

## DERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Regular Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, September 5, 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
	Manager	Kelly J. Shutes
	Roadmaster	Justin Allen
	Solicitor	Tim Searer

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

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, August 21, 2023 Caruso Conditional Use Hearing and the August 21, 2023 Mid-Month Township Meeting. R. Napikoski stepped from the chair and seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

## SOLICITOR:

Atty. Searer commented that Mrs. Hunter was served with the summons regarding the junk at the Cody Hunter property at Greenwood Ave. He said now the clock has begun ticking. If there is no response from the Hunter's, there is a ten-day waiting period before a court decision is made. Atty. O'Connor is finalizing the Bureau Veritas Contract.

## VISITORS:

Eric Woodward, 120 S. Main St., voiced his concerns over stormwater he contends is coming from the alley behind his house since the Road Dept. filled in the potholes. The Roadmaster said that he is looking into placing a storm drain there when the Township starts its Yeagertown Alley Paving CDBG project next year. The Roadmaster and Township Engineer will look at the situation and determine if there is a problem. Mr. Woodward also complained that the Zoning Officer was not listening to his complaints about his neighbors. He also disagrees with the Zoning Officer's view that the area where he is parking his cars in his backyard is a driveway. Mr. Woodward felt he was being unprofessional. R. Napikoski asked him to lodge any complaints regarding Township employees in writing to the Township Manager and the complaint would be investigated.

Krista Hannon and Holly Fultz, Hummingbird Lane, were present to get an update on the Hummingbird Lane Reconstruction Project. R. Napikoski said that the Supervisors plan to do a full reconstruction of the street at the advice of the Township Engineer. He also stated that the Township is looking into options to offset costs through an assessment on each property. No dollar amounts have been established yet. The Township is hoping to begin the project in Spring or Summer 2024. Easements from each property owner will also need to be obtained prior to start of project.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

## ROADMASTER:

Justin Allen reported that the 2023 Ford F350 was delivered this week.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2024 International Dump Truck that was ordered last year has been delayed. Due to supply issues, the truck will not be available, and the Township will now have to order a 2025 model. The pricing on the truck increased by \$3,500 to \$123,500. The truck was ordered so that we were assured delivery by early 2024. D. Warntz made a motion to approve the order of a 2025 International Dump Truck chassis in the amount of \$123,500. R. Napikoski stepped from the Chair to second the motion. Motion carried 2 – 0. The bed pricing will stay the same as when ordered in 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the Park Use application for the Special Olympics Duck Derby to be held May 18, 2024 pending receipt of the required fees and insurance. R. Napikoski stepped from the Chair to second the motion. Motion carried 2 – 0.

The Supervisors met with Danan Sharer, Kish Insurance Agency, to discuss renewal of the 2024 employee health insurance plan. The current Capital Blue Cross plan is to see a 25% increase. The Geisinger Health Plan policy would be a 6% increase over the current Blue Cross Plan. D. Warntz made a motion to direct our insurance agent to contract with the Geisinger Health Plan for an annual total policy cost of \$193,858.32. R. Napikoski stepped from the Chair to second the motion. Motion carried 2 – 0.

The Township has procured enough funds through a DCNR grant, a Township match and a private grant to proceed with the first phase of the Kish Park Improvement Project that will include construction of two new playgrounds to replace an existing playground at the park and renovation of the existing restroom building in the park. D. Warntz made a motion to contract YSM Architects for Professional Services to develop bid contracts, surveys, construction documents, with construction phase services to be completed on a time and expense basis, for the proposed fee of \$31,100. R. Napikoski stepped from the Chair to second the motion. Motion carried 2 – 0.

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

PBCI-Allen	Derry Twp Senior Center HVAC	Pay App 3	\$85,500
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R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 – 0. The Board tabled approval of payment of Pay App # 4 in the amount of \$47,421, pending satisfactory completion of the system. The contractor was contacted to make a service call on the HVAC system because the air conditioning is not functioning at the Senior Center.

D. Warntz made a motion to add the following items to the Agenda:

1. Transmittal Memo of 2024 MMO
2. 120 S Main St – Driveway Permit
3. Engineer’s Report
4. Gomes family donation to park

R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 – 0.

Mr. Napikoski acknowledged that the Township Manager submitted the 2024 Employee Pension Plan MMO calculated to be \$29,489.00.

The Township Engineer submitted a report on various ongoing projects in the Township. He will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss the various projects.

The William Gomes family donated \$3,200 to the Kish Park Rehabilitation Project. D. Warntz made a motion to send a letter of thanks to the family. R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 – 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m. on a motion by D. Warntz and second by R. Napikoski.

DERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

  
Kelly J. Shutes,  
Township Manager