

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2023

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2023, AT 7:00PM AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING, SHARON HILL, PENNSYLVANIA, 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

OFFICIALS

MR. LACEY, COMMISSIONER
MR. SMITH, COMMISSIONER
MS. TALIAFERRO, COMMISSIONER
MR. FITZ, COMMISSIONER (**EXCUSED**)
MR. GOUGLER, COMMISSIONER

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

PUBLIC HEARING-REQUEST OF WAWA, INC. FOR A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTERMUNICIPAL TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-PERSUANT TO THE CODES, THE NOTICE FOR TODAY'S PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED IN NEWS AND GENERAL CIRCULATION IN DELAWARE COUNTY DAILY TIMES ON DECEMBER 14TH AND DECEMBER 28TH. INDICATING THE TOWNSHIP OF DARBY WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY THE 11TH AT 7:00 PM, JUST BEFORE IT'S REGULAR OR AT ITS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER HERE. I HAVE THE PROOF OF PUBLICATION FOR THIS MATTER. THE APPLICANT WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY THE COMMENTS FOR CITIZENS RELATED ONLY TO THE REQUEST FOR WAWA APPROVING THE INTERMUNICIPAL TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE. I UNDERSTAND THAT MS. FREEMAN IS HERE REPRESENTING THE APPLICANT.

SIMONE COLLINS, INC. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PRESENTATION OF THE CONWAY PARK MASTER PLAN.

AFTER THE CLOSING OF BOTH PRESENTATIONS, COMMISSIONER LACEY-OPENED THE FLOOR TO CITIZENS COMMENTS.

MR. HART-1040 BROOKWOOD LANE-MY ISSUE IS AND YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD FROM THE RECEPTIONIST, I'VE BEEN DOWN A COUPLE OF TIMES. WE HAVE A CAR COMING DOWN BROOKWOOD LANE FROM STRATFORD. HE MIGHT BE DOING FIFTY MILES AN HOUR. NOW, I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF CARS EXCEEDING THE SPEEDING LIMITS IN THE

NEIGHBORHOOD. I KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE RADAR. I GET ALL THAT, BUT THIS GUY IS OUT OF CONTROL. I MEAN I CAN SHOW YOU ON MY PHONE.

CHIEF SOUSA-WE CAN SEE THAT AFTERWARDS. WHAT KIND OF VEHICLE IS IT?

MR. HART-IT'S A MIDSIZE CHEVY. SUV. SO, AT ANYTIME BETWEEN 3:30 AND 4:30 YOU CAN COUNT ON THIS GUY COMING DOWN. I MEAN HE HITS IT. I DON'T KNOW HOW HE'S GOING BUT I WOULD ESTIMATE FIFTY MILES AN HOUR, EASILY. NOW THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE GOING FASTER THAN THEY SHOULD BE...

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

DARRYL GATES-1515 ROOSEVELT DRIVE-NOW ON THIS PROPOSED PART. IF THEY GET THE FUNDING I ASSUME. ANY KIND OF FUNDRAISING (INAUDIBLE) WOULD WORK?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-CORRECT.

MR. GATES-I DID FORGET SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAWA ISSUE. WILL YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION?

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A PART OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE NOTES AND TESTIMONY.

MR. GATES-YOU CAN ONLY BUY SO MUCH AT ONE TIME. I WONDER IF THERE WAS A LIMIT ON HOW MANY TIMES YOU CAN GO OUT AND COME BACK IN, RIGHT AWAY.

MR. PIERCE-WE'LL ASK THEM.

ASHLEY DOLCEAMORE-OAKWOOD DRIVE-I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS FOR EVEN ENTERTAINING THE LIQUOR LICENSING. I KNOW IT'S A CHOPPY SUBJECT IT SEEMS FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE. BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE DO WANT IT AND SO THANKS FOR ENTERTAINING THAT. AS FAR AS THE CONWAY PARK PLAN, I KEPT HEARING OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT IT WAS HAPPENING. I AM SO SADDENED THAT I MISSED THE MEETINGS FOR THAT BUT I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE THOUGHT THAT WAS PUT INTO IT. THE CHILDREN HERE DESERVE TO HAVE A PLAYGROUND LIKE THAT. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO HAVE CHILDREN AND THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE CHILDREN. SO, EVEN IF WE CAN'T SEE THE FRUITS OF THAT LABOR THE CHILDREN WHETHER NOW OR A DECADE FROM NOW DESERVE TO HAVE THAT HERE. SO, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE TIME. I KNOW THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE BEHIND THAT. I KNOW TIMES ARE HARD AND THERE'S FUNDRAISERS FOR EVERYTHING BUT IF THERE IS A FUNDRAISER OR SOMETHING, I WOULD LOVE TO BE A PART OF THAT. BECAUSE THE QUICKER WE GET THIS MONEY, THE QUICKER THAT PARK CAN BE BUILT.

SIMONE COLLINS, INC.-I DON'T KNOW IF THE TOWNSHIP INTENDS TO PUT A GRANT INTO DCNR IN APRIL. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT YOU PUT IN ARE SUPPORT LETTERS. SO, IF YOU HAVE GROUPS THAT WANT TO SUPPORT THE PARK AND YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SAW. WRITING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THAT GRANT GOES A LONG WAY WITH DCNR. EVEN IF THERE'S A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE GROUP PUTS TO. I

KNOW THE DARBY TOWNSHIP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. I KNOW THEY'VE PUT MONEY INTO THE PARK. IF THEY CAN SAY THEY'RE GOING TO COMMIT ANOTHER AMOUNT OF, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A SMALL AMOUNT LIKE \$500,000. THAT SAYS A LOT TO DCNR, THAT PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO PUT MONEY INTO THEIR COMMUNITY.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

