



**DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF:**  
February 16th, 2009

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Meeting called to order @ 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Jeffrey R. Dexter.

**Attendance:** [x] Jeffrey R. Dexter, [x] Charles Grady, [x] Jason Roberts, [x] Dolores Card, [ / ] Ed Lagarenne, [ / ] Jeffrey M. Finlay, [x] Ernest Matern, PC, [x] Howard Schuchman, ZHB [x] Bob Dexter, [ / ] Dolores Keesler, UDC Representative, [ / ] Dora Faye Henry, and [x] Karyle A. Woods, BOS Secretary and Open Records Officer.

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**OPEN FLOOR:** **AGENDA** Items only. Three minutes per speaker.

- NONE

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Minutes of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Chuck Grady made a motion to approve the Minutes, Jason Roberts seconded that motion. Chairman Dexter called for a vote: and the Minutes of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved unanimously.
- To take action on the expenses incurred during the previous months:
  1. Expenses of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Chuck Grady made a motion to pay the expenses of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and Jason Roberts seconded the motion. Chairman Dexter called for a vote, and the motion to pay the expenses was approved unanimously.
- To review and take action on the Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009; Chuck Grady made a motion to approve the Reports, and Jason Roberts seconded the motion. Chairman Dexter called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Vacancies [2 Alternates] are needed to fill out the roster for the Zoning Hearing Board. Chairman Dexter, and Howard Schuchman- Chairman of ZHB, agreed that an advertisement would be placed in *The Wayne Independent* requesting letters of Interest in those vacancies on the Zoning Hearing Board.
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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Board Of Supervisors [BOS] has, on a motion made by Chuck Grady, agreed to advertise the proposed bids for nine [9] categories of products that the Township Roads Department will utilize for various Roads Department projects and roads repairs this spring, summer, and fall. This motion was seconded by Jason Roberts. Chairman Dexter called for a vote; the motion was approved unanimously. Chairman Dexter discussed the "Chipped Stone

**NEW BUSINESS:** continued.

- mix product that the Twp. hoped to purchase on the COSTARS state-wide program. Decisions about “Chipped Stone Mix vs. Red Cinders use is still under discussion as to which roads will benefit most from the two uses.

**REPORTS:**

- **Emergency Mgt: No Report**
- **Zoning, Buildings, and Codes: See Attached Report.**  
Note: Ed is requesting Damascus Township based businesses advertise on our Web page, these ads do pay for the Web page, which is viewed by hundreds of people. The Web page has been upgraded and redesigned for ease of use.
- **Damascus Planning Commission: The Road Opening Ordinance, is in its second draft and is being finalized for review by the BOS and the Solicitor-Mr. Jeffrey S. Treat, Atty. The Comprehensive Plan’s Conservation Subdivision is being worked on in the committees assigned to investigate various aspects of a Conservation plan for the Township. \*\*\* Chairman Dexter is investigating the Grant issues for filing a grant for the creation of a Soccer Field at Damascus Park, [PNDI Report].**
- **UDC Report: See D. Keesler E-Mail attached to these Minutes.**
- **Parks & Recreation Report: No Report until spring.**
- **Roads Report: The Grader has been used to widen the drive lanes on Township roads, providing more safety for vehicles and residents.**
- **ZHB Report: There are no matters before the Board; however, Howard Schuchman- Youth Programs Coordinator spoke about the tentative schedule for two Damascus Twp. Programs: Supervisor For A Day- Monday, Aril 20th, 2009; and the Local Politics class for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders-TBA.**
- **Food Pantry Report: None. Chairman Dexter asked residents to please consider making donations to the Pantry, of dry or canned products, as the donations tend to fall off at this time of year.**
- **The Damascus Recycling Program’s Bob Dexter reported that there was good activity at the Recycling Center, but the turn out was somewhat less than the previous months. He will be checking with the State Pa. Clean Up office for details of the Damascus Township Litter Pluck. He also indicated that a Section Coordinator would be needed to take over his responsibilities for the spring campaign.**

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**OPEN FLOOR:** Second segment.

- **Bob Dexter indicated that a new coordinator will be needed for the south sector of Damascus.**
- **Ernie Matern asked about the possibilities of Damascus Township receiving any monies from the Stimulus Package promulgated by the Federal Government. Chairman Dexter indicated that he has already made telephone calls to various entities regarding this issue. NEPA has been contacted about our “Shovel Ready” Projects.**

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Dexter asked that Chuck Grady make a motion to adjourn the meeting; this motion was seconded by Jeffrey R. Dexter. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

**These Minutes are respectfully submitted by: Karyle A. Woods, Secretary.**

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**SIGNED by the Board of Supervisors:**

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**Jeffrey R. Dexter, Chairman**

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**Charles Grady, Vice Chairman**

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**Jason E. Roberts, Supervisor**

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**Karyle A. Woods, Secretary**