MINUTES OF THE DARLINGTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024

The Darlington Township Supervisors met on Monday, November 11, 2024 for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting in the Township municipal building at 7:00 P.M.

Mike Carreon, Chairman of the Board called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

PRESENT:

Supervisors

Tom Blinkiewicz Mike Carreon Greg Houlette

Solicitor Garen Fedeles Secretary/Treasurer Brenna Boyde Engineer/Zoning Officer Jeff Frye

COMMUNICATION:

There are now updates regarding the derailment in East Palestine, Ohio at this time.

The proposed Public Water Project remains in a holding pattern, but the Township has made another push to receive answers regarding additional funding assistance from Norfolk Southern. PA DEP Requirements for the Township's well in the Industrial Park are pressing the need for answers sooner rather than later.

The Township's Minimum Municipal Obligation was communicated to be \$14,550.00

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Shafer of Oakdale Road had a question regarding taxes on Norfolk Southern settlement funds when they are received.

Joe Caler of Oakdale Road discussed the property on Oakdale Road that recently sold.

TOWNSHIP MINUTES:

Mike Carreon motioned and Greg Houlette seconded to approve the September 2024 Township minutes as presented. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mike Carreon motioned and Greg Houlette seconded to approve the Treasurer's report for October 2024 as presented. Motion carried.

BILL LIST:

Mike Carreon motioned and Greg Houlette seconded to authorize the payment of vendors on the November 2024 bill list as presented. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief of Fire Department report 109 fire calls year to date, and reviewed other activity throughout the month of October.

*Mike Carreon reported that the Township Supervisors reviewed the proposed budget of the Fire Department and he will reach out to arrange a final meeting to discuss funding for 2025.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Monthly report was available for review.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: Monthly report was available for review.

ENGINEER: Discussed several pending subdivision reviews

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Report about debris and construction rubble at a property on Aid Drive. Potential Zoning Violations, along with Code Enforcement issues. Letter to be sent to owners.

ZONING OFFICER: Several permits were issued including residential solar panel arrays, detached garage, a proposed public shooting range, questions on an existing barn being turned into a banquet facility.

SOLICITOR: Nothing to report.

RECREATION BOARD: No update provided.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 1: Mike Carreon motioned to approve *Resolution 12-2024* designating Mike Carreon, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Ronald Leindecker, Sergeant of the Darlington Township Police Department, as the officials to execute documents and agreements between Darlington Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority for application and potential receipt of grant funding for police vehicles. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 2: Mike Carreon motioned to adopt *Resolution 13-2024* designating Mike Carreon, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Brenna Boyde, Secretary/Treasurer of Darlington Township, as the officials to execute documents and agreements between Darlington Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority for application and potential receipt of grant funding for road department equipment. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 3: Mike Carreon motioned to authorize appropriate Township Officials to sign the Hodgdon Subdivision conditional on the recommendation of Beaver County Planning Commission. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 4: Mike Carreon motioned to authorize appropriate Township Officials to sign the Hineman Subdivision conditional on the recommendation of Beaver County Planning Commission. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 5: Mike Carreon motioned to accept the resignation of part-time Police patrolman, Paul Smith, effective October 30, 2024. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 6: Mike Carreon motioned to advertise the availability of the Proposed 2025 General Fund Budget for public inspection at the Township office during regular business hours beginning on November 18, 2024. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 7: Mike Carreon motioned to authorize appropriate Township officials to sign the *Police Services Agreement* between Darlington Township and New Galilee Borough to establish the terms of agreement for the furnishment of police services effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ITEM 8: Mike Carreon motioned to authorize appropriate Township officials to sign for the opening of a new First National Bank Money Market Account. Greg Houlette seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business Mike Carreon motioned; Greg Houlette seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Time 7:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brenna Boyde

Secretary/Treasurer