RACQUEL HOLMAN, 1106 TRIBBETT AVENUE-ONE OF THE THINGS I JUST WANT TO SPEAK ON JUST TO MY FELLOW FOLKS THAT LIVE HERE IN DARBY TOWNSHIP. THE FIRE HOUSE HAS A LIQUOR LICENSE, UNLESS IT'S SUSPENDED, DIXONS OF COURSE, AND THEN WE HAVE LACEYS. SO, THEY'RE SELLING SPIRITS. WE'RE SITTING IN. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DRINKING AND THINGS ARE HAPPENING OR NOT HAPPENING. WAWA IS ONLY SELLING BEER AND WINE. THAT'S IT. YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE AND BUY JIM BEAN. YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE AND BUY FORTIES. YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE AND DO ANY OF THOSE THINGS. IT'S JUST BEER AND WINE. PERIOD. RIGHT NOW, THE ONLY ESTABLISHMENT ON THIS SIDE THAT'S SELLING ALCOHOL IN OUR TOWN IS DIXONS. BEFORE LACEY'S CLOSED THERE WAS ONLY DIXONS, LACEYS AND THE FIRE HOUSE. IT'S AN ISSUE NOW BUT EVERYBODY'S GOT THEIR OPINION. PARKS AND RECREATION, THERE WERE SEVERAL MEETINGS. THERE WERE LOTS OF MEETINGS. THERE WERE MEETINGS ON MEETINGS. COMMISSIONERS WERE THERE, THAT ARE CURRENTLY SERVING. PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY. IT'S BEEN A LOT OF PEOPLE THERE THAT WE KNOW TO ASK QUESTIONS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUCH. SO, THE PLAN THAT SHE CAME UP WITH YES, I'M ON THE COMMISSION, THE PLAN THAT SHE CAME UP WITH WAS FROM THE INPUT OF ALL OF US. THERE WAS A SURVEY THAT WAS ON THE DARBY TOWNSHIP WEBSITE. THAT'S HOW WE GOT 117 RESPONSES. I WISH IT WOULD HAVE BEEN 1,117 RESPONSES. BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH. YOU THROW IT OUT THERE ON SOCIAL MEDIA. IT COST MONEY TO HAND DISTRIBUTE PAPER TO LET PEOPLE KNOW. YOU EXPECT PEOPLE THAT YOU KNOW TO SAY SOMETHING TO THE NEXT PERSON. SO THAT WE ALL CAN BE INVOLVED IN WHATEVER IS GOING ON.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

WALTER REALER, 1530 LINCOLN AVENUE-I WAS AT THE LAST MEETING TALKING ABOUT MY COUSIN, AGAIN. I'M COMING BACK TO THIS MEETING, AGAIN. YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT MY MESSAGE KIND OF GOT ACROSS AND HE WOULD STOP CALLING AND ASKING PEOPLE... YOU KNOW WHERE I LIVE. WHEN YOU APPOINTED ME TO THE BOARD YOU KNEW WHERE I LIVED. SO, WHY ARE YOU STILL PLAYING THIS DUMB **** GAME? LIKE IT'S ANNOYING. THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME. THE FIRST TIME WHEN I CONFRONTED YOU ON IT YOU CALLED THE POLICE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-NO, I DID NOT.

MR. REALER-YES YOU DID BECAUSE THE POLICE CONFIRMED IT. YOU'RE BLINKING. THAT'S HOW I KNOW YOU'RE LYING. YOU START ALL THAT BLINKING. THAT'S THAT BLINKING ****. THE COPS CONFIRMED IT. I'M TELLING YOU AGAIN, KEEP MY NAME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-BANGS THE GAVEL.

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PHILIP LACY, 1006 ASH ROAD-MY NAME CAME IN, MR. SMITH I UNDERSTAND. I GOT NUMEROUS PHONE CALLS. YOU WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED I GET PHONE CALLS AS FAR AS GEORGIA ABOUT IT. I GET MULTIPLE PHONE CALLS ABOUT ME SERVING ON THE ZONING BOARD. I'VE BEEN SERVING ON THE ZONING BOARD FOR TEN YEARS. IF ANYBODY NEEDS TO KNOW. I'M TRYING TO HELP THE COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE I HAVE BEEN LIVING OUT HERE ALMOST 52 YEARS. I'VE BEEN LIVING OUT HERE SINCE 1971. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW THE MATH. I'LL BE FIFTY-SEVEN THIS YEAR. IT SADDENS ME THAT I HEAR TONIGHT WE'RE PROGRESSING WITH THE WAWA SITE, WHICH I HAD A LOT TO DO WITH GETTING WAWA HERE IN DARBY TOWNSHIP SERVING ON THE ZONING BOARD. TO BRING MONEY INTO THE COMMUNITY. TO BRING FIFTY OR CLOSE TO SIXTY NEW JOBS INTO THIS COMMUNITY. TO LOWER THE TAXPAYER'S PROPERTY TAXES AND I HEAR NEGATIVITY ABOUT IT. BEFORE YOU SAY ANYTHING YOU NEED TO EDUCATE YOURSELVES. THERE WERE HEARINGS IN REGARD TO THE WAWA SITE. I MADE THE PROPOSAL FOR WAWA TO COME HERE BECAUSE I KNEW THE FOUNDATION AND WHAT KIND OF COMPANY IT IS. I HAVE RESOURCES WITHIN WHETHER YOU KNOW IT OR NOT. BUT I DON'T NEED TO REVEAL THAT. IT'S SAD TO ME THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL BE NEGATIVE TO A COMPANY THAT IS A CLASS ACT OF DELAWARE COUNTY. THE SECOND ISSUE I HAVE IS I LIKE THIS PROPOSAL THAT WHAT'S GOING ON IN CONWAY PARK. REASON BEING, I'VE BEEN LIVING HERE FOR FIFTY YEARS. THIS PLAN IS OVERDUE. IF YOU KNOW THE OLD PLAN IN THE SEVENTIES, IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A LIBRARY. A SWIMMING POOL, BATHROOMS AND EVERYTHING IN THAT PARK. THEY PUT A TENNIS COURT THERE. I'M GOING BACK IN THE SEVENTIES WHEN THE PLAN WAS TO PUT IN THAT PARK. WHEN WE HAD A DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION. THERE WAS A DIRECTOR OF RECREATION IN THIS TOWNSHIP. THEY USED TO TEACH THE KIDS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES DURING THE COURSE OF THE SUMMER MONTHS WHEN THEY HAD NOTHING ELSE TO DO. SO, THIS PROPOSAL, I THANK THE TOWNSHIP COMMISSION BOARD AS WELL AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION WHO PUT TOGETHER THIS PLAN. EDUCATE YOURSELF AND LEARN WHAT IT'S ABOUT BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. TOO LONG WE WAITED FOR THAT TO BE MATERIALIZED. THERE'S GOING TO BE A PROCESS. IT TAKES FUNDING BUT IF YOU CAN COME UP WITH THE FUNDS, SO BE IT. WE'VE GOT ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN DO THAT. WE NEED TO STOP BEING NEGATIVE AND BE POSITIVE FOR OUR FUTURE. WE GOT A COMMISSION BOARD THAT'S DOING THEIR VERY BEST FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. SOME PEOPLE MIGHT SAY ABOUT ME, I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW I'VE BEEN IN THIS COMMUNITY FIFTY-TWO YEARS LIKE I SAID. I'VE BEEN ALL ABOUT THIS COMMUNITY. I GREW UP HERE. I'VE FOUGHT ON A LOT OF ISSUES THAT HAVE AFFECTED THIS COMMUNITY. IT'S SADDENS ME THAT IN 2023, WE CAN'T MOVE FORWARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LEGACY OF THOSE IN THE FUTURE. WE NEED TO BE INSPIRING OTHERS. WE'VE GOT YOUTH TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT AND OUR SENIORS. THAT PARK IS GOING TO BENEFIT EVERYONE. ALL AGES. SO, IF YOU NEED TO KNOW FIND OUT AND STOP BEING IGNORANT TO THE FACT OF WHAT'S BEST FOR THIS COMMUNITY. BECAUSE GUESS WHAT? IT'S A LONG TIME COMING SINCE I'VE BEEN LIVING HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

