

**TOWNSHIP OF DERRY**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 27, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Marc A. Moyer called the March 27, 2018 meeting of the Township of Derry Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Township of Derry Municipal Complex, 600 Clearwater Road, Hershey, PA. He advised that all public meetings are recorded for providing accurate minutes. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a roll call was conducted.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**SUPERVISORS**

Marc A. Moyer, Chairman  
Matthew A. Weir, Vice Chairman  
Justin C. Engle, Secretary  
Richard D. Zmuda  
Susan M. Cort

**ALSO PRESENT:**

James Negley, Township Manager  
Jill Henry, Assistant Township Manager  
Jon Yost, Township Solicitor  
Chuck Emerick, Director of Community Development  
Robert Piccolo, Assistant Director of Public Works  
Chief Garth Warner, Police Department  
David Sassman, Hershey Volunteer Fire Company  
Matthew Mandia, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Cheryl Lontz, Manager of Payroll & Employees  
Laura O'Grady, Director of Hershey Public Library  
Lauren Zumbrun, Economic Development Manager  
Matt Bonanno, HRG Engineer  
Julie Echterling, Recorder

**Public in Attendance:**

The following were in attendance: Harry Susi, Melissa Weigle, Jack Storm, Juliet Waldron, Judy and Bill Woodring, David Edwards, Mary Dague, Ed Leppold, Bob Naeye, Geoffrey Clout, Anita Mentzer, Cherish Dreyler, Ed Peterson, Rich Gamble, Tracy Brown, and Bob Yeigst.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

Supervisor Engle made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2018 Public Meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Zmuda seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Harry Susi expressed his disappointment with the Board's decision on moving forward with the \$31 million Recreation Center. He spoke about the current deficit and projected deficit for the new Center. He asked why 80% of the residents are paying for a facility they don't use. He is concerned about all the what ifs and items not completely figured out on this project. He asked the Board, do we really need a \$31 million facility.

Mrs. Anita Mentzer and Mrs. Juliet Waldron spoke about April 10<sup>th</sup> as being pay equality for women in Pennsylvania. They read a proclamation about pay equality for woman and asked the Board to adopt this. They provided statistics about the pay gaps and a copy of the proclamation to the Board.

Mr. Rich Gamble expressed concerns about the proposed Recreation Center. He asked about the Mohler Senior Center and will they have to join the gym. He spoke about the proposed swimming meets which wouldn't cover the costs of the pool. He asked the Board to consider turning it into a business. He thought the organizations who want this center should be part of the Capital Campaign. He believes Hershey should kick in based on the potential for increased tourism with the swimming meets.

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Mr. Dave Edwards has lived in the Township since he was 14 years old. He benefited with the swimming for his children and he understands the value it is to the community. He stated the Aquatic Club is a private club. He asked what if another private club came to the Board and proposed this project or another. He believes this will set a precedence and doesn't believe this proposed Center is a wise use of taxpayer's monies.

Mrs. Melissa Weigle, Director of the Mohler Senior Center, stated the Center signed a 28-year lease with the Hershey Medical Center in 1997. She stated the Center is 100% self-funded and doesn't receive any governmental aid. In 2015, Hershey Medical Center lowered their rent with the understanding that they would leave the lease early due to financial concerns. They service about 120 seniors a day and have a suggested membership donation of \$75. She spoke about the part time staff they have, volunteer Board, and the services they provide to the seniors in the Community. She spoke about the relationship with the proposed Recreation Center, as equal partners, where they would keep their independence and would help with grants and fundraising.

Mr. Ed Peters, 1749 Grove Street, spoke about a letter he received from the water company about hooking up to public water. He spoke about the wells for the residents. He asked the Board if the Township would put a hydrant in if they hooked up to public water. Chairman Moyer asked if all the residents wanted to hook up to public water and Mr. Peters wasn't sure. Mr. Emerick will follow up as they know there is a contaminated well and will be in favor of the hydrant.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION No. 1550 – FUNDING FOR SAND HILL ROAD RELOCATION:**

Ms. Zumbrun discussed Resolution No. 1550 to authorize the submission of an application to PennDOT's Multimodal Transportation Fund Program for the Sand Hill Road Relocation Project. This project relocates Sand Hill Road near The Crossing proposed development, and extends Hope Drive to connect with Sand Hill Road. This connection has been discussed as part of long range planning for US 322 and will help to alleviate congestion. The total cost of improvements associated with this project is \$6,019,000. The proposed application would request \$3,584,800, and require a 30% match of \$1,568,200. Penn State Health and C&S Kray Real Estate have provided letters to demonstrate commitment of matching funds for the entire project. The Township would allocate \$70,000, which could be applied from left over DCIB funds from the Walton Avenue project.

Vice Chairman Weir made a motion to adopt Resolution 1550 authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Multimodal Transportation Fund Program requesting \$3,584,800 and authorizing the chairman and secretary to execute the documents. Supervisor Cort seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**PA DEP'S MUNICIPAL RECYCLING PROGRAM GRANTS:**

Ms. Zumbrun stated the Department of Environmental Protection is offering funding for recycling program development and implementation through their Municipal Recycling Program Grants. Under this proposal, the Township would be seeking funding for the purchase of two tow-behind leaf vacuums which would replace a 1993 tow-behind leaf collector that became inoperable in 2017. The total cost for the two tow-behind leaf vacuums is \$108,249.80 with a required 10% Township match of \$10,829.80. Due to the timing of the grant funds being released, a portion of the match has been budgeted this year and a portion will be budgeted next year.

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Supervisor Cort made a motion to authorize the submission of an application to the PA DEP's Municipal Recycling Program Grants under Section 902 of Act 101 and to authorize Jim Negley, Township Manager, to execute the documents. Chairman Moyer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**HERSHEY LIBRARY – SALE OF ARTIFACTS:**

The Board tabled action on this to obtain further information on this request.

**ARBOR DAY – APRIL 28, 2018:**

Vice Chairman Weir made a motion to proclaiming the last Saturday in April, that being April 28, 2018, the official day for observance of Arbor Day in Derry Township. Supervisor Zmuda seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**CORRESPONDENCE BOARD/COMMITTEE INFORMATION:**

Supervisor Zmuda thanked Public Works for efforts clearing the roads after the most recent snow. Vice Chairman Weir thanked staff for moving forward with the recreation center. Chairman Moyer spoke about the great programs for the library. Supervisor Cort thanked the public for their interest in the recreation center. She asked everyone to be patient as they work through the questions and process.

**REPORTS:**

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| <u>Police</u>               | Chief Warner spoke about the reaccreditation last week and thanked all the departments that helped.   |
| <u>Fire</u>                 | Mr. Sassman spoke about three new members passing their training. He spoke about the funeral for the recent fallen firefighters and about the South-Central Task Force meeting. |
| <u>Recreation</u>           | Mr. Mandia stated they continue to work on the schematic design stage for the recreation center. He stated they are looking to present the design to the Board on April 24.     |
| <u>Economic Development</u> | Ms. Zumbrun is working with the engineer on the ChocolateTown project. She is working on a DCNR grant for April.  |

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE and PAYROLL:**

Supervisor Engle made a motion to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$513,373.71 and Payroll of \$349,768.94. Supervisor Cort seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Rich Gamble suggested the Board put a referendum to the voters about spending the money for the recreation center. He believes that would be the fairest way to know what the voters think.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Supervisor Cort made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Supervisor Zmuda seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Justin C. Engle

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Township Secretary