

TOWNSHIP OF DERRY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Marc A. Moyer called the October 23, 2018 Regular 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. An executive session was held at before the meeting to discuss personnel issues. 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 Sassaman, Hershey Volunteer Fire Company
Matthew Mandia, Director of Parks and Recreation
Cheryl Lontz, Manager of Payroll and Employees
Laura O'Grady, Director of Hershey Public Library
Lauren Zumbrun, Economic Development Manager
Matthew Bonanno, HRG Engineer
Julie Echterling, Recorder

Public in Attendance:

The following were in attendance: Rich Gamble, Robert Naeye, Chuck and Linda Crandall, Scott Stein, Doug Nicotera, Linda Eyer, Becky Sweigart, John Foley, Wayne Rivers, and Todd Pagliarulo.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Public Meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Cort seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Rich Gamble asked the Board if there was any movement with HE&R on the entertainment tax. Chairman Moyer stated they are working on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

HERSHEY FIRE – PRESENTATION FOR TOWER LADDER:

Mr. Scott Stein, Hershey Volunteer Fire Company, spoke about the Committee and process setup to replace the 1994 tower ladder truck. He spoke about the need to replace it including the maintenance costs and the truck being out of service at times. He stated the truck was refurbished in 2007. He spoke about the features on the new truck from Pierce including a higher ladder, cab size, and warranties. He stated the Costar price with discounts is \$1,306,417. He spoke about the Pierce financing with PNC which would include 10 years of annual payments of \$164,741.52. Supervisor Zmuda asked about the sale of the 1994 truck and Mr. Stein stated they would resell and hope for \$165,000 or more from the sale. Chairman Moyer asked about the heights of buildings in the Township and the new ladder height.

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Mr. Stein explained how the ladder was high enough for most building. The Board thanked him for his presentation.

NOVEMBER 5TH - JAMES NEGLEY EMPLOYEE SERVICE APPRECIATION DAY:

Mrs. Henry read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, The Township of Derry and its citizens are fortunate and privileged to have had the leadership of James N. Negley as the Derry Township Chief of Police and Township Manager, and WHEREAS, The Township of Derry has benefited from the dedicated service that James N. Negley has provided for a period of 44 years, and

WHEREAS, James N. Negley has provided friendship, knowledge, guidance, fairness, fiscally conservative financial management, and leadership in support of the Township of Derry, and

WHEREAS, James N. Negley has been a role model and respected manager to the employees of the Department of Community Development, Administration, the Derry Township Police Department, the Department of Public Works, the Hershey Public Library and the Department of Parks and Recreation, and

WHEREAS, he served the Derry Township Police Department from October 4, 1974 to March 29, 2001, then as the Township Manager. As the Chief of Police, he obtained national recognition from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agency for meeting the most stringent standards and achieving accreditation, and as Manager spearheaded efforts to build a new Municipal Complex to support the Derry Township Police, Administration, the Department of Community Development, and the Tax Office, and

WHEREAS, through his efforts, James N. Negley has touched and affected the lives of thousands of employees, residents, visitors, and government officials, and

WHEREAS, James N. Negley is retiring from the Township of Derry on November 5, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Derry, on behalf of all the employees and citizens of Derry Township celebrate the service provided by James N. Negley, whose integrity, dedication, and leadership will leave an ongoing legacy of excellence, and THAT the Township of Derry here by acknowledges with immeasurable gratitude, James N. Negley' s contribution to this community by this Proclamation, proclaiming November 5 James Negley Employee Appreciation Day in Derry Township to acknowledge the hard work and stability that long-term employees provide, contributing to outstanding municipal services.

Chairman Moyer made a motion that the Township of Derry Board of Supervisors proclaims November 5th as James Negley Employee Service Appreciation Day. Supervisor Zmuda seconded them motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Moyer spoke about the mark Mr. Negley has left on the Township. He spoke about how Mr. Negley spent his whole life dedicated to public service including his military service in Vietnam. He thanked him for passing his institutional knowledge to the Board. He has been an amazing asset to the Board and community and will be sorely missed. He has enjoyed working with him. Supervisor Zmuda spoke about how Mr. Negley helped him as the new member of the Board and he is going to miss him. Vice Chairman Weir spoke highly of Mr. Negley and his following in the Township. Supervisor Cort spoke of Mr. Negley as the go to person in the Township and thanked him for his support. Supervisor Engle spoke of his great work and how he will miss Mr. Negley and his sense of humor. Mr. Negley thanked them and stated he couldn't do his job without the staff. He thanked his wife who never complained once about all of the night meetings he has attended.

