

DERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Regular Monthly Meeting, Monday, December 3, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., Township Municipal Building, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown.

Present:	Chairman	Ronald E. Napikoski, Jr.
	Vice-Chairman	Donald E. Warntz, II
	Supervisor	John T. Sipe
	Solicitor	Timothy Searer, Esq.
	Manager	Kelly J. Shutes
	Roadmaster	Justin Allen
	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, November 18, 2024 Mid-Month meeting and the November 21, 2024 Proposed Budget Meeting. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

SOLICITOR: No comments

VISITORS:

William Sarge, Sarge Engineering, LLC, submitted the Douglas and June Romig Subdivision Plan for approval. D. Warntz made a motion to approve the Romig Plan. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0. The Township Manager noted that Ms. Rebecca Cassidy had contacted the office in October 2024 and was unable to have her property surveyed. Ms. Cassidy was not in attendance at this meeting and filed no further objections with the Township office on approval of this plan.

Tony Fruchtl, PennTerra Engineering, submitted the Wawa Subdivision/Land Development plan for approval. J. Sipe made a motion to conditionally approve the Wawa plan subject to DEP approval of the plan and receipt of an NPDES permit from M.C. Conservation District. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several residents from Pleasant Acres West were in attendance to ask questions regarding the pending approval of the Juniata Valley Group-Pleasant Acres West-16th Addition Subdivision/Land Development Plan. Mr. Napikoski informed them that the final plan will be reviewed by the Derry Township Planning Commission at their meeting on December 5th. They will come to the Board of Supervisors on December 16th for final approval. He stated he foresees no issues with the December 16th approval. He also mentioned that JVG will plan an informational meeting with members of the public interested to give a presentation of the plans for the development. The residents raised concerns about the waiver to extend the cul-de-sac in the new development and speeding and added traffic to the Pleasant Acres West area. They were assured that the Township Engineer had reviewed the plan and approved it.

Jim Zubler, DLI, Inc., noted that the Mifflin County area has been designated as an Enterprise Zone by the PA DCED and is being implemented by the Mifflin County Industrial Corporation. This new designation will make tax credits available for industrial development in Derry and Granville Townships and Burnham and Lewistown Boroughs.

ZONING OFFICER:

Chris Dobson informed the Board that Mr. Hunter has returned the travel trailer to his lot on Greenwood Ave. He is not certain if there is anyone living in it at this time. Discussion was held on past and current code violations. Atty. Searer commented that there is a Court Order directing Mr. Hunter to make his property safe and to clean up the rubbish and remove the trailer. The Board of Supervisors directed the Zoning Officer to begin legal actions to fill in the old foundation. The Township Manager and Zoning Officer will consult with legal counsel to determine the best options to do so.

ROAD REPORT:

The Roadmaster reported that the Road Dept. is completing its final week of leaf collection. He received a quote to install the new chain link fence at the soccer field for \$22,000.

PARK MANAGER:

Josh Garver reported that the new playground installation will begin this week. He has begun demolition of the old Mini Golf course. D. Warntz made a motion to approve Mr. Garver's attendance at the PA Parks & Rec Society Conference to be held March 16 – 19, 2025 in Hershey, PA.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Township Manager reported that the letter that was filed objecting to the PUC's fine for a PA One Call response against Derry Township that included a check to pay the fine was returned. The PUC will not accept the check and has asked that the Township attend a hearing to dispute the fine violation.

Rick Smeltz, Smeltz and Aumiller Realtors, has requested a 90-day extension to March 4, 2025 for Supervisor approval on the Lewistown Moose Lodge Subdivision/Land Development plan. J. Sipe made a motion to grant the extension to March 4, 2025. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance. The suggested changes will be shared with the Township Solicitor. The Ordinance will be tentatively recommended for advertisement on December 16, 2024.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve a 2-year Electricity Supply Agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Approval of the iworQ Service Agreement for permitting software was tabled.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the 2025 Pumper/Hauler License for Brannon & Royer Septic Services, LLC. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to award Contract # 2-Electrical of the Kish Park Renovation Project to Selsyn Electric, LLC in the amount of \$40,050. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.


D. Warntz made a motion to approve Change Order # 1 of Contract # 1 of the Kish Park Renovation Project in the amount of \$986.00. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to contribute \$11,250 to the Chief Logan Volunteer Fire Dept. and \$8,250 to the Yeagertown Volunteer Fire Co. for the 2024 Firefighter Incentive program. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve execution of the 2025 Mifflin County Planning Services Agreement for an annual fee of \$1,500.00. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. on a motion by D. Warntz and seconded by J. Sipe.

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Kelly Q. Shutes,
Township Manager