

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER GOUGLER, PRESIDENT

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL - ALL PRESENT

WAWA PRESENTATION – INTRODUCTION OF WAWA TEAM MADE BY MARK DEMICO,
ATTORNEY

TEAM AND PRESENTERS

- MICHAEL CIOCCO, CIVIL ENGINEER
- MATT HAMMON, TRAFFIC ENGINEER
- MIKE SPEIGEL, FROM WAWA
- JOEL PEPTA, DEVELOPER

REPRESENTING 1200 INVESTMENT LLC, EQUITABLE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY

WAWA IS REQUESTING A NUMBER OF WAIVERS AS OUTLINED IN WAIVER LETTER.

LISA CATANIA, ENGINEER STATED CATANIA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES HAS COMPLETED THE DESIGN OF THIS PLAN THEREFORE YOU ARE UTILIZING AN ALTERNATE ENGINEER, DAVID DAMON. IT IS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR CATANIA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES TO DO THE PLANS AND THEN REVIEW THOSE PLANS. MS. CATANIA WANTED TO MAKE SURE THIS IS CLEAR AND ON THE RECORD.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR STATED THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAIVERS THAT WERE REQUESTED AND MR. DAMON PROVIDED PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDED DENIAL OF A COUPLE OF THE WAIVERS THAT HE JUST RECEIVED LATE THIS AFTERNOON. MR. DAMON WAS UNABLE TO BE ON THE MEETING. THIS MATTER WILL BE ADDRESSED AND VOTED ON AT THE JUNE MEETING. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THIS WOULD BE VOTED ON TONIGHT BUT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD TO HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND DO ANY OF THEIR DUE DILLIGENCE BEFORE REVIEWING THE PLANS AND WAIVERS. HE EXPECTS TO HAVE A FORMAL LETTER OF THE WAIVERS FROM MR. DAMON IN PLENTY OF TIME BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER ASKED WERE THERE ANY QUESTIONS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED ABOUT NUMBER 4, SECTION 802 WHICH STATES, WAIVER REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR NO NEW OR REPLACEMENT CURB. ARE YOU SAYING YOU ARE GOING TO USE THE SAME CURB THAT IS CURRENTLY THERE?

MICHAEL CIOCCO, STATED THEY ARE PROPOSING ALONG HOOK ROAD, THE EXISTING CURB, SOME OF THAT CURB IS BEING REPLACED BECAUSE THERE IS DEPRESSED CURBING IN THAT AREA BECAUSE OF EXISTING DRIVEWAYS. THAT WOULD BE REPLACED WITH UPRIGHT CURB, AS SHOWN IN THE PLANS. ALSO, AT THE CORNER, THEY ARE REPLACING A BUNCH OF CURB IN

ORDER TO PUT IN ADA RAMPS. WAIVER WAS REQUESTED FOR ADDITIONAL CURB FROM THE MIDDLE TO THE MID EASTERN PORTION UP TO THE DRIVEWAY TO BE WAIVED FROM BEING REPLACED UNLESS PENNDOT REQUIRED IT. THE OTHER SECTION WAS CALCON HOOK ROAD, WHICH DOES NOT HAVE ANY CURB RIGHT NOW. THEY WOULD LEAVE THAT AS IS. THEY ARE REQUESTING WAIVER FROM NEW CURB ALONG CALCON HOOK ROAD AND FROM A PORTION OF HOOK ROAD.

MATT HAMON, TRAFFIC ENGINEER, STATED THERE IS A STANDARD NOTE THAT IS ON THE PENNDOT PLANS, THEY HAVE TO SEEK A HIGHWAY OCCUPANCY PERMIT. IT STATES, IF THE PENNDOT INSPECTOR FEELS THAT CURBING NEEDS TO BE REPLACED, THEY WOULD HAVE TO REPLACE IT. THEY ARE REQUESTING NOT TO HAVE TO REPLACE ALL THE CURBS NOW.

