

TOWNSHIP OF DERRY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

To ensure public safety during the COVID-19 crisis, the May 25, 2021 meeting was held by audio and video conferencing via a Zoom Virtual Webinar and shown live on the Derry Township YouTube page.

Vice Chairwoman Nutt called the May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Township of Derry Board of Supervisors to order at 7:02 p.m. via video conferencing with a Zoom Virtual Webinar through the on-line Meeting Room. She advised that all public meetings are recorded for providing accurate notes. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a roll call was performed.

IN ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS

Natalie L. Nutt, Vice Chairwoman
Carter E. Wyckoff, Secretary
Richard D. Zmuda
Susan M. Cort

ALSO PRESENT:

Christopher Christman, Township Manager
Patrick Armstrong, Township Solicitor
Chuck Emerick, Director of Community Development
Thomas Clark, Director of Public Works
Lieutenant Tim Roche, Police Department
David Sassaman, Hershey Volunteer Fire Department
Zachary Jackson, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation
Cheryl Lontz, Manager of Payroll and Employee Benefits
Laura O'Grady, Director of Hershey Public Library
Matt Bonanno, HRG Engineer
Brian Blahusch, IT Manager
Julie Echterling, Recorder

SUPERVISOR ABSENT:

E. Christopher Abruzzo, Chairman

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no comments offered.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Supervisor Cort made a motion to authorize action on the following Consent Calendar:

- Adoption of the May 11, 2021 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes.
- Authorized the release of \$501,735.00 from the performance security provided as PNC Bank Letter of Credit No. 18130893-00-000 for the required site improvements represented by the Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for Hersheypark 2020 Attraction, Plat 1298, resulting in a new balance of \$645,747.00.
- Authorized the release of \$110,203.00 from the financial security provided in the form of Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland Bond No. CSB9353959 for the Hershey Square Shopping Center Stormwater Management Site Plan, S-2020-005, resulting in a new balance of \$74,953.00.
- Approved Accounts Payable of \$235,385.11 and Payroll of \$323,801.73.

Supervisor Zmuda seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

SECURITY: 640 HILLTOP ROAD-S-2021-008:

Supervisor Zmuda made a motion to accept a cash financial security in the amount of \$15,560.00 and enter into the Agreement to Provide Financial Security with Seth Lenker for the Stormwater Management Plan for Tax Parcel No. 24-052-328 (640 Hilltop Road), S-2021- 008. Supervisor Cort seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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HERSHEY CLIMATE ACTION SURVEY PRESENTATION:

Mr. Emerick stated Resolution 1555 established a Climate Change Advisory Board for the Township. They have been working toward the Township goal to support positive action to protect the health and welfare of the residents. They completed a survey and are here tonight to discuss their findings.

Mrs. Rebecca Wills spoke about the committee, their assignment and participating in a Local Climate Action Program through the PA DEP. She spoke about the action plan, the steps of the plan including setting goals and a set of actions for Board approval.

They conducted a survey of residents in 2020 in which they received 300 responses. A copy of the full survey was provided to the Board. Below are the highlights of the survey she discussed with the Board:

- 80% know a lot or enough to be worried about climate change.
- 80% were seriously worried or are starting to be concerned with climate change.
- 200 of the responses identified extreme storms, temperatures, or worsening air quality as consequences of climate change.
- 81% believe the Township has a responsibility to address their contribution to climate change.
- 200 responses indicated the Township has a responsibility to reduce risks to the community from extreme weather events.
- 60 responses answered that the Township does not have responsibility to address the community's contribution to climate change.
- 2/3 of the responses indicated the actions the Township should take that include improve energy efficiency in the Township, in school buildings and transition to green energy.
- 250 of the responses are willing to bring their own bags shopping and recycle as their part to reduce the climate impact.
- Over 100 responses indicated they need local environment organization information to reduce their climate impact.

She then discussed their plans for this year including community outreach this summer during the Farmer's Market, developing a stakeholder's group, setting goals, targets and identifying actions. They plan to update the Board every 3-4 months. She thanked those who helped with this process. The Board thanked them for their time and effort.

TROEGS BREWERY MURAL:

Mr. Emerick stated there is a provision for the authorization of murals and street art to enable an orderly method and review process for the establishment of public art. Section 225-428 allows murals and street art within all zoning districts of the Township but requires authorization from the Board of Supervisors. In this case, the proposal would be considered a mural. He read the definition of a mural. The mural is to be placed on the east face of the building and is to be approximately 120 feet long by 30 feet high. This location will be on land of the Hershey Trust Company, who has given verbal approval for the location. The proposed art will be painted directly on the building. The mural meets the goals of the ordinance as it depicts a scene of natural significance and does not include any commercial messages or logos. Mrs. Adams, Troegs, spoke about the artist and how they tried to focus on local ingredients for the mural. Mr. Emerick showed the Board the mural and how it would look on their building.

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Supervisor Cort made a motion granting authorization for the Troegs Mural as generally proposed with the condition that elements of the mural are not later used for logos on their products so that it remains in compliance with our regulations. Supervisor Zmuda seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE BOARD/COMMITTEE INFORMATION:

Supervisor Zmuda spoke about the transportation meeting. They are making progress on Governor Road. He spoke about signage with Chocolate and Ridge and coordinating with PennDOT. He stated Hershey will be having large concerts this summer and stated that he, the manager, and Chief and will be working on ways to mitigate the traffic. Supervisor Cort stated the next All Things Diversity will be held on May 27 from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Supervisor Wyckoff attended the DTMA meeting where they were updated on projects and upgrades. He thanked Chief Warner for attending the TEAM graduation tonight. Vice Chairwoman Nutt was part of the Township and School District meeting and attended the transportation meeting. She thanked all the veterans as we enter the Memorial Day weekend.

REPORTS:

<u>Fire:</u>	Mr. Sassaman stated 25 volunteers participated in 4 weeks of truck training. He shared their planned Memorial Day activities.
<u>Public Works:</u>	Mr. Clark spoke about the Hill Church Road maintenance and the short-term road closures.
<u>Library:</u>	Mrs. O’Grady stated the summer reading program starts on June 1.
<u>Parks & Recreation</u>	Mr. Jackson spoke about the current projects the contractors are working on and showed pictures of the progress of the new community center. The contractors will begin working on the interior walls, duct work, pouring floors, roofing, leisure pool excavation and install roof top units. The drive-in movie will be held on June 4.
<u>Manager</u>	Mr. Christman spoke about the possibility of having to switch to in-person Board meetings and or a hybrid depending upon the state and the emergency declaration. He will keep the Board updated.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Tracy Brown came back tonight to talk about the black vultures that are in her neighborhood. She spoke about the damage they are doing and asked for help and they are also in the streets. Vice Chairwoman Nutt noted she has a friend on the East Shore who was having the same problem until they used some noise (fireworks) to disburse them. She asked Mr. Emerick, Mr. Christman, and Chief Warner to reach out and help the neighbors with these birds.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Zmuda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Supervisor Cort seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-0.**

SUBMITTED BY:

Carter E. Wyckoff
Township Secretary