

TOWNSHIP OF DERRY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Marc A. Moyer called the September 25, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Township of Derry Board of Supervisors to order at 7:55 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 notes. 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 N. Negley, Township Manager and Treasurer
Jill Henry, Assistant Township Manager
Jon A. Yost, Township Solicitor
Chuck Emerick, Director of Community Development
Thomas Clark, 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 and Employees
Laura O'Grady, Director, Hershey Public Library
Lauren Zumbrun, Economic Development Manager
Matt Bonanno, HRG Engineer
Julie Echterling, Recorder

Public in Attendance:

The following were in attendance: Rich Gamble, Robert Naeye, Annette Guss, Louis Paoletti, Claire Ryland, Kevin Blackman, Stephanie DeDonatis, Chris Luttrell, Carol Nye, Ed Leppold, Jeanne, Kandra, Brian Link, Amanda Haffly, Kevin Ferguson, Marty Stabley, Steve Smith and Paul Thoryn.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Supervisor Engle made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 Public Meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Cort seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Brian Link spoke about the Capital Campaign and believes the \$5 million is not realistic as they have received \$1 million from Hershey. He spoke about the numbers used for DTMA which is in the early designs and isn't secured yet. He spoke about the redevelopment grant which wasn't awarded to the Township and he doubts it will be, as it is not for Recreation Centers. He doesn't believe these numbers should be included in their calculations. He spoke about the Center operating on a \$600,000 to \$1 million deficit plus debt services. He hopes to see revisions based on recent events. Supervisor Cort mentioned they are working with a consultant to help them with their Capital Campaign.

Mr. Rich Gamble asked the Board if there was any movement on the HE&R with the entertainment tax.

Mrs. Amanda Haffly, 88 Plymouth Circle, asked for an update on the afterschool programs. Mr. Mandia spoke about the changes required by the State for them to offer care for more children. He is taking steps including putting the requirements in the 2019 budget which haven't been approved.

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Mr. Steve Hatfield believes the Recreation Center is like the concept if you build it they will come. He is more concerned with the tax increase and he believes what the tax collector is saying. He believes the Board has a duty to put the Center to a vote for the Community through a referendum in November.

Mr. Lou Paoletti stated he is a well-informed citizen who has looked at the numbers. He stated a lot of people are against it and he believes a new center is needed. He believes the cost is excessive for the 50-meter pool with so many unknowns. There is a perception in the Community that this Center is a slam dunk as a done deal including the advertising. This advertising included a free swim for the last day. He is concerned with the steel tariffs. He stated that at the end of the day everyone needs to come together and work it out, understanding there is a large microscope on this project. Supervisor Engle would like to talk to him about the project and how Mr. Koussis is already working out the potential costs. He invited him to look at the numbers as with anyone else in the Community. Mr. Paoletti stated he is also concerned about the fitness center and traffic concerns. Chairman Moyer stated the costs will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Mrs. Carol Nye asked if they ever considered selling the whole center to an outside agency like they did the Granada Gym. Supervisor Engle stated they considered it. He discussed the current condition of the building and how it would sell for pennies and it would be hard to make a profit with the Center. She stated if we can't afford the old, how can we afford the new one. She is concerned with some not being able to afford the fees. Mr. Mandia spoke about having an income/subsidy for those who can't afford the fees. Chairman Moyer remarked that the fees of the Center are increasing, as are the taxes, then we are going to subsidize it for our own residents.

Mr. Randy Shives stated he would feel better if he had projections for the other department's deficits including Police. He asked if before increasing taxes, are they going to squeeze other departments. Chairman Moyer spoke about the 5-year Capital plan they have and how each department has identified their needs in this plan. He stated they don't have projections, but PFM is working with them on these. Mr. Shives is concerned that people will park wherever they want and won't use the designated spots. He doesn't believe the Township should be in the business of tourism. He asked Mr. Ballard how many 50-meter pools he has seen in his designs with \$32 million builds with around 24,000 residents. Mr. Ballard spoke about a large facility without the 50-meter pool with 15,000 residents, which has sustained itself for 10 years. He did note that 50-meter pools are typically in larger markets. Mr. Shives noted that steel tariffs just increased 8% on Monday. He spoke about some of the taxes he pays as he travels including car rental taxes and believes there is room in this area for more taxes.

