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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING March 18, 2024

**PRESENT:** ROBERT LINE, III, ROB KOLE, JEN DEGAETANO - SUPERVISORS; Larry Barrick, Manager; Marjorie Bear, Assistant Manager/Secretary/Treasurer; Glenn Kelso, Public Works Director; Brandon Brookens, Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer; Jason Reichard, Engineer; Matt Boyer, Solicitor.

**ABSENT:**

**VISITORS:** Harold Cooney, Marty Williams, Sharon & Bryan McLaughlin, Chris Hinkle, Alija Sejmenovic, Charley Westcott, Michael Wadel.

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Kole called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

**OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The DTWP Park and Recreation Board is seeking a volunteer to serve on their Board. Please contact the Township Office at (717) 486-7424 if you are interested in serving.
- The DTWP Planning Commission is seeking a volunteer to serve on their Board. Please contact the Township Office at (717) 486-7424 if you are interested in serving.
- The Township will be hosting a Private Water well testing workshop on March 20, 2024, starting at 6:00 PM. Please see the details on the Township website and Facebook page. Please see the link below to register or you may call in to the Township and we will register you.  
<https://web.cvent.com/event/c8f81749-f50f-4e80-9f7a-05ccff989aa8/summary>.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Supervisor DeGaetano and seconded by Vice Chairman Line and unanimously passed to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Supervisor DeGaetano and seconded by Vice Chairman Line and unanimously passed to approve the February 5, 2024 Regular meeting minutes.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and unanimously passed to ratify the bills for February 20 and March 4, 2024, and to pay the bills for March 18, 2024.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairman Kole announced that the Board held an executive session this evening at 5:00 PM to discuss the FPR scope and the pension audit.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

Charley Wescott provided the report and gave an overview of the notable incidents in 2023. He pointed out that the work performed by the Township staff at the intersection of Burnt House Road and Ritner Highway to improve sight distance was a great improvement and there have been no injuries at that location since that work was completed.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC INPUT (non-agenda items)**

Marty Williams encouraged the Board of Supervisors to speak directly into the microphones so that their voices can be clearly heard on the recordings.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**    None

## **PLAN REVIEW/CONDITIONAL USE HEARINGS**

### **1. Land Development Plan for Bosniaks Islamic Cultural Center**

Mike Wadel was present and gave an overview of the project, which is a building addition to the existing cultural center, expansion of the parking area and changes to the storm water management facilities on sight.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and unanimously passed to grant the waiver requests for a modification of Chapter 178-55 of the SALDO, which requires plans to provide a carbonate assessment of the area; and for a modification of Chapter 178-40 of the SALDO, which requires the plans to provide sidewalks along street frontages within the Mixed-Use zone.**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and unanimously passed to approve the final land development plan for Bosniaks Islamic Cultural Center to include the staff comments listed on a memorandum dated March 14, 2024 from Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer Brookens.**

### **2. Subdivision Plan for Maceiko & Anderson**

Chris Hinkle was present and provided an overview of the project, which is a consolidation of 2 tracts of land on Stonehouse Road, and a lot addition to the adjacent property.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and unanimously passed to grant the waiver requests for a modification of Chapter 178-18-.B.2 of the SALDO, which requires each plan to contain a minimum of two sheets; and for a modification of Chapter 178-18.D of the SALDO, which requires the plan to identify the features located on or within 200 feet of the subject property.**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisors DeGaetano and unanimously passed to approve the final subdivision plan for Maceiko/Anderson to include the staff comments listed on a memorandum dated March 14, 2024 from Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer Brookens.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Discussion and Direction on Joint Cost sharing agreement to participate with the FPR Coalition Group with County and Surrounding Townships.**

Chairman Kole stated Dickinson Township has an opportunity to join a Coalition as a founding partner with South Middleton Township, Penn Township and Cumberland County. Several other Township's are considering to join. The Group will look at how to tackle the FPR issue that residents have been dealing with and to get the State legislature involved.

Marty Williams questioned the cost of this venture and if it will include legal action. Attorney Brian Salzman, who is the legal representation of the Group explained that he was hired by South Middleton Township and will also represent all entities that join. The initial fee is \$35,000 and there is a formula in the agreement for the fee to be shared by all entities that join. The Steering Committee will administer the funds, which will be held in an account by South Middleton. The initial amount for Dickinson Township is \$10,000.

Chairman Kole said FPR's is the number one complaint from residents. When he investigated the issue several years ago, and a concerned citizen's group was considered, the legal costs at that time were estimated at over 6 figures. Fast forward to today, the interest has grown and the Township has the opportunity to get involved for \$10,000, which is a considerable reduced rate from the original estimate. The 3 founding Townships are looking at \$10,000 each. If more Townships get involved, the amount per Township would be reduced. The climate is right to do this and it gives us a seat at the table. It gives us a positive outlook and is beneficial to all.