RICHARD WOMACK, DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL, 1312 TRIBBETT AVENUE-FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO SAY GOOD EVENING TO EVERYONE. IT'S GOOD TO SEE A LOT OF YOU AND IT'S GOOD TO SEE THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE RESIDENTS COMING OUT. THERE IS A LOT OF WORK THAT IS BEING DONE IN DARBY TOWNSHIP. A LOT OF STUFF THAT HAS BEEN LONG OVERDUE. THINGS THAT I DREAMED OF AND WANT TO SEE HAPPEN FOR OUR COMMUNITY. A LOT OF YOU IN THIS ROOM KNOW WHAT THIS TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN THROUGH AND HAS BEEN WITHOUT. A LOT OF THINGS DON'T CHANGE OVERNIGHT BUT WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS. WE'RE CONTINUING TO MAKE PROGRESS. I MAY NOT ALWAYS AGREE WITH CERTAIN PEOPLE BUT ONE THING I WILL SAY, AND I DO AGREE ON I WILL DO THE BEST THAT I CAN FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT. IF I CAN JUST HELP SOMEONE, THEN I FEEL LIKE MY LIVING IS NOT IN VAIN. I SIT ON COUNTY COUNCIL AND I'M LOOKING AT THE PROPOSAL THAT'S BEING MADE. SOME SAY IT'S GOING TO BE A TWENTY-YEAR PROPOSAL. WE NEED ABOUT THREE MILLION DOLLARS. I SIT ON THE COUNTY AND IF THERE'S A PROPOSAL. IF THERE'S A GRANT THAT'S BEING SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY, I WOULD DO MY BEST TO HELP SUPPORT TO HELP RAISE THE THREE MILLION DOLLARS. I THINK WE CAN DO IT IN LESS THAN TWENTY YEARS. IT'S SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT MY GRANDKIDS CAN ENJOY. SO, I'M COMMITTED TO IT. I'M WILLING TO WORK WITH THE COMMISSIONERS OR MY FRIEND, MS. CATANIA. SHE KNOWS HOW TO HELP GET THE MONEY AS WELL. BUT IF I CAN BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE, I'M HERE TO HELP. SO, ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU AND LET'S MOVE FORWARD AND CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER.

LINDA STEWART, 915 SHARON AVENUE-FIRST OF ALL I USE TO COME TO THE MEETINGS ALL THE TIME, SINCE THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN. I HAVE SEEN SO MANY CHANGES. I STOPPED COMING BECAUSE I GET SO DISGUSTED WITH HOW THINGS ARE HANDLED. I KNOW WE HAVE TO WORK AS A WHOLE. WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY AND NOT ALWAYS GOING AGAINST EACH OTHER. WITH THAT BEING SAID, I'VE BEEN TO MEETINGS BEFORE ABOUT SHARON AVENUE. THERE HAVE BEEN MULTIPLE ACCIDENTS ON SHARON AVENUE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE OR DO I HAVE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH PENNDOT, THE STATE OR WHOEVER TO CONTACT TO SEE ABOUT GETTING SPEED BUMPS, METERS, SOMETHING BEING PUT UP. MY DAUGHTER WAS HIT ON SHARON AVENUE ONE SUNDAY MORNING ABOUT THIRTEEN YEARS AGO. PEOPLE FLY UP THERE. THEY COME OFF OF HOOK ROAD LIKE THEY ARE STILL ON 95. SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE. I HAVE SEEN MULTIPLE ACCIDENTS WHERE I HEAR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. I COME OUT AND I SEE. LIKE I SAID, LAST FRIDAY AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING I HEAR A BANG. I LOOKED OUT AND MY NEIGHBORS CAR WAS UP ON THE SIDEWALK. I DIDN'T EVEN LOOK AT MY CAR. I DIDN'T BOTHER CALLING THE POLICE BECAUSE IT WAS A HIT AND RUN. THEY WERE GONE. WHEN I DID GET UP IN THE MORNING, SOMEONE ELSE HAD CALLED THE POLICE, I SAW MY CAR HAD DAMAGE. MY CAR WAS TOWED TO THE REPAIR SHOP. MY TIE ROD WAS BROKEN. THAT'S HOW HARD THEY HIT. HOW THE CAR RODE OFF AFTER THEY HAD THE ACCIDENT, I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHEN I LOOKED OUT THERE WAS NO CAR IN SIGHT. BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING PUT UP. THE SCHOOL BUS HAS TO BLOCK ACROSS THE STREET BECAUSE PEOPLE FLY UP AND DOWN THE HIGHWAY. YOU CAN NOT SEE COMING OUT OF LAUREL ROAD ONTO SHARON AVENUE. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE BEFORE SOMEBODY IS KILLED.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-I ASKED MS. WHITAKER TO REACH OUT TO YOU. IF WE DON'T HAVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, CAN YOU GIVE IT TO MS. BEA AFTERWARDS?

MS. STEWARD-YES, I WILL.

NICKI MCCLINTOCH, 22 S. ACADEMY-I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. HOW DO YOU BECOME A CANDIDATE? A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED BUT THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR THE ELECTION. DO YOU HAVE IT ON THE WEBSITE? IS THERE ANY PLACE...

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-IT'S IN THE FIRST-CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-YOU CAN GOOGLE FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE.

MS. MCCLINTOCH-I WANT TO KNOW IF THERE IS ANYBODY IN CHARGE OF ... I LIVE BY THE CREEK. (INAUDIBLE) NOBODY HAS FIXED ANYTHING ON THE ALLEY. THE TRASH TRUCK COMES IN. THERES GRATES THAT RUN ALONG THE ALLEY THERE. FILLED IN ALWAYS FROM THE TRASH TRUCK. THERE'S NO DRAINAGE. SO, EVERY TIME IT RAINS, MORE THAN JUST A SPRINKLING, THE PEOPLE ON THE END, THEY ARE ALMOST FLOODED EVERY TIME. SO, I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY DEALS WITH THAT. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF MORE PEOPLE WOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. WE WATCH THE WEATHER EVERY WEEK BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW AND I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH THAT AGAIN. IT LOOKED LIKE WHAT YOU SEE IN CALIFORNIA AT ONE POINT. MY NEIGHBORS (INAUDIBLE) TWO CARS. THE PARK BEHIND US. I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY YOU HAVE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE (INAUDIBLE). THERE'S ONE THAT COMES AND DOES TOT LOT AND THEN THE FIELD OUT THERE, THERE'S ANOTHER SET OF PEOPLE WHO DO IT. IS IT TWO SEPARATE APARTMENTS?