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APPOINT INTERIM TOWNSHIP MANAGER AND TREASURER:

Mr. Negley suggested Mrs. Henry act as the interim Township Manager and Treasurer.

Chairman Moyer made a motion to appoint Mrs. Henry as the interim Township Manager and Treasurer. Supervisor Cort seconded them motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

UPDATE ON TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPLACEMENT:

Chairman Moyer stated they started searching for a new Township manager in June. They are in contract negotiations with Mr. Chris Christman. They hope to make the appointment at the November 13th meeting.

RESOLUTION 1562-PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT W. CHOCOLATE AVENUE AND VALLEY ROAD:

Mr. Clark stated Resolution 1562 is for the installation and maintenance of an illuminated flashing pedestrian crossing signal at the intersection of West Chocolate Ave and Valley Road. The installation will be completed as part of the Streetscape Project currently underway.

Chairman Moyer made a motion to approve Resolution 1562 to install a pedestrian traffic signal at West Chocolate Avenue and Valley Road. Supervisor Engle seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION - SQUARE OF HERSHEY:

Chairman Moyer made a motion to approve holding the New Year's Eve Celebration in the Square of Hershey on December 31, 2018, along with associated road closings. Supervisor Cort seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE BOARD/COMMITTEE INFORMATION:

Supervisor Zmuda spoke about the Halloween parade and Choctoberfest and how they were great events. Vice Chairman Weir spoke about the second phase of the tree vitalization program happening November 3rd at Shenk Park, attending the bike/pedestrian meeting, and recycling. Chairman Moyer spoke about the Halloween parade. Supervisor Cort thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for their work on the successful Halloween parade. The next Hershey All Things Diversity event will be held on November 13th at the Hershey Story. Supervisor Engle thanked Ms. Zumbrun for the great job she did with Choctoberfest. He thanked the volunteers including the Zmuda family for helping clean up after the event.

REPORTS:

<u>Fire:</u>	Mr. Sassaman congratulated Mr. Negley on his retirement.
<u>Public Works</u>	Mr. Clark stated Stauffer's Church Road is open.
<u>Library</u>	Mrs. O'Grady stated this week is National Friends of the Library week. She spoke about the edible book contest on Friday.
<u>Recreation</u>	Mr. Mandia thanked Mr. Negley for his friendship and leadership and he will miss him.
<u>Engineer</u>	Mr. Bonanno thanked Mr. Negley.

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<u>Economic Development</u>	Ms. Zumbrun thanked everyone including the volunteers and sponsors for the Choctoberfest event. She spoke about the recycling grant which will be used toward two pieces of leaf collection equipment.
<u>Assistant Manager</u>	Mrs. Henry thanked Mr. Negley for he has done for the Township and said that she will miss him.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE and PAYROLL:

Chairman Moyer made a motion to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$1,840,156.50 and Payroll of \$329,150.73. Supervisor Engle seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Scott Stein thanked the Board and the members of the Downtown Hershey Association for the events being held downtown. He stated it is fantastic to see everyone walking downtown.

Mr. Rich Gamble thanked Mr. Negley for his service to the community and residents and congratulated him on his retirement.

Mr. Todd Pagliarulo echoed everyone comments about Mr. Negley tonight. He worked with him when he was a rookie cop, detective and police chief and now manager. He stated he has been an honest and true professional. He stated the Township was very fortunate to have him and his knowledge.

Mr. John Foley thanked Mr. Negley and his wife for his service to the Township. He stated the Township is where it is because of his work. He stated the staff he created will continue because of Mr. Negley. He thanked him for his leadership and friendship.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Engle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Chairman Moyer seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

SUBMITTED BY:

Justin C. Engle
Township Secretary