

# **DERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

## **Minutes, June 2, 2015 Regular Meeting**

**7:00 p.m.**

Vincent DeCario, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Derry Township Board of Supervisors to order held in the Municipal Building at 5321 Route 982, Derry, PA at 7:00 p.m. and lead the group with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by David Slifka and seconded by James Prohaska to adjourn the previous meeting.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Members present were: David Slifka, James Prohaska, and Vincent DeCario-Supervisors;  
Terry Giannini, Code Enforcement Officer; and John Rushford, Solicitor

Open to the Public: A group of residents from Hillside attended this meeting to discuss what the Township will do to help with the installation of natural gas lines for the residents. The gas company needs to know if the Township can haul and supply the dust before they can give a quote to the residents as to what the cost will be for each family that signs up for the service. Duane Campbell said he has been working with the gas company since August of 2012 and needs to have an answer as soon as the Board decides what can be done to help the residents.

Doug Kemp stated he had a copy of the 2012 contract that implies the Township will do the digging, backfilling, and full restoration. Vince DeCario stated that was not agreed to by the Township but will look at helping as drainage is needed in this area but no decision has been made. A discussion was held.

Robin Dixon questioned how to get an ordinance adopted regarding shooting guns in residential areas. Mr. Dixon stated he has a neighbor that does not care who or what he is shooting at or what time of the day he is shooting. Mr. Dixon is concerned as he believes someone is going to get hurt. Solicitor John Rushford stated gun laws are governed by state law not local ordinances. Mr. Rushford suggested Mr. Dixon contact Joseph Petrarca, the State Representative, for help. A discussion was held.

Judy Knopsnider thanked Vincent DeCario for fixing her road and stated on the agenda there is a motion to give a donation to the Derry Ag Fair Association. She has knowledge that they have in the bank \$29,000 so perhaps someone else could use the money. Perhaps the Board needs to think about that.

Randy Ankney questioned what progress has been made on his father's death benefit as it has been 8 months since his death. Mr. Rushford stated it has been difficult getting the information as the issue goes back 30 to 40 years. A discussion was held.

Mike Weimer questioned where the money was coming from that the Township would have used to purchase the Eastern Derry Township Volunteer Fire Department buildings and property approximately \$275,000.00 that went into for. A discussion was held

Motion was made by James Prohaska and seconded by David Slifka to approve Minutes of May 5, 2015.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by David Slifka and seconded by James Prohaska to approve the payroll of May 7 and 21, 2015 for payment.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by David Slifka and seconded by James Prohaska to approve the bills of May 1, 6, and 20, 2015 for payment.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by James Prohaska and seconded by David Slifka to approve the Treasurer's Report for May of 2015.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by David Slifka and seconded by James Prohaska to grant a donation to the Derry Township Volunteer Fire Department (Bradenville) in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by James Prohaska and seconded by David Slifka to grant a donation to Derry Borough Volunteer Fire Department, Blairsville Volunteer Fire Department, and New Alexandria Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$2,000.00 each.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by David Slifka and seconded by James Prohaska to grant a donation to the Mechesneytown, Pershing, and Salem Cemetery Associations for the maintenance of the abandoned cemeteries in the amount of \$700.00 each.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by James Prohaska and seconded by David Slifka to grant a donation to the Caldwell Memorial Library in the amount of \$3,800.00.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by David Slifka and seconded by James Prohaska to grant a donation to the Derry Area Youth Athletic Association in the amount of \$500.00.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by James Prohaska and seconded by David Slifka to grant a donation to "Faith in Action" in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by David Slifka and seconded by James Prohaska to grant a donation to the Derry Township Agricultural Fair Association to provide sponsorship funds to be used for the entertainment and special attractions at this year's fair in the amount of \$2,000.00

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by James Prohaska and seconded by David Slifka to grant a donation to the Murrysville Medic One (Support 610) in the amount of \$500.00.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by David Slifka and seconded by James Prohaska to grant a donation to the Barbara Thompson Early Learning Center in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made James Prohaska and seconded by David Slifka to grant a donation to the Derry Area Hockey Association in the amount of \$500.00.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Motion was made by James Prohaska and seconded by David Slifka to recess until Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Voting: David Slifka-yes, James Prohaska-yes, and Vincent DeCario-yes

Motion carried.

Announcements:

Derry Township Playground Program will begin Monday, June 15'

Monday - Thursday

Mornings: 9:30 to 11:30

Afternoons: 12:30 – 2:30

New Derry  
Cooperstown

New Alexandria

Monday & Wednesday

Afternoons: 12:30 – 2:30

Brenizer

Tuesday & Thursday

Afternoons: 12:30 – 2:30

Bradenville