



**DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES OF: June 15th, 2009**

Meeting called to order @ 7:09 PM.

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

Attendance: [x] Jeffrey R. Dexter, Chairman [x] Charles Grady, Vice Chair; [x] Jason E. Roberts, Supervisor; [/] Dolores Card, Treasurer; [/] Ed Lagarenne, Zoning & BCO; [/] Jeffrey M. Finlay, EMC; [x] Ernest Matern, PC Chair; [/] Howard Schuchman, ZHB; [x] Dolores Keesler, UDC Rep.; [x] Bob Dexter, Recycling Program; [/] Dora F. Henry, Food Pantry; and [x] Karyle A. Woods, BOS Secretary and Open Records Officer.

OPEN FLOOR: AGENDA Items Only. Three minutes per speaker.

- Bob Gross commented on the Employee Raises of 4%, to be effective at June 1st, 2009.
- Marty Kunstmann's correction of the Second Open Floor segment, item #3.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Minutes of May 18th, 2009 were reviewed, a correction was made at 2nd Open Floor segment; and a motion to approve those Minutes was made by Chuck Grady; seconded by Jason Roberts. Chairman Dexter called for a vote; the Minutes of April 20th, 2009- with a correction were approved unanimously.
- To take action on the expenses incurred during the previous month:
Expenses of April 2009: Chuck Grady made a motion to pay the expenses for the previous month; Jason Roberts seconded the motion. Chairman Dexter called for a vote, and the motion to pay the expenses for the previous month was approved unanimously.
- To review and take action on the Treasurer's Report:
The Treasurer's Report of May 18th, 2009: Jason Roberts made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Chuck Grady seconded that motion; Chairman Dexter called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- South Canaan Cellular Communications: Conditional Use Application Hearing results were discussed by Atty. Catherine Durso- Representative; proposed site has been moved 230 feet further south on the lot, to better utilize Tower with tree coverage. A revised map was submitted to the BOS, with a detailed explanation of the site plan modification; Ms. Kathy Castella [?] made comments about the position of the Tower as it effects other property owners site lines; Ms. Durso explained the position of South Canaan Cellular Communications efforts to accommodate the concerns of the residents at the Conditional Use Hearing, held on Tuesday, June 9th, 2009, at 7:00 PM, by moving the Tower 230 feet south. Chuck Grady made a motion to approve the site plan as modified on the new map. Jason Roberts seconded that motion. Chairman Dexter called for a vote and the motion to approve the site plan was approved unanimously. Mr. Ken Love, Atco Road, Beach Lake, Pa. strenuously objected to the Tower site, and stated that quite a number

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: continued.

- of residents were against the location of this Cell Tower; that the BOS was taking this vote on “their own behest, not the residents”.
- **Wayne County Youth Employment Program:** Chairman Dexter explained that the Township had filed for 4 positions to employ youth this summer, currently we have been assigned 1 young person, who has been assigned to buildings and grounds maintenance; we are hoping to have another young person, as a Data Entry person to computerize the Zoning Office files, making it easier to locate the information contained in those records. We have asked for two older workers [18 though 24 yrs. old category] to work with the Roads Department for at least six months; that request is still pending, at the County, as they process applicants.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Dexter announced that a 4% raise, effective on June 1st, 2009 had taken effect. He reminded the audience that the possibility of a raise had been deferred in January, until the Budget funding issues had been reviewed and resolved later in the year.
2. Chairman Dexter reviewed the status of a [a] Wayne County Redevelopment Authority Grant, [\$50,000.00 to repave Spruce Swamp Rod, [from Milanville to Atco Roads] that grant is approved, but is still pending the receipt of funding to the agency. [b] The Township has applied for a UDC –TAG grant for the installation of Hardware and Software to assist the Planning Commission with communications and workload issues; as well as assisting with Township communications with the public on Planning Commission issues and information distribution.

