

TOWNSHIP OF DERRY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abruzzo called the March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Township of Derry Board of Supervisors to order at 7:05 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 completed. He noted the Board met in executive session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss legal and land matters.

IN ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS

E. Christopher Abruzzo, Chairman
Natalie L. Nutt, Vice Chairwoman
Carter E. Wyckoff, Secretary
Richard D. Zmuda
Michael P. Corado

ALSO PRESENT:

Christopher Christman, Township Manager
Patrick Armstrong, Solicitor
Chuck Emerick, Director of Community Development
Thomas Clark, Director of Public Works
Chief Garth Warner, Police Department
David Sassaman, Hershey Volunteer Fire Department
Alison Trautmann, Director of Hershey Public Library
Zachary Jackson, Director of Parks and Recreation
Matt Bonanno, HRG Engineer
Julie Echterling, Recording Secretary

Public in Attendance:

James Carter, Jonathan Crist, Barb Lefko, John Lefko, Phillip Fratti Jr., Fred Johnston, Bill Rehkop, DTMA, Sarah Ryan, DTMA, Kevin Ferguson, Tracy Brown, Rich Gamble

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. James Carter, 2097 Raleigh Road, discussed his concerns with the trash bill increasing 80%. He reached out to the Township and Tom Stang about the increase and his concern with price gouging. He noted there is not an out for the residents for this increase. He asked when the two other bidders dropped out of submitting a bid and did Waste Management know that they dropped out. He spoke about residents having issues paying for their medications and now having this significant increase in costs. He asked what the Board's plans were so that this does not happen again since this seems to have been the perfect storm. He noted with this large price increase that no additional services are being provided and he does not feel this is right and he is not going away. Chairman Abruzzo said they would do their best to get him answers to his questions.

Mr. Fred Johnston, 514 Cedar Ave., was here to discuss his concerns with the increase in the trash bill. He was floored when he got the letter about the increase. He called Waste Management about the increase and was told this was normal. He found out today that there were no other bids and thinks its gouging. He would like to hear the answers to Mr. Carter's questions. Chairman Abruzzo stated they would share them with him.

Mr. Jonathan Crist, 2865 Church Road, was speaking for his client who lives on Fishburn Road. He spoke about going to the Planning Commission on April 5 about the proposed traffic changes that will affect his client. He stated his client will only be able to access her house from behind since there will be cement barriers not allowing for left turns. He spoke about the traffic study done by the developer as being one sided and believes the Township should be doing the study as it will affect traffic for years.

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He asked the Board to consider an independent traffic study. He spoke about knowing the law with property swaps and the tax changes as of December 2020. He spoke about Four Spring Capital, out of New Jersey, bragging on a blog about acquiring 667 Cherry Drive, former KinderCare Property with 1.9 acres for \$2.92 million. He also noted that two days later the Masonic Lodge with two acres that may come into play. He asked about the over 250 pink stakes with JMT on them all over the Township and what they were for. Later in the meeting Mr. Clark stated that the pink stakes are for a PennDOT project for milling and paving for Fishburn Road projected for 2023.

Ms. Tracy Brown, 319 Park Ave., was here tonight to discuss the black vulture problem again. She said the USDA took steps to try and mitigate the problem, but they are not working. The stuffed vultures in the trees have not scared them away and she is concerned about the dead deer in their neighborhood. She is wondering if there has been an update from the USDA. Mr. Christman will follow-up with the USDA about her questions about the vultures and dead deer. She stated that last Monday her trash collector passed away in her driveway and she asked that we observe a moment of silence for Rob Stone.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Zmuda made a motion to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Adoption of the March 8, 2022 5:30 p.m. Board of Supervisors Public Hearing Meeting Minutes.
2. Adoption of the March 8, 2022 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes.
3. Adoption of the March 14, 2022 Board of Supervisors Special Meeting.
4. Approval of Accounts Payable \$1,309,454.34 and Payroll of \$297,946.52.

Vice Chairwoman Nutt seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

DTMA & STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UPDATE:

Mr. Rehkop, DTMA, spoke about the DTMA new customer billing system they are rolling out. He spoke about the feedback they received from residents. They are going to bring this service back in from the outsourcing company they have used for the past four years. He hopes everything is on the web for a Fall rollout to the residents. He stated they will be providing updates on DTMA projects for the enews to go out to the residents.

He spoke about the energy enhancement they have been working on to save \$300-\$400,000 a year by generating more energy than they are using. The Southwest expansion is awaiting grant awards of up to \$3.5 million before it is started. He spoke about the sewer bonds and is hoping to close in April. He provided updates on the biosolids from his initial discussion in November to the Board. Supervisor Zmuda asked about testing of water samples. Mr. Rehkop spoke about working with the Penn State University and receiving results which he will verify can be shared with the public.

