

DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DARBY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 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-EXCUSED

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

SWEARING IN OF OFFICER PAUL BY THE HONORABLE STEVEN SANDONE.
REMARKS ABOUT OFFICER PAUL BY CHIEF SOUSA.

COMMISSIONER LACEY ANNOUNCED THERE WILL BE A TOWN HALL MEETING WITH DELAWARE COUNTY OFFICIALS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, AT 6:00PM. THE LOCATION IS AT 21 BARTRAM AVENUE, GLENOLDEN TO DISCUSS THE BRIARCLIFFE FIREHOUSE BUILDING.

CITIZEN COMMENT

LEON STILES-620 CLIFTON AVENUE. MR. STILES THANKED THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO ENCOURAGE AND INSPIRE THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO DO A GOOD JOB. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE GETS UP TO MAKE HIS PRAYER TO BE ALL HE CAN BE. THE SMALL GROUP AT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ARE GOOD GUYS. NONE OF THEM ARE SUSPECT AND NO ONE IS UP ON CHARGES AND THEY DO THEIR JOBS EVERYDAY.

JOAN FREDERICK-1040 BROOKWOOD LANE. MS. FREDERICK ASKED MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER, IF DARBY TOWNSHIP HAS AN UPDATED DOG LAW ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE IN PLACE.

MS. WHITAKER STATED COMMISSIONER LACEY WILL REACH OUT TO SET UP A MEETING.

MS. FREDERICK STATED SHE THINKS IT IS NEEDED.

PAULA SINGELTARY-1534 ROOSEVELT DRIVE. MS. SINGETARY IS REQUESTING THE BOARD LOOK AT THE ORDINANCE ON PARKING ON ROOSEVELT DRIVE BECAUSE HER WARD HAS A THREE-HOUR WINDOW AND SOME WARDS HAVE LESS TIME. SHE IS

SUGGESTING THEY REVISIT THE ORDINANCE AND MAKE ROOSEVELT DRIVE LESS TIME AS WELL.

DIANE KINLAW-1029 JACKSON STREET. MS. KINLAW WANTED TO KNOW WHEN THE TOW TRUCK BUSINESS ON HER STREET IS GOING TO BE RESOLVED? ALSO, THE LOT NEXT TO THE TOW TRUCK BUSINESS IS CUTTING DOWN TREES AND SHE WANTS TO KNOW IF THEY ARE PREPARING TO PUT SOMETHING THERE? IF SO, SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IT IS.

MS CATANIA, ZONING OFFICER STATED THAT IT IS RESIDENTIAL AND PARKING VEHICLES WITHOUT A PRINCIPAL USE IS NOT ALLOWABLE. SHE SENT THEM A NOTICE OF VIOLATION TO GET EVERYTHING REMOVED FROM THE SITE. IF THEY DO NOT COMPLY, THEY WILL GET A CITATION.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

JAMES WADE-1002 TRIBBITT AVENUE. MR. WADE ASKED WHY AREN'T THERE ANY LIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP? THERE ARE OLDER PEOPLE RESIDING IN THE TOWNSHIP AND THERE ARE ANIMALS RUNNING AROUND.

COMMISSIONER FITZ ASKED WHERE ARE THE LIGHTS OUT THAT HE IS AWARE OF?

MR. WADE STATED HE CANNOT TELL HIM BUT EVERY STREET IS HORRIBLE. OFFHAND IT WOULD BE LINCOLN AVENUE, TRIBBETT AVENUE, FORRESTER AVENUE, LINCOLN PARK AND ANYWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED WHAT PERSON CAN GO CHECK THE LIGHTS?

COMMISSIONER FITZ STATED THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WORK AT NIGHT.

COMMISSIONER LACEY ASKED HE EMAIL MS. WHITAKER THE LIST.

MR. STILES HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT STATED THEY GO OUT ONCE A YEAR AND CHECK THE LIGHTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

ED MCBRIDE, GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY-1026 HOPKINS AVENUE. MR. MCBRIDE REQUESTED TO HAVE GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY GET ON THE DARBY TOWNSHIP FACEBOOK PAGE TO DO SOME RECRUITING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

MS. WHITAKER STATED IF HE POST SOMETHING TO HIS PAGE, SHE CAN SHARE IT.

MR. MCBRIDE ASKED IF GOODWILL CAN ADD A "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED" TO THE TOWNSHIP BOOKLET.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED ABOUT CREATING A CALENDAR FROM THE TOWNSHIP LISTING ALL TOWNSHIP EVENTS.

RICHARD WOMACK, COUNTY COUNCIL THANKED THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE DARBY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE EFFORTS OF THE

ESCAPED CONVICT BEING CAUGHT AND DARBY TOWNSHIP LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS INVOLVED IN THAT.