COMMISSIONER SMITH REITERATED THAT NOTHING WOULD BE VOTED ON TONIGHT BECAUSE THERE WOULD DEFINITELY HAVE TO BE SOME CHANGES IMPLEMENTED. HE CANNOT SEE PUTTING UP A BRAND-NEW FACILITY AND HAVE PARTIALLY NEW SIDEWALK AND USING OLD SIDEWALK. THAT WHOLE AREA NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP.

MS. CATANIA STATED THE ALTERNATE ENGINEER HAS MADE A RECOMMENDATION TO DENY THAT REQUEST, THAT THERE SHOULD BE CURB PROVIDED ALONG HOOK ROAD AND REPLACE THE CURB ALONG HOOK ROAD. SHE IS SURE THAT WOULD BE ON THE FINAL REPORT THAT DAVE SENDS OVER.

COMMISSIONER SMITH REQUESTED THAT EMAIL BE SENT OVER BECAUSE HE JUST RECEIVED THIS PACKET AT 5:11PM AND HE DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO READ OVER EVERYTHING BUT AS LONG AS WE ARE NOT VOTING TONIGHT, HE IS FINE.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR STATED HE WILL GET THAT OUT AS SOON AS HE GETS THE FORMAL LETTER FROM THE ENGINEER.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT IN REGARD TO THE WAWA PRESENTATION.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING:

EMAIL CAME IN FROM LISA DANIEL, 915 POPLAR STREET
MS. DANIEL WANTED TO KNOW THAT SINCE THE GOVERNMENT IS OPENING AT THE END OF THIS MONTH WOULD THERE BE IN PERSON MEETINGS COME JUNE.

MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR STATED IF WE COULD SAFELY FOLLOW THE CDC GUIDELINES RELATED TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AT THE IN-PERSON MEETING, THE COMMISSIONERS WOULD CONSIDER IT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED WHAT TYPE OF FACILITIES ARE YOU REFERRING TO.

MR. PIERCE SAID, GENERALLY WE HAVE OUR MEETINGS AT THE TOWNSHIP OR AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. IF WE CAN SAFELY DISTANCE OURSELVES DURING THOSE MEETINGS THEN IT IS APPROPRIATE BUT WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE ARE IN CONFORMITY WITH SPACING REQUIREMENTS.

COMMISSIONER LACEY SUGGESTED NICOLE WHITAKER, MANAGER LOOK INTO THE GUIDELINES AND THE BOARD CAN MEET BRIEFLY ABOUT IT.

NICOLE WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED THE RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER SINCE THE TOWNSHIP WOULD BE TIGHT TO FIT ALL THE OFFICIALS IN AND STILL HAVE ROOM FOR GUEST. THE COMMUNITY CENTER WOULD BE MORE CONDUCIVE TO FIT US IN. IT WOULD STILL BE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF GUEST AND WE WOULD NEED SOMEONE AT THE DOOR. ONCE THE ROOM IS FULL, THAT WOULD BE IT. WE HAVE SOME INFORMATION FROM THE TECH ABOUT HAVING A HYBRID MEETING.

COMMISSIONER LACEY SAID WE WOULD NEED THE NUMBERS OF HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD FIT IN THE ROOM AND THE COST OF VIDEO AND WHERE THAT MONEY WOULD COME FROM.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED WE COULD USE 601 CLIFTON AVENUE WHICH IS BIGGER THAN ALL THREE BUILDINGS AND/OR BRIARCLIFFE FATHER AND SON GYMNASIUM.

COMMISSIONER SMITH WANTED TO MAKE A MOTION NOW OR LATER TO USE 601 CLIFTON AVENUE OR TO REACH OUT TO BRIARCLIFFE FATHER AND SON.

COMMISSIONER FITZ STATED HE IS FINE WITH EITHER LOCATION.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO STATED SHE DIDN'T KNOW IF 601 CLIFTON AVENUE IS PREPARED TO HOST SOMETHING LIKE THAT. WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE A LOT OF THINGS OUT AND BRINGING IN THINGS.

