

DERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Regular Monthly Meeting, Monday, August 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., Township Municipal Building, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown.

Present:	Chairman	Ronald E. Napikoski, Jr.
	Vice-Chairman	Donald R. Warntz, II
	Supervisor	John T. Sipe
	Manager	Kelly J. Shutes
	Roadmaster	Justin Allen
	Park Manager	Joshua Garver
	Zoning Officer	Chris Dobson
	Solicitor	Tim Searer

R. Napikoski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, July 17, 2023, Mid-Month Township Meeting. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

SOLICITOR:

Atty. Searer commented that a Township representative should be present at the Upset Sale scheduled for September 11, 2023 where Parcel # 16, 20-0622--,000 (547 Woodland Ave.) is scheduled for sale. He noted that perhaps the owner or buyer may be interested in working with the Township to complete the demolition of the property that has been deemed an "Unsafe Structure." He does not recommend that the Township purchase the property until it goes to a "Free and Clear" sale.

VISITORS:

Isaac Parks presented his Eagle Scout Project for approval by the Township. Isaac proposes to make improvements to the Derry Township Soccer Field. Among the improvements to be made, Isaac plans to repaint the ticket booths, remove weeds, fix the chain link fence and fill in holes in the ground along the fence. Mr. Napikoski told him that if he needs additional funding for the project he should reach out to the Township. Isaac was congratulated on his work to get to this point on his Eagle Scout badge. J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project to be completed by Isaac Parks. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to add approval of the Douglas & Stephanie Bohn Subdivision Plan in Rolling Meadows Court to the Agenda. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Bill Sarge, Sarge Engineering, submitted the plan on behalf of the Bohn's. The plan supersedes a plan approved in 2018. Mr. Bohn has not sold the property and wishes to make property line changes. He plans to build a house on the newly configured lot in the future, but no construction is planned at this time. J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Bohn Subdivision/Lot Addition plan as submitted. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Zubler, DLI, Inc., confirmed that Madra Clay, Regional DCED Director, will be meeting with area officials to discuss an array of available funding opportunities for community

improvement projects. The meeting is planned to be held at the Mifflin Co. Annex Building on Wed., October 4 at 6 p.m.

Chief French reported that the National Night Out Event was held at Kish Park and was very well attended. He thanked the Township for the use of the park. Mr. Garver noted that the cleanup after the event was well done.

PARK REPORT:

The new pavilion near the Kish Slow Pitch Pavilion (Cedar Pavilion) has been completed. Mr. Garver asked that the Supervisors take into consideration making improvements to the Mini Golf course. He noted that the condition of the course has deteriorated over the past few years. The drainage holes are clogged, and it is getting difficult to get the carpet to stay glued down. The course is not ADA compliant. Discussion was held on possible funding sources. He said trying to repair the course doesn't seem cost effective. Mr. Garver also reported that he had three youths from the Youth Advocate Program working at the park for about 8 weeks. They did odd jobs like painting and cleaning. He is willing to invite them back next summer.

ROADMASTER:

Justin Allen reported that Travis Eckley is going to be working for DCNR and will not be able to provide mechanical service to the Township trucks as he has in the past. He is willing to work in the evenings, but he will not be able to do full service. Justin is willing to try using him part time but will begin looking into other alternatives for mechanical service.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Township Engineer provided cost estimates for rehabilitation of Hummingbird Lane. The first Cost Opinion is for Mill and Overlay only in the amount of \$162,130.00. The second Cost Opinion provided is for Full Reconstruction in the amount of \$220,570.00. The engineer is of the opinion that it would not be cost effective to do only an overlay because the subbase is not substantial enough to ensure longevity of the road surface. Discussion was held on asking the property owners to help with the costs of construction. According to the Township Code, they may be assessed by the front foot assessment method. Atty. Searer will look into the methods available to the Township. In addition to the costs of construction, the Township will need to get easements from each bordering property owner.

D. Warntz made a motion to move \$500,000 from the Derry Township General Fund to the Kish Bank Municipal Advantage Money Market account, presently at 4.95% interest yield. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to reinvest the \$437,684 currently in a PLGIT Term account maturing on 8/14/2023 into another 60-day Term account with a 4.95% interest rate. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

McClure Co. submitted a HVAC Maintenance Agreement for the Derry Township Municipal Building at a cost of \$7,876 annually. J. Sipe made a motion to execute the HVAC

Maintenance Agreement with McClure Co. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-9, supporting the PA Commission for the U.S. Semi Quincentennial. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: R. Napikoski, aye, D. Warntz, aye and J. Sipe, aye. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion approve the CDBG invoice as follows:

Buchart Horn	Derry Twp Senior Center Improvements	Inv # 121102	\$1,916.42
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J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

FYI

The Companion Life Term Life, AD&D, Short Term Liability insurance rates will remain the same for 2023-24.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. on a motion by D. Warntz and second by J. Sipe.

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