Mr. Greg Moad, 138 East Glenn Road, spoke about the \$49 million debt for the Township with this Center. He understands tightening the belt but doesn't want the Police to go without new tires. He asked if there are any other projects in the next 5-7 years where there maybe a need to borrow money including the Township roads. Chairman Moyer stated that is a good question which will come to light during the budget process this year. Mr. Moad noted that Hershey is not a normal community as most don't have a park like HersheyPark in them.

NEW BUSINESS:

2019 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION(MMO):

Mrs. Lontz discussed Act 205 requirement for Townships. She stated the projected MMO for both Non-Uniformed and Police Pension Plan is \$1,624,571. The estimated State Casualty Insurance

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Reimbursement is \$655,000. If received the net cost would be \$969,271. She asked the Board for permission to accept her calculations so they can move forward. The Board directed her to move forward.

SHARED PARKING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TOWNSHIP:

Mr. Mandia stated they have been in discussions regarding the potential use of the School District parking lots during limited times throughout the year. The School District will be considering this agreement at their October meeting. The following are the main points of the agreement:

- The lots would be requested in advance to assist with parking for limited events at the Community Center and as not to create a conflict of usage with School District activities.
- The lots would only be utilized during non-school hours (when students are not in session).
- The primary lots would be at the Early Childhood Center and the lot between the Elementary School and the Middle School. (Approx. 435 spaces).
- The lots would be left in the same condition as prior to use.
- A certificate of insurance would be provided for the specific use.

Vice Chairman Weir noted that this will be an improvement having this parking versus parking on Cocoa Avenue. Supervisor Zmuda stated he lives on Cocoa and stated normally by 2-3 p.m. the cars are gone after an event. He spoke about permitted parking but there would be a cost associated with it and it could be looked at later. Chairman Moyer asked if there are no events would this parking be accessible. Mr. Mandia stated there would be a controlled access arm so it would be open during events and closed otherwise.

Supervisor Zmuda made a motion to approve the Shared Parking Agreement between the Township of Derry and the School District. Vice Chairman Weir seconded them motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

JOINT TRANSPORTATION FACILITY/PERSONNEL AGREEMENT EXTENSION:

Mr. Negley asked that action be tabled on this extension for the Solicitor to have time to review it. Chairman Moyer made a motion to table action on the second extension to the Joint Transportation Facility/Personnel Agreement between the Township of Derry and the Derry Township School District. Supervisor Cort seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

FIREWORK DISPLAY – NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION:

Supervisor Engle made a motion to grant permission to the Community Celebration Committee to stage a firework display at 12:01 a.m., January 1, 2019. Supervisor Cort seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

AMEND PARKING WITH ORDINANCE 710 FOR CHAPTERS 210-41 AND 210-42:

Chairman Moyer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 710 amending the Code of the Township of Derry (Ordinance No. 553) Chapter 210 § 210-42 Special purpose parking zones established=parking otherwise prohibited, and § 210-41 Parking time limited in certain locations, certain days and hours to establish a f-minute drop-off zone at the Hershey Public Library. Supervisor Zmuda seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE BOARD/COMMITTEE INFORMATION:

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There were no updates provided.

REPORTS:

<u>Library</u>	Mrs. O'Grady mentioned the Library was awarded the Keystone Grant.
<u>Economic Development</u>	Ms. Zumbrun is waiting for the official letter for the Keystone Grant. The next meeting of the Downtown Hershey Association is this Monday. The next bike/pedestrian alliance meeting is October 17 th at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.
<u>Assistant Manager</u>	Mrs. Henry stated the Township received a \$36,000 dividend check from the Township's workers' compensation insurance provider.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE and PAYROLL:

Chairman Moyer made a motion to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$714,802.21 and Payroll of \$342,193.05. Supervisor Engle seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Rich Gamble stated the election is coming and there should be a referendum on the Recreation Center on it. He asked the Board to visit the entertainment tax.

Stephanie DeDonatis spoke about the possibility of paid parking or parking meters.

Mr. Brian Link stated he is not against the Recreation Center but asked for more time before moving forward. He cautioned them to take more time to review it and to review the market. He spoke about contractors being busy, tariffs, and how it is easier to fix errors on design versus construction.

Mrs. Tracy Brown mentioned the number of street lights that are out and how it affects the Halloween parade. She is also concerned with the number of kids who walk out into the street to see the floats and maybe more volunteers could help with this.

Mr. Tom Brier thanked the Board, Police and Public Works for the job they do for the residents.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Zmuda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Chairman Moyer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

SUBMITTED BY:

Justin C. Engle
Township Secretary