COMMISSIONER LACEY-SO, NORMALLY WE HAVE OUR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, WHO DOES LAWN CARE. FOR THE BIGGER JOBS WE DO SUB THAT OUT.

MS. MCCLINTOCH -DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF WEED KILLER THEY USE ALONG THAT CREEK THERE?

COMMISSIONER LACEY-I DO NOT KNOW.

MS. MCCLINTOCH -BECAUSE LAST YEAR SOMEONE SPRAYED, I DON'T KNOW WHO, ALL THIS WEED KILLER BY THAT CREEK WHERE PEOPLE WALK DOGS, CHILDREN PLAY. SO, IN ROUND UP ISSUES, I DON'T BELIEVE WE NEED TO BE USING WEED KILLER TODAY. I THINK THEY CAN MANUALLY REMOVE WEEDS. SO, I WOULD DEFINITELY APPRECIATE IF SOMEONE COULD LOOK INTO THAT.

LINDA BRADLEY, 810 FELTON AVENUE-I JUST HAVE TWO COMMENTS. I APPLAUD YOU ON THE RECREATION COMMITTEE. I HOPE AND PRAY THAT WE GET TO SEE IT BEFORE TWENTY YEARS AND WE GET THE MONEY. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING. ONE MORE

COMMENT ABOUT THE WAWA. I THINK AS A COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS WE HAVE TO REMEMBER TO HOLD BUSINESSES THAT ARE COMING TO OUR COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABLE. IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE DON'T SUPPORT THEM BECAUSE I'M A PATRON OF WAWA. I APPRECIATE THEM COMING AND I AM ALWAYS GLAD WHEN A BUSINESS COMES TO OUR COMMUNITY AS LONG AS THEY STAND TO A CERTAIN ACCOUNTABILITY BECAUSE IT BRINGS VALUE TO OUR PROPERTY TOO. THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED. BUT IF WE DON'T ASK QUESTIONS BUSINESSES DO NOT RESPECT THE COMMUNITY SO YOU PUT THEM ON NOTICE. THEY SHOULD HAVE COME TO THE MEETING A LITTLE MORE PREPARED. SHE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE STATS. IT WOULD HAVE MADE THE RESIDENTS FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK... WHEN YOU COME TO THIS COMMUNITY, AND YOU'RE SPEAKING ABOUT... BECAUSE NOW YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE BUILDING OF WAWA, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A LIQUOR LICENSE. WHICH IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT. WE KNOW LIQUOR LICENSES ARE EVERYWHERE. THE ONES THAT WERE IN THE PAST, WE DIDN'T GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEM ACCOUNTABLE. MY POINT IS WE NEED TO MAKE (INAUDIBLE) ON HOW THEY ARE GOING TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS AND ARE THEY GOING TO BE JUST AS SUPPORTIVE TO THE COMMUNITY. BECAUSE IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT (INAUDIBLE). ALL THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS THERE PUT THEIR DEMANDS ON THE TABLE FIRST. BECAUSE ALTHOUGH SHE IS SAYING WE ARE PAYING \$500,000 FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE, THERE IS A REASON YOU'RE WILLING TO PAY A HALF MILLION DOLLARS FOR IT BECAUSE THE RETURN IS SO GREAT. SO, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THAT CORNER DEVELOPED AND WAWA BE THERE BUT WE NEED THEM TO SPEAK TO HOW THEY'RE GOING TO ADDRESS CONCERNS IF ISSUES ARRIVE AND THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME.

ALICIA CARR, 638 MAGNOLIA AVENUE-WHO WOULD I NEED TO SPEAK TO ABOUT POSSIBLE SMALL THOUGHTS OF TOWNSHIP LAND AVAILABLE IN THE BRIARCLIFFE SECTION FOR USE BY OUR RESIDENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN? IN CONWAY PARK THERE ARE PLANS. RESIDENTS REACHED OUT TO ME ABOUT FOOD INSECURITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP. SO, I FIGURED I WOULD ASK. MY FORMER EMPLOYER, I HELPED OUT WITH BUILDING A COMMUNITY GARDEN WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF (INAUDIBLE) FOUNDATIONS, WHICH IS NOW (INAUDIBLE) FOR TOMORROW. SO, I CAN TAKE THAT OFFLINE WITH WHOEVER I SHOULD CONTACT. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS NICOLE?

COMMISSIONER LACEY-YOU CAN START WITH MS. WHITAKER, YES.

MS. CARR-IS A PERMIT REQUIRED TO HAVE A SPRING CLEAN UP DAY FOR THE BRIARCLIFFE SECTION OF DARBY TOWNSHIP? AGAIN, I'M NOT TRYING TO BE EXCLUSIVE. HOWEVER, AGAIN SOMEONE HAS REACHED OUT AND THEY HAVE NOTICED AN UP TICK OF LITER IN THE BRIARCLIFFE SECTION. SO, THEY WANTED TO HAVE A SPRING CLEAN UP DAY. SO, ARE PERMITS REQUIRED OR ANY OTHER CONCERNS, REQUIREMENTS, LIMITATIONS THAT WE NEED TO OF?

COMMISSIONER LACEY-WE NEED TO LOOK INTO THAT. MS. WHITAKER CAN GET BACK...

MS. CARR-AS FAR AS THE CONWAY PARK. I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN ADDRESS MR. WOMACK. I KNOW THE STATE HAS RECEIVED AN EXCESS IN BILLIONS OF REVENUES OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS. IS THAT SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN WORK WITH ZABEL AND DELLOSO TO POSSIBLY GET ACCESS TO SOME OF THAT FUNDING?