ALICIA CARR-638 MAGNOLIA AVENUE. MS. CARR THANKED JIM CHILDS AND MUTUAL AID FIRE COMPANIES BACK IN AUGUST FOR THEIR RESPONSE TO THE GAS LEAK AT HER NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE. THE RESPONSE WAS PHENOMENAL. MS. CARR ALSO REQUESTED THE DARBY TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS MAKE THE BOLD MOVE TO DECERTIFY GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY UNTIL THEY GET THEIR AFFAIRS IN ORDER AND/OR DEMAND THE RESIGNATION OF THE SELF-APPOINTED GOODWILL CHIEF AS HE HAS NOT YET RESIGNED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED IF MS. CARR KNEW WHICH PART OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE SERVICES IS NOT REPORTING THE FINDINGS FROM THE AUDIT.

MS. CARR STATED THERE WERE FIVE THIS TIME AROUND FROM DARBY TOWNSHIP AND GOODWILL, ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH STATED THE FINDINGS ARE OFF.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY BANGED THE GAVEL AND STATED THIS IS PUBLIC COMENT.

COMMISSIONER LACEY CLOSED PUBLIC COMMENT.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD ON JULY 12, 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

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

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE LIST OF BILLS FOR AUGUST 2023. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2023 TREASURER'S REPORT. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO AWARD AF DAMON'S BID FOR THE 2023 ROAD PROGRAM. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2024 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT AND MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION (MMO). IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER

TALIAFERRO AND COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE SCHAPER'S CLEANING & RESTORATION SUPPLY LETTER TO RELEASE THE ESCROW AMOUNT OF \$20,128.50. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED. COPY ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER FITZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE 2017 FORD EXPLORER ON MUNICIBID. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO. COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED IF THAT WAS A VEHICLE THAT COULD BE USED AT STATION 77.

COMMISSIONER FITZ ASKED IN WHAT CAPACITY?

COMMISSIONER SMITH ANSWERED, MAN POWERED, FIRE PREVENTION.

COMMISSIONER FITZ ASKED IF THAT VEHICLE WOULD HAVE TO BE OUTFITTED.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

FOUR APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07 FOR THE DELCO GREENWAYS GRANT APPLICATION FOR CONWAY PARK IMPROVEMENTS. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THREE APPROVED, MOTION CARRIED.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT-MS. CATANIA, ENGINEER.

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

SOLICITOR REPORT GIVEN BY MR. PIERCE, SOLICITOR.

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

POLICE REPORT GIVEN BY CHIEF SOUSA. CHIEF SOUSA GAVE OUT BOOKLETS ABOUT SEPTEMBER BEING SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH AND ADDED THE SUICIDE HOTLINE NUMBER IS 988.

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

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

DARBY TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF REPORT NOT READ. COPIES ON FILE AT THE TOWNSHIP. JIM CHILDS, FIRE CHIEF, SPOKE ON THE NEED FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS. CHIEF CHILDS ALSO SPOKE ON SEPTEMBER 2023 BEING NATIONAL PREPARDNESS MONTH.

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

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

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

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

COMMISSIONER FITZ, WARD III-GAVE THE HIGHWAY REPORT. COPY ATTACHED. COMMISSIONER FITZ THANKED THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR HARD WORK.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED ABOUT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BEING DOWN ONE PERSON AND WAS IT ADVERTISED AND HOW? HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE HOLE ON FORRESTER AVENUE AND WHEN IT WAS GOING TO BE RECTIFIED?

COMMISSIONER FITZ ASKED MR. DINGLER, OPERATIONS MANAGER, DID HE HAVE ANY CLARIFICATION.

MR. DINGLER STATED HE DID NOT HAVE ANY CLARIFICATION AT THIS POINT OTHER THAN THE HOLE WAS COVERED UP AND IT IS IN LITIGATION.

MS. WHITAKER, MANAGER STATED THE CASE HAS BEEN CONTINUED AND THAT JUDGE SANDONE ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE TOWNSHIP. THE HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET IN CONTACT WITH THE HOMEOWNER. ACCORDING TO THE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE THE TOWNSHIP CAN COME IN AND DO AN INSPECTION.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

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

COMMISSIONER SMITH ADDRESSED A SINKHOLE ON TRIBBETT AVENUE. STATING, HE EMAILED MR. THORPE, HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR.

MS. WHITAKER STATED SHE GAVE HIS EMAIL TO MR. THORPE, HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR.

COMMISSIONER FITZ ASKED COMMISSIONER SMITH TO COPY HIM ON EMAILS TO THE HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR.

DISCUSSION ENSUED.

COMMISSIONER LACEY BANGED THE GAVEL.

MR. JAMES WADE WAS REMOVED FROM THE MEETING.

DISCUSSION ENSUED AND COMMISSIONER LACEY RESUMED THE MEETING.

COMMISSIONER SMITH ASKED IF THERE WAS AN UPDATE ON THE ELECTROSTATIC PAINTING FOR THE POLES.

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

NEW BUSINESS-NONE

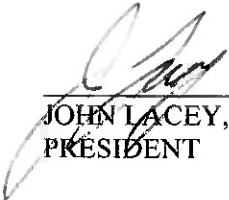
COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN. IT WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TALIAFERRO AND COMMISSIONER FITZ. THREE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



BEATRICE POE,
SECRETARY



JOHN LACEY,
PRESIDENT