

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 6, 2023

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON JUNE 6, 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

MR. LACEY, COMMISSIONER  
MR. SMITH, COMMISSIONER  
MS. TALIAFERRO, COMMISSIONER  
MR. FITZ, COMMISSIONER  
MR. GOUGLER, COMMISSIONER

OFFICIALS

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

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON JUNE 6, 2023, AT 6:00 PM TO DISCUSS PERSONEL MATTERS.

CITIZEN COMMENT

SANCHIA GOMEZ-1424 CLIFTON AVE, EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT HER NEIGHBOR GETTING A TICKET FOR FACING THE WRONG DIRECTION WHILE PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY WHEN THERE IS NO DIRECTION IN THE DRIVEWAY. SHE WANTED TO KNOW WHY THE POLICE IS NOT TICKETING THE CARS ON THE STREET WHO IS NOT MOVING THEIR CARS SO THE STREET CAN BE CLEANED. THE NEIGHBOR LIVES AT 1422 CLIFTON AVE.

CHIEF SOUSA SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CLOSED PUBLIC COMMENT.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON MAY 10, 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

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

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE BRANDYWINE ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT-MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER

COMMISSIONER SMITH BOUGHT UP A HOLE IN THE STREET ON FORRESTER AVE.

MS. CATANIA STATED A VIDEO OF THE RESIDENT'S SANITARY LINE TO VERIFY THAT IT IS IN GOOD CONDITION AND IT ISN'T CAUSING THE SINK HOLE.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR REITERATED IT IS NOT THE TOWNSHIP'S STREET CAUSING THE ISSUE. IT IS THE RESIDENT'S LATERAL CONNECTION TO THE TOWNSHIP SEWERMENT. THEREFORE, IT IS THE RESIDENT'S PROBLEM. IF THE TOWNSHIP SENDS SOMEONE OUT THERE TO VIDEO AND IT IS DETERMINED TO BE THE RESIDENT, THEY ARE GOING TO LIEN THE PROPERTY AND THEY ARE GOING TO FILE CITATIONS FOR THE COST OF THE VIDEOS AND EVERYTHING ELSE. THE CHOICE IS HERS.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED IN REGARD TO FORRESTER, WHO INSPECTED IT?

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER-HER INSPECTORS HAVE BEEN DOING IT FOR ABOUT FORTY YEARS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID THE REASON HE IS ASKING IS BECAUSE IT IS REALLY BROKEN UP AT THE BRIDGE. THE STORM DRAINS NEED MAJOR REPAIRS. HE STATED THERE HAS BEEN TALKS ABOUT THIS FOR OVER A YEAR AND NOTHING IS TAKING PLACE. SO, THAT'S NOT THE PROPERTY OWNER, H SAID. IF YOUR PERSON HAVE BEEN DOING THAT FOR FORTY YEARS AND DIDN'T SEE THAT PART OF FORRESTER AVENUE NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED, MAYBE THEY CAN COME OUT THERE AND REVISIT.

MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER SAID THEY ARE WAITING FOR A REQUEST FOR AN AUTORIZATION TO DO SOMETHING WITH FORRESTER.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

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

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO THANKED MS. CATANIA FOR HER HARD WORK IN GETTING THE GRANTS DONE.

SOLICITOR REPORT GIVEN VERBALLY BY MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED SHE REACHED OUT TO THE DELAWARE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE RECENT REVISIONS TO SALDO AND LEFT A MESSAGE. SHE ALSO STATED DURING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING MEETING THE QUESTION CAME UP REGARDING THE PENROSE PROPERTIES AND THE STUDEVAN SCHOOL HOUSING PARTNERSHIP. SHE STATED THE CHECK FOR THE ANNUAL \$15,000.00 IN LIEU OF THE TAX BILL IS BEING HELD. THE NEW OWNERS WANTED TO CHANGE THE USAGE. WOULD WE BE NOTIFIED OF THE USAGE CHANGE?

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR STATED WE WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE THAT CHANGE IN USAGE.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

MS. WHITAKER ASKED IF WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD AND ACCEPT THE CHECK FOR 2023 AND DEPOSIT IT?

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR SAID YES, BECAUSE THOSE TAX CREDITS DON'T EXPIRE FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED HE HAD A QUESTION FOR THE SOLICITOR AND HE LEFT THE MEETING ROOM.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED ON TO THE POLICE REPORT GIVEN BY CHIEF SOUSA.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYWAY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HAS A WAY TO DETERMINE HOW FAST A VEHICLE IS FLOWING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP? HE ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY SPEEDING DEVICES? ANY TIMERS BESIDE THE TWO THAT WAS PURCHASED?

CHIEF SOUSA SAID THAT'S ALL WE HAVE.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

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

COMMISSIONER LACEY ASKED COMMISSIONER SMITH IF HE HAD A QUESTION FOR THE SOLICITOR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED HE HAD NO QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

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

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

DARBY TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF REPORT GIVEN BY JAMES CHILDS.

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

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT GIVEN BY JAMES CHILDS IN THE ABSENCE OF RUFUS STOKES, FIRE MARSHAL.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

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

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO, WARD II-GAVE HER REPORT ON PARKS & RECREATION AND THE LIBRARY.

COMMISSIONER SMITH, WARD I HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER, WARD V HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

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

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER LACEY ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO RATIFY ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED TO A PERSONEL MATTER.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MADE THE MOTION. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO ANNOUNCED THAT DARBY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY FIRST IS HAVING THEIR SECOND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ON MONDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> AT CONWAY PARK FROM 11-2PM. THERE WILL BE A SPEAKER, GAMES, VENDORS AND FOOD. WE ARE INVITING THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

COMMISSIONER FITZ-NONE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ANNOUNCED THAT MS. ALICIA WILL ALSO HAVE JUNETEENTH AT CONWAY PARK.

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:

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BEATRICE POE,  
SECRETARY

  
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JOHN LACEY,  
PRESIDENT