MR. WOMACK-THAT'S PART OF MY PLAN.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

MS. CARR-AGAIN, SINCE WE ARE GETTING INTO 2023, I'M GOING BACK TO MY CONCERNS REGARDING THE 2021 DARBY TOWNSHIP FIRE STUDY, WHICH MY CONCERNS REMAIN THE SAME AS MY PRIOR REMARKS. HOWEVER, MY FOCUS AT THIS TIME IS ON THE BRIARCLIFFE SECTION OF DARBY TOWNSHIP. AND I APOLOGIZE AGAIN FOR EXCLUSIONARY COMMENTS BUT THERE ARE SOME IMMEDIATE CONCERNS HERE. SO, WITH THE HIRING OF THE FIRE MARSHAL I SEE THE PENDULUM START TO SWING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THAT SAID, THERE IS SO MUCH MORE WORK TO BE DONE TO ENSURE THE CONTINUOUS SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS. I STATED IN PRIOR MEETINGS THERE ARE MAJOR CRITICAL DEFICENCIES WE STILL FACE ON THIS SIDE OF THE TOWNSHIP AND MOST OF THOSE ARE DISCUSSED ON PAGES 34 TO 37 OF THE FIRE STUDY. THERE IS A LACK OF TOWNSHIP FIRE ASSOCIATION OVERSIGHT HERE WHICH POTENTIALLY CONTRIBUTES TO (INAUDIBLE). A LACK OF STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND WORK RULES. A LACK OF YEARLY CHILD ABUSE CLEARANCES BOTH ETHIC AND SOCIAL WHICH I BELIEVE ARE IN PROGRESS OR HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WHICH IS A GOOD SIGN. LACK OF YEARLY BACKGROUND CRIMINAL FBI HISTORY CHECKS ON ALL MEMBERS, BOTH ACTIVE AND SOCIAL, WHICH I BELIEVE IS IN PROGRESS BUT NOT BEING DONE FOR SOCIAL MEMBERS. LACK OF A DRUG TESTING AND SCREENING, ZERO POLICY, TOLERANCE POLICY FOR CONTROLLED DRUGS. LACK OF POLICIES RELATED TO PA CHILD LABOR LAWS. SPECIFICALLY, AROUND THE JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTER SCENERIO, LIKE IN FOLCROFT. A LACK OF SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE POLICIES. THIS IS HUGE IN MY OPINION AS I HAVE BEEN ATTACKED ON SOCIAL MEDIA. LACK OF MENTAL HEALTH CHECKS BOTH ACTIVE AND SOCIAL. AGAIN, THIS IS A HUGE GAP AS WELL AND IT MUST BE ADDRESSED. I RECEIVED COMMENTS ABOUT ANGER MANAGEMENT ISSUES, EMOTIONAL WELL BEING CHECKS, ETC. COLLAPSING DURING EMERGENCIES, MEDICAL HELP NEEDED DURING TRAINING EVENTS. THESE ARE CRITICAL CONCERNS. THERE IS THE POTENTIAL ENGAGEMENT OF DUAL MEMBERSHIP WHEREBY EACH COMPANY'S MEMBERS CAN RESPOND ON EACH OTHERS TRUCK WHICH IS A BIG NO NO. (INAUDIBLE) ISSUES DUE TO WORKMAN'S COMP AND LIABILITY ISSUES. VOLUNTEER MEMBERSHIPS LIST. HOPEFULLY THAT'S BEING CLEANED UP AND VERIFIED AND AGAIN I AM SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY TO THE BRIARCLIFFE SECTION OF DARBY TOWNSHIP. WE HAVE FAILING DEPRECIATING APPARATUS. WE NEED TO INCREASE FLEET MAINTENANCE, POTENTIAL ON ROAD AND AT SEEING SAFETY ISSUES. THE GOODWILL FACILITY WAS RECOMMENDED IN THE FIRE STUDY TO BE CLOSED AS IT DOES NOT MEET SAFE STANDARDS. THEY ALSO ADMINISTERED ADMITTED STATISTICS WHICH AFFECT THE TOWNSHIP'S LEGAL PROTECTIONS. WE HAVE A LACK OF MINIMUM DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS IN THAT FIRE COMPANY. THE TRAINING PLANS ARE LACKING COMPARED TO THE NATIONAL METRICS. WE HAVE A LACK OF STANDARDIZED REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS AND ASSOCIATE PERSONNEL. AND WE HAVE A LACK OF ANNUAL TOWNSHIP AUDITS.

HOPEFULLY THAT IS IN PROGRESS, WHICH I BELIEVE IT IS. WE ARE ONLY AS STRONG AS OUR WEAKEST LINK AND I AM REALLY CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE ARE SEEING PORT RICHMAN ROW HOMES. EXPLODING. THE WHOLE BLOCK NOW IS NOT SAFE. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BECOME THE NEXT FIRE COMPANY IN THE NEWS. IT HAPPENED TO GOOD WILL BACK IN 2014 AND 16 WITH GOODWILL VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER ARSONIST, JOHN CORCORAN. AND AS RECENTLY AS NOVEMBER THERE WAS AN ALLEGED ALTERCATION BETWEEN ELCHELMAN AND WYNN WHERE POLICE WERE CALLED IN. IT IS ALLEGED THAT GOODWILL, BY TOWNSHIP ORDERS, IS NOT TO DO THE DECEMBER SANTA RUN WITHOUT A PERMIT AND AGAIN, I AM SAYING THIS IS ALLEGED. I HAVE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS COMING TO ME WITH CONCERNS BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID TO VOICE THEM THEMSELVES. WE HAD MISOGYNISTIC OUTBURST BY GRAFF AT THE 2022 DECEMBER COMMISSIONERS MEETING TARGETING NICOLE AND MYSELF. LET ME BE CLEAR IT IS TIME TO RAISE THE PROFESSIONAL BAR, NOT LOWER IT. WE ARE LIVING IN AN EXTREMELY CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT AND IT IS TIME TO TAKE THE BULL BY THE HORNS. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT DARBY TOWNSHIP GO TO A FULL PAID FIRE EMERGENCY STAFF RESPONSE STRUCTURE IN BRIARCLIFFE SECTION. THEREBY DECERTIFYING GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY NO. 77 IN GLENOLDEN. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT UPPER DARBY FIRE DEPARTMENT NO. 74 BECOME THE PRIMARY EMERGENCY SERVICES ORGANIZATION FOR THE BRIARCLIFFE SECTION OF DARBY TOWNSHIP, EFFECTIVE 2023. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT FOR AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$30,000, AND AGAIN, THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M HEARING, I CAN TALK TO NICOLE AND JIM CHILDS AND RUFUS STOKES A BIT FURTHER. BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT FOR AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$30,000 THEY ARE WILLING TO TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO BECOME THE PRIMARY FIRE COMPANY. IT IS MONEY WELL SPENT AS WE CAN SEE BY THEIR SWIFT RESPONSE TIME TO THE BRIARCLIFFE ROAD FIRE IN 2022 AND THE 1064 N. ACADEMY AVE. BASEMENT DRYER VENT FIRE IN DECEMBER 2022. UNFORTUNATELY, GOODWILL LACKED A DRIVER TO GET TO THESE FIRES ON A TIMELY BASIS. WE CURRENTLY PAY A BASE FEE OF \$20,000 TO GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY AND I APPRECIATE THEIR SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS AND THE VOLUNTEERISM AND THEY HAVE ADDITIONAL FLEET MAINTENANCE COST. INDEED, A FULLY PAID FIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM MAY HAVE A SLIGHT IMPACT ON THE ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL FIRE TAX MILLAGE. BUT OVER TIME THAT MAY BE OFFSET AND STABILIZED BY THE ELIMINATION OF OVERHEAD, SUCH AS FIRE APPARATUS, PURCHASES, MAINTENANCE, LIABILITY AND ACCIDENT COVERAGE. WE NEED A PROFESSIONAL, ETHICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAM FOR THE 10,000 RESIDENTS OF DARBY TOWNSHIP. WE HAVE 39,000 HOUSING UNITS WITH 28 PERCENT OF THEM HAVING CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND 12 PERCENT HAVING A PERSON AGED SIXTY-FIVE PLUS. WE DON'T WANT TO BECOME ANOTHER FAIRMOUNT AVE FIRE THAT TOOK THE LIVES OF NINE CHILDREN AND THREE ADULTS. THE FOLKS OF DARBY TOWNSHIP DESERVE BETTER. THANK YOU.