MR. PIERCE STATED IT IS ALSO NOT ADA COMPLIANT.

MS. WHITAKER SAID SHE REACHED OUT TO THE ORGANIZATION THAT HAVE A LOT OF THINGS IN 601 CLIFTON AND RECEIVED NO RESPONSE BACK AS TO WHEN IT WOULD BE CLEANED OUT. WE WOULD ALSO NEED A LOCATION THAT HAS INTERNET.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED WE CAN GET A HOTSPOT FROM ONE OF OUR PROVIDERS. THE SECOND OPTION WOULD BE TO CHECK WITH BRIARCLIFFE FATHER AND SON OR CHECK WITH DARBY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CAFETERIA. IF WE COULD SEND A LETTER OR AN EMAIL TO CHECK AND SEE IF WE CAN UTILIZE THOSE FACILITIES.

COMMISSIONER LACEY SAID WE ARE ALL IN AGREEMENT FOR A PUBLIC MEETING WE JUST NEED TO FIND SPACE FOR EVERYONE TO FIT. HE REQUESTED MS. WHITAKER GET THE INFORMATION.

MR. PIERCE SAID WE WOULD HAVE TO DO ADDITIONAL ADVERTISEMENT.

ASHLEY DOLCEAMORE, 1151 OAKWOOD DRIVE
SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT HOW DELAWARE COUNTY IS DISPOSING TRASH. MS. ASHLEY PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH SOME EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT TRASH BURNING IN DELAWARE COUNTY.

MS. DOLCEAMORE STATED IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN ADOPTING A ZERO WASTE RESOLUTION, SHE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH THEM.

SHE THANKED THE BOARD FOR ALLOWING HER TO SHARE.

TIBERIAS BOBO, FIRE CHIEF, DARBY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #4. INTERSECTION OF HOOK & GREENHILL ROADS. HOME LOCATION-704 FELTON AVENUE

FIRE CHIEF STATED THEY WERE CONTACTED ABOUT THE ASSESSMENT BEING DONE FOR THE FIRE COMPANIES. IN THE EMAIL HE HAD SOME QUESTIONS THAT WAS SENT, ON APRIL 13, 2021, TO THE COMMISSIONERS, MS. WHITAKER, AND MR. PIERCE, AND THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. HE WAS WONDERING IF THE EMAIL WAS RECEIVED, LOOKED AT, AND WHAT IS THE RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTIONS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED HIM WHAT WAS THE QUESTIONS.

CHIEF BOBO

THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR TAX AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION. THEY WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE INFORMATION WAS BEING REQUESTED FOR THE DCED ASSESSMENT. HE WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS FOR SOMETHING ELSE AND NOT THE ASSESSMENT. HE WANTS TO KNOW WHY IS IT BEING REQUESTED NOW.

MS. WHITAKER STATED THAT WAS REQUESTED FROM THE TOWNSHIP CONTROLLER PROBABLY TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE DCED STUDY. THAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE TOWNSHIP YEARLY AND IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR SOME TIME. IT WAS REQUESTED FROM THE CONTROLLER THAT ALL COMPANIES PROVIDE THE TOWNSHIP WITH END OF YEAR TAX RETURNS, 990'S OR WHATEVER IT IS YOU FILE WITH THE STATE, SO THAT WE KNOW THAT EACH COMPANY IS IN GOOD STANDING.
ALSO, EVERYONE RECEIVED AN EMAIL WITH A LIST OF HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS REQUIRED FOR THE DCED STUDY.

CHIEF BOBO SAID THAT USUALLY THE TOWNSHIP HAS SOME KIND OF ALLOTMENT WHICH THEY PROVIDE TO THE FIRE COMPANIES, BUT THIS IS NOT THE CASE IN DARBY TOWNSHIP. WHAT MADE THE CONTROLLER ASK FOR THIS INFORMATION NOW.