REPORTS:

- **Zoning, Buildings & Codes Report:** [See Attached Report]
- **Parks & Recreation:** No Report
- **Emergency Mgt. Report:** No Report.
- **Planning Commission Report:** Ernie Matern reported that there were three new submissions:
 1. **Mike and Yvonne Stone:** a minor subdivision on Fallsdale Road- HOP has been submitted to Chairman Matern. A motion was made by Chuck Grady to approve the submission; Jason Roberts seconded the motion. Chairman Dexter called for a vote; and the motion to approve the minor subdivision passed unanimously.
 2. **Thomas and Theodore Williams:** a minor subdivision- After review, Jason Roberts made a motion to approve the minor subdivision; seconded by Chuck Grady. Chairman Dexter called for a vote, and the motion was approved unanimously.
 3. **Camp, Dury and Dury:** a minor subdivision- [3 Lots] on Whitmore Road. After careful review, Chuck Grady made a motion to approve the minor subdivision as delineated on the maps. Jason Roberts seconded the motion. Chairman Dexter called for a vote and the motion to approve the minor subdivision as submitted, was approved unanimously.
 4. **Adele Wolfe:** a minor subdivision- McCubbins Road. A minor subdivision was reviewed; with a non-buildable lot Waiver. Jason Roberts made a motion to approve the minor subdivision with a non-buildable lot waiver. Chuck Grady seconded the motion. Chairman Dexter called for a vote and the motion to approve the minor subdivision passed unanimously.

REPORTS: Continued.

- **UDC Report:** The UDC Representative, Dolores Keesler made the following:
 1. According to Bob Tutor, the NYC authorities have made some modifications to the flow plans of the Dams, as per the three major flood events in Wayne Co.
 2. The trucking of waste water from the Drilling of Gas is a concern of the UDC, which will be addressed in the future, as the DRBC is not concerned with exploratory wells; only the horizontal Well Drilling. DRBC has rec'd 5 applications for Permits for Horizontal Well Drilling, and it may take up to 3 or 4 months to process these applications for Permits.
 3. Once again, the UDC made it clear that they-as an organization have taken NO position on Gas Drilling.
 4. The National Parks Service was very satisfied with the Memorial Day weekend activities. No incidents were reported.
 5. There is still controversy regarding the Pond Eddy Bridge, which is not yet resolved.
 6. Dolores encouraged everyone to participate in the activities to take place at Wallenpaupack; cost: \$10.00 per person, on July 14th, 2009, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- **Roads Report:** Chuck Grady spoke about the road grading and pothole filling that is taking place at this time; and stated that the road work taking place on Marks, Steiner, and Swago roads is almost completed.
- **Zoning Hearing Board Report:** No open matters are before the Board at this time, reported Bob Gross, member of the ZHB.
- **Food Pantry Report:** New Freezer is operable now. [See Attached Report]
- **The Damascus Recycling Program:** Bob Dexter reported that there was an excellent response [Busy day]to the program.

OPEN FLOOR: Second segment. Three [3] Minutes per speaker.

1. A resident from the Beaver Lake Association inquired when work- [Dry Hydrant] would be done at Beaver Lake site. Chairman Dexter answered that they contemplated having the work completed by the beginning of the winter season, and that new Pipes would be installed. The Northern entrance culvert is collapsed- Chuck indicated that it would be fixed.
2. Marty Kunstmann thanked the Roads Department, and Chuck Grady for the road work done to improve and build up the roads.
3. The Rabies Clinic will be held on Wed. July 8th, 2009, at 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
4. A Chicken BBQ will be held on Sunday, June 20th, 2009.
5. Hearing no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM, on a motion made by Jason Roberts and seconded by Chuck Grady.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM, on a motion made by Chuck Grady and seconded by Jason Roberts.

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

SIGNED by the Board of Supervisors:

Jeffrey R. Dexter, Chairman of the Board

Jason E. Roberts, Supervisor of the Board

Charles Grady, Vice Chairman of the Board

Karyle A. Woods, Secretary of the Board