CRYSTAL BELL, 1501 CLIFTON-THIS IS ACTUALLY TO TAMMY, MS. TALIAFERRO. THE WARD ON THE OTHER SIDE. I'M JUST WONDERING, THAT USED TO BE THE LIBRARY? THE ABANDONED BUILDING? WE'VE BEEN SPEAKING ON THAT FOR YEARS AND THEY'VE BEEN SAYING THE SAME THING. IT'S MOLDED. SO, MY THING IS HOW LONG IS EVERYBODY GOING TO USE THE SAME EXCUSE? THEY NEED TO TEAR IT DOWN AND THEY HAVE THE OTHER BUILDING WHICH SUPPORTS THE AA. NOT KNOCKING THAT

BUT THEY ARE GROWN AND THEY'VE BEEN DOING THAT LONG ENOUGH. OUR CHILDREN HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO AND NOWHERE TO GO.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I DID AS COMMISSIONER WAS TO MAKE A MOTION TO TEAR THAT AREA DOWN AND BUILD A LIBRARY. I WAS VOTED DOWN. OKAY, SO THAT IS ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I ASKED FOR. IT'S NOT LIKE I DIDN'T ASK FOR IT.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

MS. BELL-LET'S BYPASS THE LIBRARY. THAT USE TO BE THE LIBRARY IN THE AA BUILDING. CAN SOMEHOW THEY TEAR IT DOWN OR ADD ON SO THESE KIDS CAN HAVE SOMEWHERE TO GO? THEY KNOCK ON MY DOOR ALL THE TIME.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-IN THIS BUILDING OVER HERE?

MS. BELL-RIGHT OVER THERE. I'VE BEEN DOING THAT FOR YEARS WITH THE ARCHDIESE IN THE SUMMER. OPEN IT UP SO THE KIDS CAN HAVE SOMEWHERE TO GO FOR BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND SNACK, AFTER SCHOOL. I DIDN'T DO IT THIS YEAR. AFTER SCHOOL, WE COULD OPEN IT SO THEY HAVE SOMEWHERE TO GO. THEY HAVE NO WHERE TO GO. I MEAN WHAT ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO DO? ARE WE LITERALLY SUPPOSED TO WATCH OUR CHILDREN GET CAUGHT UP IN IDLE TIME. EVERYWHERE ELSE HAVE LITTLE RECREATION CENTERS. WE HAVE NOTHING AND WE'VE BEEN ASKING FOR THIS FOR YEARS. WE HAVE NOTHING. ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IS TAKING PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE HAVE A MILLION HOMEOWNERS. WE HAVE NOTHING. WE LITERALLY HAVE NOTHING.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-SO, YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING OVER HERE IN WARD ONE?

MS. BELL-NO. NO. NO. THIS IS MY OWN PERSONAL THING THAT I DO. I'M SAYING FOR YOU GUYS SITTING ON THE BOARD, YA'LL NEED TO GET TOGETHER AND MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN. WE CAN'T BE TALKING ABOUT IT YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR. WE HAD SOMEWHERE TO GO WHEN WE WE'RE YOUNGER. I SEE THESE CHILDREN. IF YOU DON'T GIVE THEM NOTHING TO DO, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE EXCITEMENT IS GOING TO BE? THEY WILL TAKE IT TO SCHOOL AND SMOKE BLUNTS AND ALL THAT. THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO. THEY COME TO MY HOUSE, MS. CRYSTAL ARE YOU GOING TO OPEN UP THE BUILDING AND I AM. I'M WORKING ON THAT NOW BUT THAT'S NOT REALLY FOR ME. I MEAN I'M GOING TO DO IT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I DO FOR THE COMMUNITY. I LOVE MY COMMUNITY; I LOVE THE KIDS BUT YOU GUYS SITTING ON THE BOARD. Y'ALL GOT MORE PULL, MORE INFORMATION. LET'S START MOVING. LET'S STOP TALKING AND LET'S START WALKING. WITH NO DISRESPECT. I SEE THESE KIDS.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-MS. BELL, IT TAKES FIVE COMMISSIONERS OR THREE COMMISSIONERS OR FOUR COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE THAT IN OK.

MS. BELL-RIGHT. SO, THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS, ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR OR ONE, TWO, THREE THAT'S FIVE, RIGHT? DO YOU ALL AGREE WITH WHAT I'M SAYING?

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-DO WE AGREE THAT WE NEED SOMETHING? YES.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