MS. WHITAKER STATED SHE CANNOT ANSWER WHY THE CONTROLLER ASKED FOR THE INFORMATION. SHE WAS JUST ASKED TO SEND THE EMAIL,

CHIEF BOBO ASKED WHO WAS THE PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR.

MS. WHITAKER SAID COMMISSIONER FITZ.

MR. BOBO STATED HE ASKED IN THE EMAIL WHAT IS THE ROLE OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR BECAUSE SINCE HE HAS BEEN CHIEF, HE HAS HAD NOT ONE PHONE CALL OR CONTACT WITH HIM IN REGARD TO SOME OF THE ISSUES WE HAVE FACING PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE TOWNSHIP.

MS. WHITAKER STATED HE IS NOT NECESSARILY PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR BUT CHAIRPERSON OF PUBLIC SAFETY WOULD PROBABLY BE A BETTER DESCRIPTION. SHE REQUESTED THE COMPANY TO REACH OUT VIA EMAIL OR CALL WITH THEIR NEEDS.

COMMISSIONER FITZ SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HE NEEDED TO SPEAK WITH HIM IMMEDIATELY. HIS EMAIL IS ON THE WEBSITE AND MR. BOBO DID NOT REACH OUT TO HIM DIRECTLY.

MR. BOBO SAID THE WAY IT WAS FELT WAS THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE SAT DOWN WITH A MEETING AS FAR AS THE ASSESSMENT. HE WILL RESEND THE EMAIL BECAUSE HE HAS OTHER QUESTIONS THAT HE FEELS THE BOARD SHOULD LOOK AT PRIVATELY VERSUS OPEN MEETING.

HE THANKED THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON APRIL 10, 2021. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE LIST OF BILLS FOR APRIL 2021. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2021 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE CATANIA ENGINEERING TO COMPLETE THE FINAL INSPECTION UNDER THE MPC FOR RELEASE OF ESCROW FUNDS FOR THE 1500 TRIBBETT SITE. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER HQUESTIONED WHAT IS THE 1500 TRIBBITT SITE. MS. CATANIA STATED THE PROPERTY IS THE CORALLUZO PROPERTY, THEY EXTENDED THE PARKING AREA. IT WAS A LAND DEVELOPMENT AND UNDER THE MUNICIPALITY PLANNING CODE THEY ARE REQUIRED TO SEND A LETTER STATING THEY ARE COMPLETED WITH ALL OF THEIR WORK. THEY ASKED FOR A FINAL INSPECTION. WE'LL PROVIDE A PUNCH LIST AND ONCE THE PUNCH LIST IS COMPLETED, THE MONIES WILL BE RECOMMENDED FOR RELEASE WHICH THE BOARD WILL ACT UPON THAT RECOMMENDATION. SHE HAS THIRTY DAYS FROM TONIGHT TO COMPLETE THAT PUNCH LIST. THAT PUNCH LIST WILL BE SENT, CERTIFIED MAIL, TO THE DEVELOPER. AT THE

NEXT MEETING YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REVIEW THE PUNCH LIST AND AUTHORIZE THE MANAGER TO SEND THE PUNCH LIST TO THE DEVELOPER AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER ASKED SHOULD THIS MOTION BE DONE NOW OR HELD OFF UNTIL NEXT MONTH. MS. CATANIA SAID, YOU HAVE TEN DAYS FROM THE DATE IT WAS SENT SO IF THE BOARD WAITED, THEY WOULD NOT BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MPC.

COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID THAT ON THE TRIBBITT AVENUE SIDE IT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED. THE CLEAN UP AREA, THE CUTTING OF GRASS, CLEANING AROUND THE TREES. HE IS REQUESTING WE DO NOT DO ANYTHING UNTIL THEY FINISH THAT PROJECT ON THE RESIDENTIAL SIDE.

