

## DERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Regular Monthly Meeting, Monday, July 15, 2024 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  
                   Township Manager       Kelly Shutes  
                   Zoning Officer           Chris Dobson  
                   Park Manager             Josh Garver

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 1, 2024, Township Meeting. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

## SOLICITOR:

Atty. Searer commented that the Shy Bear zoning applications continue to be reviewed and completed as they are submitted to the Zoning Officer.

## VISITORS:

Angie Kemberling, SEDA-COG, CDBG Program Analyst submitted a Project Certification to be approved by the Board of Supervisors to submit an application to DCED for FFY 2024 CDBG Entitlement funding to fund Yeagertown Area Road Reconstruction Phase I and associated administration in the amount of \$128,160. D. Warntz made a motion to approve the Project Certification as presented. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

## PARK MANAGER:

Josh Garver reported that ProLawn completed the Kish Park Pond Rehabilitation Project two weeks ago. The pond wall issue has not been corrected. Quotes for approximately \$4,000 were received to correct the elevation problem of the wall near the overflow box. John Segursky, Burchart Horn, suggested that the Township get the work completed by another contractor for the quoted amount and withhold the same amount from the final payment to ProLawn, citing their responsibility for the work. The Final Payment application has not been submitted to date. Josh also reported that park staff has been working on drainage work and getting ready for the United Way Day of Caring volunteers.

## OLD BUSINESS:

As requested, another quote was obtained from G & R Excavating in the amount of \$15,845.85 to backfill the foundation and cleanup junk at the Cody Hunter property on Greenwood Ave. The quote from Mike's Landscaping was considerably lower and came in at \$11,960. J. Sipe made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Hunter notifying him that the Township intends to act on the judgement against the property and have it cleaned up by Mike's Landscaping for the quoted price. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Representative Rowe's office was contacted by John Short, of Electric Ave., regarding an ongoing stormwater issue Mr. Short has been experiencing. PennDOT was asked to contact the Derry Township office to discuss the problem. Kelly met with Russ Halfpenny and Adam Bechtel of the local District 2 office. This problem has been addressed with Mr. Short before. It appears to PennDOT that some of the Geisinger Hospital storm pipes are clogged or insufficient to control the runoff from hospital properties.

The Board asked the Township Engineer and Roadmaster to meet and review the problem and possibly meet with Hospital officials to try to address stormwater issues.

D. Warntz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-10, updating the Derry Township Personnel Policy, specifically the Compensatory Time Accrual Policy regarding the calculation of Overtime pay, noting that all compensable hours shall be used in the computation of overtime, except sick leave, effective July 15, 2024. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: D. Warntz, aye, R. Napikoski, Aye., J. Sipe, aye. Motion carried 3 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on blighted properties in the Township. Chris Dobson, Zoning Officer, noted that a property on Glenwood Ave. has been abandoned due to the owners being recently deceased. The Estate has not been opened. He found a possible relative living on Spring St., Lewistown and sent a letter to that address but it came back unopened. The Board asked him to get a price on mowing the property and attempt to have the family member served with a Notice of Violation.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the bills for June 2024. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

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