MS BELL-IT'S ABOUT THE CHILDREN. GET OFF THE POLITICAL. I'M BEGGING YOU TO PLEASE GIVE OUR CHILDREN SOMETHING TO DO. THEY'RE BRIGHT. THEY'RE IMPORTANT. THEY'RE SMART. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT GIFTS A CHILD GOT UNTIL YOU GIVE THEM SOMEWHERE TO DISPLAY IT. SO, I'M ASKING YOU GUYS TO PLEASE COME TOGETHER INSTEAD OF COMING APART. BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY WE'RE OLDER. IT'S ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN WHICH IS OUR FUTURE. I DON'T CARE WHAT COLOR THEY ARE. WE NEED SOMETHING FOR THESE KIDS BECAUSE IT'S NOT FAIR. THEY HAVE NOWHERE TO GO AFTER SCHOOL. SOME OF THEM ARE LATCH KEY KIDS. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? THEY NEED SOMEWHERE TO GO. SOMETHING TO DO. I SEE THEM WALKING UP AND DOWN THE STREET. KNOCKING ON MY DOOR, MS. CYRSTAL, YOU GOT SOME ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS. BUT THAT'S NOT REALLY MY RESPONSIBILITY. I'M GOING TO DO WHAT I DO BECAUSE THAT'S WHO I AM. WE NEED EVERYBODY TO PUT THEIR HEAD TOGETHER. THERE'S MONEY. THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT WE'RE NOT SEEING. IT'S SAD. EVERYBODY WANNA PUT SOMETHING IN THEIR POCKET. AT THE END OF THE DAY YA'LL KNOW WHO THEY HAVE TO ANSWER TO. BUT IT'S NOT GOOD. WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN? SAVE THE CHILDREN. THAT'S ALL I WANT. PLEASE HELP ME IN SAVING THESE KIDS, SO THEY HAVE SOMEWHERE TO GO. YOU COULD KNOCK THAT LIBRARY... WE DON'T NEED NO LIBRARY. EVERYBODY'S ON GOOGLE. WE NEED TO TAKE THAT LIBRARY DOWN. THE AA PEOPLE, THEY'VE BEEN THERE LONG ENOUGH. THEY AIN'T GOT THEIR SELVES TOGETHER TELL THEM TO CALL ON JESUS. WE CAN COMBINE THOSE TWO SPACES AND GIVE OUR CHILDREN SOMEWHERE TO GO. AND IF NOT THAT, WHAT IS THAT UP THERE NEAR MY AUNT DELLA. THAT LITTLE EMERGENCY BUILDING? IT'S SITTING THERE. OUR KIDS COULD BE COMING HOME FROM SCHOOL AND THEY HAVE SOMEWHERE TO GO. WE HAVE NOTHING IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE'RE NOT A DRUG INFESTED COMMUNITY. WE'RE NOT A VIOLENCE INFESTED COMMUNITY. I'M PROUD TO SAY I'M FROM DARBY TOWNSHIP. I CAN STILL SIT OUTSIDE WITH MY DOOR OPEN SO, CAN Y'ALL JUST HELP ME. PLEASE AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT FIVE, TEN, TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW. LET'S GET THIS BALL ROLLING ASAP. YOU SEE HOW QUICK THEY GOT THIS WAWA? AND ANOTHER THING. HELLO MY FRIEND. WHO'S THE GENTLEMAN IN THE CORNER OVER THERE?

MR. CHILDS, FIREMARSHAL-I'M THE FIRE MARSHAL.

MS. BELL-FIRE MARSHAL. OF DARBY TOWNSHIP?

MR. CHILDS, FIRE MARSHAL-YES, MA'AM.

MS. BELL-OKAY. I'M TALKING TO HIM.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT. YEAH SO, IF YOU WANT TO HANG OUT AFTERWARDS.

MS. BELL-WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

MR. CHILDS, FIRE MARSHAL-JIM CHILDS.

MS. BELL-JIM CHILDS. THANK YOU.

MS. HOLMAN-I JUST WANTED TO SAY ONE MORE THING. MS. CRYSTAL WAS SPEAKING ABOUT THE LIBRARY. THE LIBRARY, BASICALLY, NOT BEING DEMOLISHED AND BEING PUT BACK UP. PRIOR TO ANYBODY BUT MR. GOUGLER. MR. GOUGLER BEING ON THE BOARD. WHEN WE WERE ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WE VOTED. WE HAD THE MONEY. WE VOTED. WE VOTED TO DEMOLISH THE LIBRARY. WE VOTED TO BUILD A NEW LIBRARY OR AT LEAST FIND ANOTHER SITE FOR THE LIBRARY. IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, IT GOT REVERSED LITERALLY FIVE MONTHS AFTER WE WERE ALL OUT OF OFFICE. SO, NOT BLAMING ANYONE, I'M JUST SAYING THAT THE MINUTES WILL ESTABLISH THAT THE MONEY WAS THERE. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DEMOLISHED. THAT DECISION WAS REVERSED AND WE'RE STILL SENT OVER HERE WITH A MOLDED-OUT LIBRARY THAT YOU CAN'T USE.

CHIEF TIBERIAS BOBO, FIRE CHIEF NO.4-NOW YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-CHIEF, CHIEF. BANGS THE GAVEL.

CHIEF BOB-HEY I'M GOING TO SAY THIS AND I CAN QUIT BEING FIRE CHIEF AFTER THIS. NO ONE WILL COME IN THIS ROOM AND I'M SPEAKING ON PEOPLE FROM MY SIDE OF THE TOWNSHIP. SO, THERE'S THE OTHER SIDE, OKAY. PEOPLE GET UP ALL TIMES OF DAY, ALL TYPE OF HOURS. THEY PROVIDE A SERVICE. BE VERY CAREFUL WITH THE INFORMATION THAT YOU COME IN THIS ROOM WITH. I READ THE FIRE STUDY PAGE TO PAGE WITHIN AN HOUR OF IT GETTING INTO THE TOWNSHIP. WE KNOW WHAT IT SAYS. WE CAN TELL WHEN PEOPLE ARE COACHED COMING INTO THIS ROOM. I'M GONNA LEAVE IT AT THAT. THE LAST THING ANYBODY WILL DO IS TAKE A SHOT AT ANY FIREFIGHTER WHO'S BEEN ON THE SCENE WHEN SOMEBODY HAS DIED AND THEY'VE TRAINED FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS. THEY PUT THEIR LIFE ON THE LINE TO POSSIBLY NOT GO BACK TO THEIR FAMILY. AND THEY'RE STILL GOTTA PULL A BURNT BODY OUT OF A BUILDING. WE JUST HAD IT UP THE STREET WITH A LITTLE GIRL. THE FAIRMOUNT AVE JOB, I WAS ON THAT IN PHILLY WITH SOME OF THE BEST GUYS IN THE INDUSTRY. WITH THE MOST TRAINING. IT'S ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. DO NOT COME IN HERE AND MAKE ANY COMMENTS, NOT ONLY ABOUT THE FIREFIGHTERS, BUT YOU ARE BEING DISRESPECTFUL TO THE FAMILIES OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PERISHED IN FIRES. THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE AND IT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN. ANYONE WHO COMES IN HERE, I'M SPEAKING ON MY SIDE OF THE TOWNSHIP. ANYBODY WHO COME IN HERE PLEASE COME WITH YOUR FACTS AND HAVE IT ON PAPER WITH THE SEAL FROM THE STATE AND THE SIGNATURE AT THE BOTTOM OF IT. BUT DO NOT COME IN HERE WITH COACHED INFORMATION THAT IS FALSE. THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE SERVING ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF DARBY TOWNSHIP AND THE COMPANIES THAT ARE STILL ACTIVE, THAT DID NOT DISBAND THEMSELVES ARE DOING

EVERYTHING THAT THEY CAN TO CONTINUE SERVING. IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMPANY THAT MEANS YOU'RE NOT A PART OF THIS SOLUTION. YOU ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-BANGS THE GAVEL.