MR. PEIRCE SAID THEY ARE ASKING FOR THE ENGINEER TO GO OVER AND DO THE FINAL INSPECTION. THEY ARE NOT ASKING TO RELEASE THE FUNDS TONIGHT. IT WOULD BE DONE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED HE IS IN FAVOR OF THE ENGINEER TO GO AND HE WILL SEND AN EMAIL OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN DONE. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO AWARD THE 2021 ROAD PROGRAM TO A. F. DAMON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$134,641.75. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FITZ.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED WHERE THE LIST OF STREETS IS.

MS. WHITAKER SAID IT WAS SENT OUT LAST WEEK WITH THE PACKET.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED TO READ THE STREETS OFF THAT ARE BEING DONE.

MS. CATANIA READ THE STREETS. SHE ALSO STATED, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT A WHILE BACK COMMISSIONER SMITH HAD SUGGESTED THERE WAS SOME ISSUES IN THOSE ROADWAYS OF THE ROADS SINKING. PRIOR TO US DOING THE PAVING, SHE WOULD LIKE TO GET AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BOARD TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. WE CERTAINLY DO NOT WANT TO PAVE A STREET WITH ISSUES UNDER THE STREET. IT WOULD BE FUTILE TO SPEND THE MONEY PAVING BEFORE WE FIGURE OUT WHAT THE ISSUE IS. SHE IS RECOMMENDING THE BOARD APPROVE THE ENTIRE LIST. BY THE TIME WE GET CONTRACTS TOGETHER AND THE CONTRACTOR GETS OUT THERE, THIS SHOULD BE RESOLVED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH AMENDED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ORIGINAL MOTION WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF OUR ENGINEER TO CHECK OUT BURTON AND FORRESTER AVENUE THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY DONE BY AQUA WATER COMPANY. NO SECOND ON THE MOTION. MOTION FAILED.

ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ROAD PROGRAM AS SUBMITTED. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LOIS ASTRINO, CROSSING GUARD, EFFECTIVE APRIL 23, 2021. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION FOR THE CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK. COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO READ THE PROCLAMATION. COMMISSIONER FITZ PROUDLY SECONDED. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT – MS. LISA CATANIA

MS. CATANIA STATED SHE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE SOLICITOR AND SHE HAS REACHED OUT TO A FEW ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY BE ABLE TO HELP THE RESIDENT ON CUSTER. SHE HAS NOT HEARD BACK FROM THEM YET. AS SOON AS SHE HEARS BACK FROM ANY OF THOSE AGENCIES SHE WILL REACH OUT TO MR. PIERCE.

DELCORA SENT OUT A REPORT FOR I & I. SHE BRIEFLY SPOKE ON THAT AND SAID WE CAN LOOK AT MATCHING GRANTS WHEN WE ARE READY.

COMMISSIONER FITZ THANKED THE ENGINEER FOR LOOKING INTO THE CUSTER ROAD FLOODING ISSUE.

MS. CATANIA REQUESTED APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD FOR RFP FOR THE DCNR CONWAY PARK MASTER PLAN OUT TO THE PUBLIC AND AUTHORIZATION TO BID THE 608 CLIFTON DEMOLITION, PAID FOR BY THE COUNTY, AND THE MULTI MODAL GRANT.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ENGINEER FOR THE DCNR GRANT FOR CONWAY PARK BE ACCEPTED THIS EVENING. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO ADVERTISE THE BID FOR 608 CLIFTON AVENUE DEMOLITION GRANT. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ENGINEER'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. MICHAEL PIERCE

COMMISSIONER LACEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE SOLICITOR'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GOUGLER. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE REPORT-CHIEF SOUSA

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

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

WARD I - COMMISSIONER MARVIN SMITH STATED THINGS ARE GOING WELL IN WARD I.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN WARD I:

JUNE 12, 2021, BERT COOPER DAY 10:00AM

MAY 29, 2021, COMMUNITY BASEBALL GAMES AT STUDEVAN FIELD

JULY 31, 2021, PARADE

MAY 31, 2021, MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER AND BENCH DEDICATIONS

WARD II - COMMISSIONER TAMARA TALIAFERRO

NUMBER OF PERMITS ARE PICKING UP

CONWAY PARK BENCHES AND TABLES PROJECT IS GOING WELL.

