



DAMASCUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES OF: August 17th, 2009

Meeting called to order @ 7:04 PM.

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

Attendance: [x] Jeffrey R. Dexter, Chairman [x] Charles Grady, Vice Chair; [x] Jason E. Roberts, Supervisor; [x] Dolores Card, Treasurer; [/] Ed Lagarenne, Zoning & BCO; [/] Jeffrey M. Finlay, EMC; [x] Ernest Matern, PC Chair; [x] Howard Schuchman, ZHB; [/] 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.

KEY: [x] = Present. [/] = Absent.

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

- No questions or comments.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Minutes of July 20th, 2009 were reviewed, and Chuck Grady made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 20th, 2009; Jason Roberts seconded the motion, and Chairman Dexter called for a vote, and the motion to approve the Minutes of July 20th, 2009 were unanimously approved.
- To take action on the expenses incurred during the previous month:
Expenses of July 2009: Jason Roberts made a motion to pay the expenses for the previous month; Chuck Grady 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 July, 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:

- Chairman Dexter updated the BOS and residents on the lack of a quorum present to disseminate the funding allotted for Dirt and Gravel Roads Program projects approved and to be Bid for work on Glen Road and 2 projects on Whitmore Road. The Chairman expects the funds to be released to the township when Harrisburg settles the Commonwealth Budget impasse.
- Bluestone Mtn. Estates: Jason Roberts made a motion to approve the roadway construction at Bluestone Mtn. Estates, pending receipt of the Welcome Lake Fire Company's letter of support for the Cul-de-Sac design specifications. The motion was seconded by Chuck Grady. Chairman Dexter called for a vote and the motion was approved unanimously. [Note: Mr. Weigers, owner of property and Chairman Matern, PC, have contacted the Welcome Lake Fire Company to secure the letter of support.]

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Veterans Park:** Bob Dexter, Bob Gross and Howard Schuchman reported that the discussions with Hillside Cemetery have reached an impasse, and that they haven't heard from that board regarding the placement of a Veterans Memorial and Monument. Bob Dexter reported that 133 soldiers from the Damascus Township fought in WWII. Bob Gross indicated that the Hillside Cemetery Association was in need of donations to fund their operations at the Cemetery, and that he planned to host a fundraiser to support the Cemetery Association operations. An alternate site was mentioned, if the negotiations with the Association prove unsatisfactory.
2. **Mrs. Dolores Keesler, resident** – made a slide presentation [no copies available], regarding the flooding occurring on her property located on River Road. [Her written remarks were submitted and are attached to these Minutes.]

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 was a new submission:
 1. **Kohrs:** a minor subdivision- After review to the maps and documentation, presented by Ernie Matern, Chairman of the PC; Jason Roberts made a motion to approve the minor subdivision. Chuck Grady seconded this motion. Chairman Dexter called for a vote, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- **UDC Report:** UDC Representative, Dolores Keesler- See attached Report.
- **Roads Report:** Chuck Grady spoke about the road grading and pothole filling that is taking place at this time; and stated that the Roads Department would be replacing Sluice Pipes and was awaiting delivery of Flake Calcium [Dust Controller], for application to roads; He also brought pictures of the roadway conditions on both Township and State roads. [See office file].
- **Zoning Hearing Board Report:** No open matters are before the Board at this time.
- **Food Pantry Report:** No Report.
- **The Damascus Recycling Program:** Bob Dexter reported that there was an excellent response to the program, and that it was a very busy day.

OPEN FLOOR: Second segment: Three Minutes per speaker

- Rev. Blackie Thanked the Supervisors and Staff of Damascus Township for their help and assistance to the Church and invited everyone to a special service at the Church on September 13th, 2009 at 9:15 AM. [Please see letter of file in the Office.]

Hearing no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM, on a motion made by Jason Roberts and seconded by Chuck Grady.

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 & Open Records Officer