CHIEF BOBO-IF YOU WANNA JOIN THE FIREHOUSE TO HELP OUT, DO SO. BUT DO NOT MAKE COMMENT ABOUT ANYONE WHO HAS PERISHED IN A FIRE. YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-BANGS THE GAVEL. MOVING ON TO REGULAR BUSINESS.

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

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PY 2023 HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2022. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2022.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-BANGS THE GAVEL. EXCUSE ME, WE ARE TRYING TO CONDUCT BUSINESS. IF YOU WANT TO GO OUTSIDE AND HAVE A CONVERSATION, THAT'S FINE. SO, WE DO HAVE A MOTION ON THE FLOOR. DO WE HAVE A SECOND? IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE THE LIST OF BILLS FOR DECEMBER 2022. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-WE'RE GOING TO WAIT BECAUSE THE PERSON HAS TO HEAR TO TAKE THE MINUTES. MOVED TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2022. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPIES ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2022. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE SEWER RATES ORDINANCE NO. 751. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE TRASH ORDINANCE NO 752. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE THE TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE (TAN) RESOLUTION NO.2023-01. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-CONSIDER A MOTION TO HAVE STEPHEN PICKHAVER REPAIR THE LEAKING ROOF AT THE POLICE STATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,150, IN EMERGENCY EXPENSE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-QUESTION. DID WE USE ANY FINANCES FILED WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANY OR PUT A CLAIM IN FOR THIS? MS. WHITAKER?

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-NO.

THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE NECESSARY REPAIRS AND PURCHASING TO REPLACE THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE APPARATUS THAT ARE UNDER THE BID LIMIT AMOUNTS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE WAWA PROJECT NO. 8160 ESCROW RELEASE NO. 8 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43, 625.30 TO 1200 CALCON HOOK INVESTMENT, LLC. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-MR. PRESIDENT I AM GOING ASK TO NOT ENTERTAIN NUMBER 18 AT THIS MOMENT BECAUSE IT WASN'T ON MY AGENDA ITEM.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO REAPPOINT PHILIP LACY, III TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-QUESTION. I WAS INFORMED BY THE BUSINESS MANAGER THAT THE DATES WERE NOT UP YET AND THAT SHE WOULD GIVE ME THE INFORMATION. I ALSO PUT IN THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE FOR THAT POSITION. SO, I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR TO MOVE ON THIS ITEM TONIGHT. SO, I AM ASKING THAT WE TABLE IT SO I CAN TALK TO MR. LACY AND TO THE OTHER CANDIDATE.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-ARE YOU MAKING A MOTION TO TABLE THAT?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-I'M MAKING A MOTION TO TABLE THIS REAPPOINTMENT SO I CAN GET A CHANCE TO TALK TO MR. LACY AND THE OTHER CANDIDATE.

MR. PIERCE-SO, YOU HAVE A MOTION TO TABLE. IS THERE A SECOND TO THE MOTION TO TABLE? HEARING NONE THE MOTION TO TABLE FAILED. SO, THE CURRENT MOTION THAT'S ON THE TABLE IS TO REAPPOINT PHILIP LACY, III TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023. YOU HAVE A SECOND ON THAT. SO, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CALL FOR A VOTE AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-IF THERE ARE NO OTHER QUESTIONS, I'LL CALL FOR A VOTE. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY I. THREE APPROVED. ONE OPPOSED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. MOTION CARRIED.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT-GIVEN BY LISA CATANIA, ENGINEER

SOLICITOR REPORT GIVEN BY MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SOLICITORS REPORT, AS WELL AS THE ENGINEERS REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPIES ATTACHED.

POLICE REPORTS GIVEN BY CHIEF SOUSA

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

FIRE MARSHALS REPORT-GIVEN BY JIM CHILDS, ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL.

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

DARBY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY STATION 76 REPORT-GIVEN BY CHIEF BOBO.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO, THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT GIVEN BY JIM CHILDS, EMERGENCY MANAGER COORDINATOR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO, WARD II-GAVE REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION AND THE LIBRARY. SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH THE LITTLE LIBRARY WILL BE

IMPLANTED AND DEDICATED. PARKS & RECREATION MEETS EVERY THIRD TUESDAY AT 6:00 PM.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-CONSIDER A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEER TO CULBERT FORRESTER AVENUE BRIDGE.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-I HAVE A QUESTION. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-MS. CATANIA CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE CONDITION OF THAT AREA?

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER-I THINK THE WAY IT NEEDS TO READ IS, CONSIDER A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEER TO PREPARE BID DOCUMENTS TO FORRESTER BRIDGE CULVERT REPAIRS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-CONSIDER A MOTION TO HAVE THE ELECTRIC STATIC FOR THE STREET LIGHTS ON HOOK ROAD. TO GET A BID FOR THAT PRICING TO BE BOUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION TO BE COMPLETED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY-I'M NOT FOLLOWING THE... WHAT NUMBER ARE WE ON?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-NUMBER NINE. THAT'S SO THE STREET LIGHTS TO BE... INSTEAD OF PAINTED, THEY BE ELECTRIC STATIC.

MR. PIERCE-WELL I THINK YOU GOTTA GET PRICES ON THAT. THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE ASKING?

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THAT'S CORRECT.

IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH-CONSIDER A MOTION TO PUT A TASK FORCE TOGETHER TO MEET IN FEBRUARY TO DISCUSS THE CORNER LOTS AT CLIFTON AVENUE AND HOOK ROAD IN TOWNSHIP PROPERTY. THE TASK FORCE WILL CONSIST OF THE PLANNING BOARD, ZONING BOARD, COMMISSIONERS. THE ENGINEER TO DESIGN A SITE DESIGN FOR THAT LOCATION.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER-I WAS SAYING THAT'S PRETTY MUCH WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING AT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THE MEETING WE ARE HAVING ON JANUARY 26TH...

COMMISSIONER SMITH-THAT'S FINE. WE CAN REMOVE NUMBER 12.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR-SO, YOU'RE GOING TO WITHDRAW THAT?

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER-I HAVE NOTHING TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER LACEY, WARD IV-GAVE THE LICENSE & INSPECTIONS REPORT. COPY ATTACHED. HE ALSO GAVE THE PLANNING AND ZONING REPORTS.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER SMITH-NONE.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO-MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MASTER PLAN FOR CONWAY PARK PRESENTED BY SIMONE COLLINS, LANDSCAPE, ARCHITECH THIS EVENING. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER-NONE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

BEATRICE POE,
SECRETARY

JOHN LACEY,
PRESIDENT