Supervisor DeGaetano stated it gives the Township the opportunity to sit at the table and get what we want and help guide the matter to benefit the residents.

Marty Williams questioned who will represent Dickinson Township. Chairman Kole stated Supervisor DeGaetano will be the point person for Dickinson Township, along with Solicitor Matt Boyer. Each Township who joins will have two persons on the Steering Committee. Chairman Kole said that Dickinson Township is ground zero for the FPR issue so we should lead the effort. It is our issue, and South Middleton Township is willing to stand with us. He is excited to tell residents we are doing something and that we don't want to put the matter in the state legislature's hand.

Manager Barrick mentioned the three page memo that was prepared by staff and provided to the Supervisors with a list of concerns on the proposed agreement and he wants to make sure the Board considered the information prior to making a decision. He stated staff does not disagree with the concept, but the agreement should be looked at with a fine tooth comb. He is very concerned that the Township is writing a blank check. Supervisor DeGaetano said the memo was reviewed and that is why Attorney Salzmann was brought in to explain how we can move forward through this Coalition. She stated the cap is \$34,500. If that number is reached then the Steering Committee would decide what it looks like at that time. It is important for the Township to be involved to shape it and to work together and get it right the first time. Manager Barrick expressed concern that it was not budgeted for so the Board will need to discuss where to pull the \$10,000 from. Chairman Kole said he could help with that.

Marty Williams questioned if the Township lawyer will be paid from the Coalition, or will the Township be paying him to represent our interests. Supervisor DeGaetano stated Solicitor Boyer will be a point person to share information. Solicitor Boyer stated any work he does will be billed under the cost sharing agreement and not billed directly to the Township.

Manager Barrick stated the involvement with Torren Ecker, Barb Gleim and the Western Cumberland COG and this matter is moving in the legislature. Staff had a lot of great input. Jean Fossi and a couple other townships expressed their concern with the open check also. Supervisor DeGaetano stated that she appreciated the concern, however this engagement is not an open check and the Supervisors are comfortable with the amount stated in the agreement. She spoke to Torren Ecker who said this is a good step for us. Manager Barrick asked for staff to be kept in the loop so that we can keep the residents informed. Chairman Kole said the Board will share as much as they can because it is a legal issue. He expressed interest in sharing information in the newsletter, website and Facebook.

**A motion was made by Supervisor DeGaetano and seconded by Chairman Kole and unanimously passed to enter into the FPR Coalition for the County and Townships.**

**2. Appointment of the voting delegate for the 2024 PSATS Convention and the Proposed PSATS 2024 Resolutions up for vote.**

**A motion was made by Supervisor DeGaetano and seconded by Vice Chairman Line and unanimously passed to change the voting delegate for the 2024 PSATS Convention from Jen DeGaetano to Larry Barrick.**

**3. Resolution 2024-04 Escalator Clause of Bituminous Materials for Small Quantities.**

Engineer Reichard explained the purpose of the Escalator Clause, which could possibly save the Township money on the road projects.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and unanimously passed to adopt Resolution 2024-04 which approves an escalator clause of bituminous materials for small quantities.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

Engineer Reichard said the bid opening will be held on April 11, which will be a digital format with Penn Bid. Tabulations of the bid results will be prepared for action at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Manager Barrick mentioned that Public Works Director Kelso has met with the home owners to review the bank work that will be done, as well as meeting with the church to discuss the parking lot and bringing the intersection up about 2 feet to improve sight distance.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER’S REPORT** Nothing additional to report

**TREASURER’S REPORT** Nothing additional to report

**ZONING OFFICER’S REPORT**

Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer Brookens announced that the Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM for the continuation of the prior hearing and to work on the house rules. No decision has been made at this time.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Public Works Director Kelso stated Contract #2 will be going out for bids this week, which is for the chip seal projects that are paid for from the Liquid Fuels fund. The bids will be provided at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for a decision.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT**

Engineer Reichard stated is a pleasure to be here since he has not attended since Covid.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT** Nothing to report

**SUPERVISOR’S REPORT** None

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Food Processing Residuals (FPRs) and Biosolids update - Chairman Kole stated this matter was tackled earlier in the meeting this evening.
2. Future of Barnitz Mill Discussion – Chairman Kole said the Friends of Barnitz group continue to meet and are coming up with a plan to present to us for a decision. Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer mentioned the permit process that the Friends of Barnitz are dealing with to place a sign at the Mill, which may require a variance because they do not own the property. The Board expressed interest in supporting the Friends of Barnitz request to place a sign at the Mill in an effort to alleviate the need for a variance.
3. Discussion to begin Enforcement of the “No Parking Zone” on Old State Road in Hunters Run - Public Works Director Kelso said the sight distance at the southern end needs to be determined if it is feasible before spending any money on the study. The Board agreed to his suggestion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Line and seconded by Supervisor DeGaetano and passed unanimously to adjourn at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marjorie E. Bear*

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Asst Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