Ms. Sarah Ryan, Stormwater, started in December and has lived in the Township for years. She complimented the Township Staff as being helpful to her in this role. She showed the Board the locations of the stormwater projects. She spoke about the Shank Park basin being retrofitted and the Bullfrog Valley Road and Deer Run stream restorations. She spoke about the Wood Road and Limerick culvert replacement. In addition, they will be working on the Brookside Park basin and the Forest Avenue swale to basin. She spoke about the Ridge Road drainage improvement project which will require road closures starting in July. The Board asked about the Brookside and Shank Park projects and the timing of their completion. She stated they are weather dependent and is hoping to have them completed in the next few weeks.

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Mr. Rehkop spoke about upcoming projects and seeing how the watersheds affect the Township with local flooding and how to prevent them. Chairman Abruzzo spoke about the stormwater fees which are providing the money to help with these projects.

HERSHEY AQUATIC CLUB RESERVATION AGREEMENT:

Mr. Jackson stated they have previously rented facility space to the Hershey Aquatic Club and the proposed reservation agreement would allow for the continued partnership as we transition into the new Derry Township Community Center. The proposed agreement would take effect in June of 2022, with an expiration of December 31, 2024. The information contained in this agreement has been reviewed by the Township Solicitor and the terms have been agreed upon by the Hershey Aquatic Club Board of Directors. He highlighted some of the contract specifics to the Board.

Chairwoman Nutt made a motion to authorize the execution of a reservation agreement with the Hershey Aquatic Club. Supervisor Zmuda seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE BOARD/COMMITTEE INFORMATION:

Vice Chairwoman Nutt and Supervisor Zmuda attended the Transportation meeting. Supervisor Zmuda spoke about looking for non-matching grants for projects in the Township. He spoke about the pedestrian crossings and Fishburn bike lanes. He discussed the work DTMA will be doing on Ridge & Chocolate that will have road closures and signage will be needed. Vice Chairwoman Nutt spoke about the Waltonville road closure and impact to the residents. She and Chairman Abruzzo attended the Library Board meeting where updated policies and Staffing were discussed.

REPORTS:

<u>Police:</u>	Chief Warner spoke about the enhancements to Crimewatch for the community. This includes residents with disabilities being able to log their special needs through Crimewatch. There will be promotions next month and they are looking to hire two officers.
<u>Fire:</u>	Mr. Sassaman stated they had 64 calls for the month of February and their annual report is on their website.
<u>Public Works:</u>	Mr. Clark stated they are getting ready for spring and starting to put the snow equipment away.
<u>Library</u>	Ms. Trautmann noted the famous author, Fiona Davis, will be at the library on April 2 to speak about her two most recent books.
<u>Recreation</u>	Mr. Jackson stated the Egg Hunt will be on April 9. There are several types of memberships that are available to the public for purchase. They are still planning for a June 1 opening.
<u>Engineer:</u>	Mr. Bonanno spoke about the foresight of the Board to impose stormwater fees and how it has impacted the projects. He stated the Township is ahead of most municipalities in the state.
<u>Community Development</u>	Mr. Emerick stated he has scheduled a public hearing on Monday April 16 at 6 p.m. for the Governor/Fishburn crossing. On April 26 there will be two hearings one at 6 p.m. for the cell towers and 6:30 p.m. for a short-term rental.

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Mr. Rich Gamble, 39 Hockersville Road, spoke about Waste management and fulfilling their contract. He spoke of missed pick-ups of his trash, including today, and having penalties since the cost is up 80% for the residents. He spoke of the reason for the increase as being personnel and maintenance and noted that the trucks leak fluids on the road near him. He also mentioned about trucks getting stuck on the Railroad tracks at least once a week and the Police having to respond. He noted it happens with CR England trucks.

Mr. Kevin Ferguson asked about the agreement between the Township and the Mohler Center. He has made a request for the contract and has not heard back. He asked if the \$22,000 they are paying a year will cover the costs or if the taxpayers have to foot the bill for some of the costs. He noted all the specific features they have in the building which is exclusively used by them until 3 p.m. during the week. He also asked why they did not separate their electric and heating meters to bill them for their use. Mr. Jackson noted he responded to Mr. Ferguson's request on March 1 and has the email and will ensure he received it. Mr. Jackson, when asked, noted that there was a \$400,000 contribution made in addition to other contributions for the Mohler Center portion. Mr. Ferguson noted that construction cost about \$800,000 and no other organization has the benefit and special building features like they have. He would like answers to his cost questions. Chairman Abruzzo will try and get him answers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairwoman Nutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Supervisor Zmuda seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

SUBMITTED BY:

Carter E. Wyckoff
Township Secretary