



DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING MINUTES OF: APRIL 15th, 2013

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Mr. Chip Williams; et al.

Attendance: [x] Jeffrey R. Dexter, [x] Charles Grady, [x] Joseph Canfield, [/] Dolores Card, [x] Ed Lagarenne, [x] Ernie Matern or Marty Kunstmann - PC; [/] Gary Packer; [x] Bob Dexter or Marty Kunstmann; [/] Dora Faye Henry; and [x] Karyle A. Woods, Secretary & Open Records Officer; [/] Solicitor Jeffrey S. Treat, Esq.

KEY TERMS: [x] =Present. [/]=Absent. BOS= Board of Supervisors; ZHB= Zoning Hearing Board; PC= Damascus Planning Commission; UDC= Upper Delaware Council; DRBC= Delaware River Basin Commission; WCPD= Wayne County Planning Dept./GIS; WCCD= Wayne County Conservation District; DEP= Dept. of Environmental Protection; DCED= Dept. of Community and Economic Development; NPS= National Parks Service; SEO=Sewage Enforcement Officer; BCO= Building Codes Officer; EMC= Emergency Mgt. Coordinator; PennDoT= Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation; FEMA= Federal Emergency Mgt. Agency; PEMA= Pennsylvania Emergency Mgt. Agency; PUC= Public Utilities Commission.

Open Floor: AGENDA Items only. Three minutes per speaker.

➤ NONE

ACTION ITEMS:

- The Minutes of: March 18th, 2013 were approved. The motion was made by Chuck Grady; seconded by Joe Canfield. Chairman Dexter called for a vote, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report[s]: The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and Joe Canfield made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by Chuck Grady. Chairman Dexter called for a vote; the motion was approved unanimously.
- The Expenses of the previous month were reviewed. Chuck Grady made a motion to approve the Expenses of the previous month; Joe Canfield seconded the motion. Chairman Dexter called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ❖ Personnel Issues were discussed in an Executive Session which was called by the Chairman Dexter at 7:04 PM. The BOS announced: To have two [2] Road Foreman- Marvin Freiermuth [South Sector] and John Moss, [North Sector] to cover the Road work has been made permanent, with a rate of \$17.33, per hour.
- ❖ **BID OPENINGS - Second Round:**
 - BRADCO SUPPLY @ \$24,600.00 to deliver Flake Calcium. Joe Canfield made a motion to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Chuck Grady. Chairman Dexter called for a vote and the motion was approved.
 - NO BIDS WERE RECEIVED for the purchase of Diesel Fuel. Joe Canfield made a motion to use the Emergency Procedures [a minimum of 3 Telephonic Quotes], taking the lowest price on that date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The DEP proposed Guidelines for On-Lot Septic Systems was discussed; and the BOS issued a Letter of Opposition on the DEP proposal. Joe Canfield made a motion to that effect; Chuck Grady seconded the motion. Chairman Dexter called for a vote and the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Continued.

- The BOS proposed that there would be a **SPECIAL MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING** held on Wednesday, May 15th, 2013, @ 7:00 PM. to take testimony and action on the proposed Floodplain Management Administrator Ordinance. Chuck Grady made this motion. The motion was seconded by Joe Canfield. Chairman Dexter called for a vote, and the motion was approved unanimously. [NOTE: the deadline for adoption of this Ordinance in May 16th, 2013.]

REPORTS:

- **Zoning Officer and Web Master:** See attached report.
- **Emergency Management:** Mr. Lagarenne discussed the issues arising from the proposed DEP regulations for areas of the Commonwealth which have High Quality &/or Exceptional Quality Waters. He indicated that residents *should* read the document at www.dep.state.pa.us, as the document indicates that residents would have to pay large fee[an additional \$15,000.00 for On Lot Sewage installation, or own, at minimum, 11 Acres, or more. He felt that these proposed regulations would effectively halt any Realty sales, and Building / Home construction, and would have a severe economic impact in our community retrofit existing On Lot Systems. The DEP has a 90 day comment period.

[Extended until June 3rd, 2013]

- **Planning Commission:**
 - The Planning Commission recommended approval for the proposed Floodplain Mgt. Administrator Ordinance, Chuck Grady made a motion to approve; Joe Canfield seconded the motion. Chairman Dexter called for the vote, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- **UDC Representative's Report:**

UDC Chairman Dexter reported that there is discussion regarding the DEP Proposal for On-Lot Septic Systems. Reservoir levels are at 90% capacity [There was no Snow Pack this year]. A Ms. Marie Stewart spoke about improving the Water Release program. Attendees were Mr. Thomas Murphy, Jr., and New York- DEC, among others.
- **Parks & Recreation:** The Sign Board, Donated by NPS was delivered to the Damascus Forest, and installed by the Damascus Township Roads Department.
- **Roads Department:** [NORTH] Maintenance work, and repairs to Equipment continue; Brush cutting along the roadsides continues, and Potholes are been repaired. The South Sector reported the same kinds of activities. The Redevelopment Authority has come through with funding for a Double Tar and Chipping for Stone House Road. The Dirt & Gravel Roads program will be approving the continued work on River Road.
- **ZHB:** No Matters are before the ZHB
- **The Food Pantry:** No Report as the Pantry will meet after this meeting.
- **The Recycling Program:** Marty Kunstmann reported that it was a 'decent' day for the Saturday program.

OPEN FLOOR: 2nd Segment- Community Interests:

- ❖ Bucky Brussells, Jr. discussed the conditions on Annie Mitchell Road
 - ❖ A Resident asked that the "Ripples" along River Road be re-graded.
 - ❖ Chip Williams insisted that the Brush Cutting along Blackwell Road was not in the least effective.
 - ❖ The Great PA Clean-Up will be in effect from April 20th, 2013 until May 30th, 2013.
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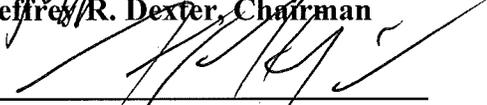
Hearing no further comments, Chuck Grady made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe Canfield. The meeting was adjourned 8:05 PM.

These Minutes are respectfully submitted by: Karyle A. Woods, BOS Secretary, and Open Records Officer.

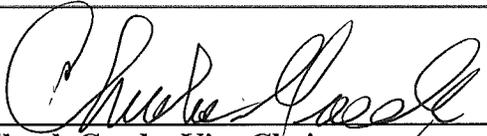
SIGNED by the Board of Supervisors:



Jeffrey R. Dexter, Chairman



Joseph Canfield, Supervisor



Chuck Grady, Vice Chairman



Karyle A. Woods, BOS Secretary, &
Open Records Officer