

Douglass Township – Berks County

Board of Supervisors Meeting June 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The June 10, 2024, meeting of the Douglass Township, Berks County Board of Supervisors, was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Ronald Mest Jr. Present was Supervisor John Bauman. Supervisor Robert Palko was absent. Also, in attendance were Kaleena Breitbarth, Township Manager, Steve English, Township Solicitor, Thomas Unger, Engineer, John Dzurek, Police Chief, Robert Bainbridge, Emergency Management Coordinator and 9 members of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Eden Richard had questions regarding the minutes from May in which he was mentioned, requesting that it be removed from the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ronald Mest Jr., seconded by John Bauman to amend the agenda to state the meeting minutes from May 13, 2024, not April 11, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ronald Mest Jr., seconded by John Bauman to approve the meeting minutes from May 13, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

The monthly report was presented to the Board.

A motion was made by Ronald Mest Jr., seconded by John Bauman to approve the motion to switch disability insurance carriers to Mutual of Omaha with a savings of over \$4,600. The motion carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dzurek monthly report was reviewed with the Board.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Emergency Manager reviewed his monthly report with the board.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ronald Mest Jr. made a motion, seconded by John Bauman. to accept the motion to adopt Resolution 2024-11 Conditional/Final Approval for the Borrick-Harris Annexation Plan with the understanding that the board is also granting the waiver request. The motion carried unanimously.

Ronald Mest Jr. made a motion, seconded by John Bauman, to accept the motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise Ordinance 2024-1 Amend UCC and Adopt PA's Code. The motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEERS REPORT

The monthly engineer's report was distributed to the board.

Sewage Enforcement, Zoning, Engineering

Ronald Mest Jr. made a motion, seconded by John Bauman, to accept the motion to approve the time extension request for the 84 Lumber Land Development Plan through November 30, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

Ronald Mest Jr. made a motion, seconded by John Bauman, to accept the motion to authorize the Township Manager to sign the 2024 paving project and issue the notice to proceed with Sachs and Son. The motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Nothing to report.

PARK AND RECREATION

Nothing to report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasures report through May 31, 2024.

Ronald Mest Jr. made a motion, seconded by John Bauman to approve the financial report, ratify included list of bills and to file the same for audit. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Ronald Mest Jr., and seconded by John Bauman to amend the agenda to appoint Veronica and Ralph Reinert to the Park and Recreation Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Ronald Mest Jr. made a motion, seconded by John Bauman to appoint Veronica and Ralph Reinert to the Park and Recreation Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Eden Richard – Did the board meet with the fire company and come to an agreement? – Mark Malizzi, Vice Chairman of the Board of Boyertown Area Fire and Rescue stated that during their budget meeting, the fire tax was reevaluated, and the request was met in the middle, and everyone is very happy with the funding to be provided. He also inquired about the flagger ordinance. Wanted it stated that new microphones are not in the budget for this year.

ANNOUNCEMENT

An executive session will be held after tonight's meeting to discuss litigation and other executive sessions may be held prior to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, at 7:31 PM, a motion was made by Ronald Mest Jr., seconded by John Bauman to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaleena Breitbarth, Township Manager/Secretary