALK TO JIM. MAYBE THEY CAN SIT DOWN AND FIND OUT WHAT CAN BE DONE ON A LOCAL LEVEL.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CLOSED PUBLIC COMMENT.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SANDONE. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE LIST OF BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2023 AND NOVEMBER 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN. FIVE APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,900.00. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPOINT ANTHONY GAVIN TO MUCKINIPATES AUTHORITY. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SANDONE. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO HIRE JUSTIN ORTIZ AS A PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER PENDING PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAM AND BACKGROUND CHECK. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT-MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER.

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

SOLICITOR REPORT GIVEN BY MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR.

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

POLICE REPORT GIVEN BY CHIEF SOUSA.

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

CHIEF CHILDS, READ THE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT.

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

CHIEF CHILDS GAVE FIRE CHIEF REPORT.

CHIEF BOBO GAVE DARBY TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY NO. 4 REPORT.

TINA MENIGINIE GAVE GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY NO. 1 REPORT.

COMMISSIONER SANDONE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FIRE CHIEF'S REPORTS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS.

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

COMMISSIONER FITZ ACKNOWLEDGED THE SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR LAST NIGHTS STORM ACTIVITY AND AN OUTSTANDING JOB FROM EVERYBODY.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-GAVE HER REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION AND THE LIBRARY. SHE ASKED MS. CATANIA TO SPEAK ON SOME OF THE PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN HAD NOTHING.

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

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO SPOKE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND ZONING MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER FITZ HAD NOTHING.

COMMISSIONER SANDONE HAD NOTHING.

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY WAS READ BY CHIEF CHILDS AND DECLARED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SANDONE. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

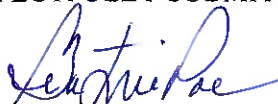
COMMISSIONER LACEY READ RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16 TO COMMISSIONER ROBERT K. GOUGLER.

THERE WAS APPLAUSE AND WELL WISHES TO COMMISSIONER GOUGLER FROM THE AUDIENCE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICIALS.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



BEATRICE POE,
SECRETARY



JOHN LACEY,
PRESIDENT