SHE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PARKS & RECREATION AND THE LIBRARY BOARD FOR ZOOM MEETING.

WARD III - COMMISSIONER MICHAEL FITZ

READ HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT. ALSO, COMMISSIONER FITZ STATED HE IS STILL LOOKING TO FILL THE POSITION FOR THE HIGHWAY. THE JOB DESCRIPTION IS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE.

POLICE OFFICER BAWA IS RESIGNING AS A PART TIME OFFICER. THIS POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH THANKED THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR DOING A GREAT JOB. HE ALSO WANTED TO KNOW IF ANY RESUMES WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE PART-TIME SEASONAL WORK. HE WANTED TO KNOW IF WE COULD MOVE FORWARD WITH HIRING FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT.

COMMISSIONER FITZ ASKED HIM TO HAVE THEM FILL OUT THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK FOR AN INTERVIEW.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED SOMEONE DID FILL IT OUT AND HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING. COMMISSIONER FITZ ASKED COMMISSIONER SMITH TO TOUCH BASE WITH THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER.

COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID HE WOULD FOLLOW UP WITH AN EMAIL.

WARD IV - COMMISSIONER JOHN LACEY

COMMISSIONER LACEY READ THE LICENSE & INSPECTION REPORT. HE ALSO STATED HE ATTENDED THE PLANNING MEETING, ALTHOUGH HE WAS LATE. HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE QUESTIONS THAT WAS ASKED BY THE DARBY TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD TO THE WAWA TEAM. HE THANKED THE PLANNING BOARD.

COMMISSIONER LACEY ALSO SPOKE ON THE EMAIL SENT AND PUBLIC COMMENT BY MS. DOLCEAMORE. HE EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST IN HOW THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY HANDLING THE TRASH COLLECTED IN THE TOWNSHIP. HE ASKED MS. WHITAKER TO GATHER SOME INFORMATION FROM OTHER TOWNSHIPS AND BOROUGHES AND TO BE ABLE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

LASTLY, HE THANKED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR PERFORMING A DETAIL ON BROOKWOOD ROAD. THE RESIDENTS WERE HAPPY TO SEE THIS POLICE ACTIVITY.

WARD V - COMMISSIONER GOUGLER

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER STATED FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE, HE WALKED INTO A MEETING WHERE THEY WERE DISCUSSING USAGE ON THE SEWER BILLS. SOME COMPANIES ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT BEING OVER CHARGED. THEY ARE NOW DISCUSSING NEW WAYS TO SEND THE TAXES OUT SO EVERYONE IS BEING TREATED EQUALLY, INCLUDING CORPORATIONS.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER FITZ MADE A MOTION TO HIRE CHRIS FOX AS PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER TO FILL THE VACANCY FROM OFFICER BAWA. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY.

MR. PIERCE STATED USUALLY THEY WOULD TAKE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHIEF, AFTER PASSING HIS PHYSICAL AND MENTAL EVALUATIONS.

CHIEF SOUSA STATED CHRIS FOX APPLIED A WHILE AGO AND IS ON THE WAIT LIST. HE IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WITH THE UPLAND BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND IS LOOKING FOR MORE HOURS. HE HAS ALREADY BEEN THROUGH OUR PROCESS. HE SPOKE TO THE UPLAND BOROUGH CHIEF, WHO STATED HE WOULD BE A GOOD PICK UP FOR DARBY TOWNSHIP. CHIEF SOUSA SAID HE DID RECOMMEND HIM TO THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED THAT IT BE PUT OFF UNTIL NEXT MONTH TO GIVE TIME TO TALK TO AND ADVERTISE. HE STATED CORPORAL KING STARTED A PROGRAM.

CHIEF SOUSA STATED THAT HE STARTED THE PROGRAM AND OFFICER KING IS ASSISTING HIM.

COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID IT IS A GREAT LOSS WITH OFFICER BAWA LEAVING. THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOULD LOOK LIKE THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF OUR COMMUNITY. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AFRICAN, HISPANIC, BLACK AND PERHAPS ANOTHER FEMALE COME TO OUR DEPARTMENT.

THE CHIEF AGREED BUT STATED UNFORTUNATELY RIGHT NOW WE DON'T HAVE ANY APPLICANTS WITH THOSE BACKGROUNDS COMING ACROSS THE DEPARTMENT'S DESK, THE POLICE ACADEMY OR ANY OTHER POLICE AGENCY IN DELAWARE COUNTY. HE SUGGESTED THE COMMISSIONER OR ANYONE ELSE HAVE A MEETING WITH HIM.

DISCUSSION ENSUED

COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO TABLE THE MOTION ON THE TABLE TO HIRE THE PART-TIME OFFICER. THERE WAS NO SECOND. MOTION FAILED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH AGAIN REQUESTED THE MOTION BE TABLED.

THE ORIGINAL MOTION ON THE TABLE CARRIED, FOUR APPROVED.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS REQUESTED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH – NO

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO – YES

COMMISSIONER FITZ – YES

COMMISSIONER LACEY – YES

COMMISSIONER GOUGLER – YES

MOTION CARRIED WITH FOUR YES AND ONE NO.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER GAVE INFORMATION ON THE COVID VACINATION MOBILE UNIT BY THE COUNTY WITH THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON SHOT. SHE STATED, OUR WEEK IS THE WEEK OF MAY 25, 2021. SHE IS WAITING ON CONFIRMATION. IT WILL BE A TWO-HOUR WINDOW. WE WILL ADVERTISE ON OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK. SHE IS RECOMMENDING THE LOCATION OF POLICE CENTER/COMMUNITY CENTER LOT OR THE BACK LOT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON BARTRAM AVENUE.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO AGREED WITH THE LOCATION OF THE POLICE STATION/COMMUNITY CENTER LOT.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED THAT A MONTH AGO HE REQUESTED TO HAVE THE VACCINATION AT THAT SAME LOCATION AND MS. WHITAKER STATED THE LOCATION WAS NOT SUITABLE SO, HOW IS IT SUITABLE TODAY.

MS. WHITAKER STATED SHE CAN NOT REMEMBER SPECIFICALLY, BUT SHE DOES REMEMBER HIM ASKING. AT THE TIME HE WAS ASKING, SHE DIDN'T HAVE THE INFORMATION TO MAKE THAT ASSESSMENT. THEY CONTACTED THE TOWNSHIP. IT IS OUTSIDE. THEY WILL DRIVE UP AND THEY DO NOT HAVE TO USE ANY OF OUR FACILITIES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH REQUESTED TO CHECK WITH JD HEALTH ABOUT PFIZER BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISCREPANCY WITH JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

MS. WHITAKER STATED THE COUNTY IS DOING JOHNSON & JOHNSON AND THEY DID SUSPEND JOHNSON & JOHNSON FOR A WEEK OR TWO WHILE THEY DID RESEARCH BECAUSE SIX PEOPLE OUT OF SIX MILLION PEOPLE RECEIVED BLOOD CLOTS BUT NOW JOHNSON & JOHNSON IS CLEARED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED HE DID NOT WANT THAT IN WARD I BECAUSE IT MAY BE HAZARDOUS TO THE PEOPLE OF DARBY TOWNSHIP. THAT IS HIS MOTION.


DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO ADVERTISE IN THE LOCAL PAPER FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR PART-TIME OFFICERS FOR DARBY TOWNSHIP. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

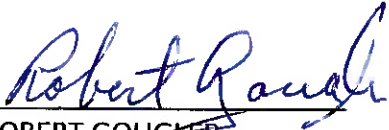
COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LACEY AND COMMISSIONER SMITH. FIVE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



BEATRICE POE,
SECRETARY



ROBERT GOUGLER,
PRESIDENT