



TOWNSHIP OF DERRY

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 23, 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abruzzo called the April 23, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Township of Derry Board of Supervisors to order at 7:04 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. An Executive Session was held before the meeting where land, legal and personnel issues were discussed. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a roll call was performed. Supervisor Corado attended the meeting via phone.

ROLL CALL

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

E. Christopher Abruzzo
Natalie L. Nutt
Carter E. Wyckoff
Michael P. Corado
Richard D. Zmuda

ALSO PRESENT:

Christopher S. Christman, Township Manager
Patrick Armstrong, Township Solicitor
Garth Warner, Chief of Police Department
Tim Roche, Lieutenant, Police Department
Chuck Emerick, Director of Community Development
Tom Clark, Director of Public Works
Zachary Jackson, Director of Parks & Recreation
Alison Jacobine, Director of Hershey Public Library
Becky Sweigart, Public Outreach Coordinator
Julie Echterling, Recording Secretary
Ryan Cummings, HRG Engineer

ABSENT:

Public in Attendance:

Rich Gamble, Sara Camasta, Julie Toth, Frank Jones, David Fisher, Greg Koussis, Brian Cleary, Doug Jones, Tracy Brown

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Sarah Camasta, 41 Thomas Street, came to talk to the Board about the large warehouse project coming to the area. She attended the South Hanover meeting and they are proposing 156 loading docks. She noted those trucks would be using Hershey Park Drive. She asked the Board if they could help reduce the impact this project would have on the area. Chairman Abruzzo shared that there has not been anything brought before our Board. He noted this Board has tried to prevent further traffic congestion in the community and will be keeping their eyes on this project.

Mr. Rich Gamble, 39 Hockersville Rd, asked if the Township was in communication with the Courtyard of Honor and how much would they be donating toward the project. Chairman Abruzzo shared that members of the Courtyard of Honor are here tonight and the Township is moving forward

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with the project. He noted Mr. Gamble could talk to them.

Chairman Abruzzo presented Recording Secretary Julie Echterling flowers from the Board and thanked her for her nine years of service to the Township. Tonight is her last meeting. She thanked them for their kindness.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Adoption of the Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes for the April 09, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Approval of April 23, 2024 Accounts Payable of \$491,276.57 and April 12, 2024 Payroll of \$384,074.72.

Vice Chairwoman Nutt made a motion to approve all items on the Consent Calendar. Supervisor Zmuda seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization to Advertise for the Solicitation of Bids to Renovate Chocolate Town Square Park:

Mr. Christman spoke about the project in Chocolate Town Square Park to build a Veteran's Memorial. He noted the Board approved the preparation of a bid package. Mr. Ryan Cummings, HRG, showed the Board the renderings of the Courtyard. He spoke about where the existing plaques would be placed, the gold stars for those lost, name plaques, flag placement, and other features of the park. He showed the Board where the pavilion and stage would be placed for future events.

Supervisor Zmuda made a motion to authorize the preparation of a legal advertisement for the solicitation of bids for a public improvement project within Chocolate Town Square Park as noted this evening. Secretary Wyckoff seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Resolution 2024-13-Authorizing the Grant of a Permanent and Temporary Construction Easement to Verizon Pennsylvania LLC:

Mr. Christman spoke about the resolution which would grant a permanent easement to Verizon for the placement of conduit in the Chocolate Town Square Park.

Vice Chairwoman Nutt made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to execute a utility easement with Verizon, substantially in the form presented at this meeting, subject to any revisions our staff, solicitor, and township engineer recommend following input from Verizon, and further move to adopt resolution 2024-13 authorizing the execution of the easement. Chairman Abruzzo seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Adoption of Decision for Conditional Use Application No. 2024-01, as filed by Hockersville LLC, regarding establishing single-family attached dwellings (townhouses) on the property located at 228 and 238 Hockersville Road:

Mr. Emerick spoke of the filing and hearing for Conditional Use Application to establish single family attached dwellings at 228 and 238 Hockersville Road. The decision was prepared by Solicitor Armstrong and is subject to conditions and restrictions.

Supervisor Zmuda made a motion that the Decision for Conditional Use Application No. 2024-01 is

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

Time extension for conditional approval of the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Taco Bell, Plat 1375:

Mr. Emerick stated, by way of their consultant, Hummelstown Investors, LLC, a request has been made to extend the time until August 14, 2024 to address the conditions on the decision. He noted that they have completed four of the conditions from the November 2023 letter.

Vice Chairwoman Nutt made a motion to approve the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Taco Bell, Plat 1375, extension to August 14, 2024, subject to compliance with items 1 through 10 in the *Department Recommendation* section of this agenda item. Supervisor Zmuda seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Financial security for the Stormwater Management Plan for 459 Chestnut Avenue, S-2024-004:

Supervisor Zmuda made a motion that the Board of Supervisors accept cash financial security in the amount of \$10,425.00 and enter into the Agreement to Provide Financial Security between Lisa M. Biggica and the Township for the Stormwater Management Plan for 459 Chestnut Avenue, S-2024-004. Secretary Wyckoff seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

SUPERVISOR BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Supervisor Zmuda and Vice Chairwoman Nutt attended the Transportation meeting. He stated Representative Mehaffie was there to talk about a project. Hershey Park strategy will be in effect for the concert season. They received DTMA updates. Ridge Road is on schedule and the roundabout workshop is May 10. Ridge Rd. improvement and pedestrian upgrades were also discussed. Vice Chairwoman and Chairman Abruzzo attended the IDCA meeting where they approved the Verizon easement and improvements to the Giant Center. Supervisor Wyckoff and Corado attended the DTMA meeting where they were provided updates on projects.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Public Works

Mr. Clark stated the line painters are working in the Township for the next two weeks.

Library

Mrs. Jacobine stated the Library is now loaning out puzzles.

Parks & Recreation

Mr. Jackson stated the annual Fishing Derby will be May 4 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Bullfrog Valley Pond.

Community Development

Mr. Emerick spoke of the success of the Kiss Hershey Back this past weekend. They had about 100 volunteers.

Township Manager

Mr. Christman was pleased to report that they will be receiving the RACP grant money tomorrow. The check should be for \$1.95 million, which will be used for the debt on the Community Center Facility.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments offered.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

SUBMITTED BY:

Carter E. Wyckoff, Township Secretary