

March 18, 2024

The East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00pm at the East Lampeter Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The statement of recorded meetings was played for all in attendance. Chairman Corey Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition to Mr. Corey Meyer, Supervisors present were Mr. Roger Rutt and Mr. Ethan Demme. Mr. Mike Thornton joined the meeting via Zoom and Mr. Ted Gallagher was absent from the meeting. Also present in the meeting room was Mr. Ralph M. Hutchison, Township Manager, Ms. Tara Hitchens, Assistant Township Manager and Ms. Stephanie Leakway, Administrative Assistant.

**An executive session took place prior to the meeting regarding real estate matters. **

Public Present in Public Meeting Room:

Michael Itwaru – Lancaster Online
Tim Hoerner – Box 295, Bird-In-Hand – Hand-In-Hand Fire Company
Christian Miller – 453 Beechdale Road - Hand-In-Hand Fire Company
Molly Hughs – 3050 Yellow Goose Road – Newswagner
Kristen Hershey – 2439 Ellendale Drive – CV Seeds
Brett Fitzgerald – 2315 Starlite Drive – H&F Tire
Barry Fitzgerald Sr. – 113 Waterfront Estate Drive - H&F Tire
Steve Gribble – 127 North Ronks Road – Ronks Fire Company
Nate Church – 35 Tennyson Drive - Ronks Fire Company
Brian Clark – 130 North Ronks Road - Ronks Fire Company
Carl L. Gehman – 509 Forge Drive - Ronks Fire Company
Elmer Fisher – 139 North Ronks Road - Ronks Fire Company
Steven Fisher – 139 North Ronks Road - Ronks Fire Company
Leon Fisher Jr.– 3260 East Gordon Road – Bird-In-Hand/Ronks Fire Company
Samuel Beiler – 206 North Ronks Road – Bird-In-Hand/Ronks Fire Company
Scott Gribble – 171 North Ronks Road – Ronks Fire Company
Sam King - 141 North Ronks Road – Ronks Fire Company
Brian and Bryce Boumman – 7N Strasburg Road - Ronks Fire Company
John King - 135 North Ronks Road – Ronks Fire Company
Paul Fisher – 351 Enterprise Drive - Bird-In-Hand Fire Company
Jen Roten – 63 Lafayette Way – Lafayette Fire Company
Pete N. Skiadas – 2323 Lincoln Highway East - 2323 LHE
David Keens - Lafayette Fire Company
Francisco Rivera - Lafayette Fire Company
Lamar Benne – 28 Poplar Street, Gordonsville – Citizen
Anthony Petersheim – 308 Twin Springs Ct., New Holland – Cocalico Creek
Lyn Nikolaus – 123 Laneley Square
Duane and Bonnie Newswanger – 1166 Indian Manken Road, Constica
Leon and Sadie Fisher – 3260 East Gordon Road – Jacob King
Ken McCombs – 126 Snapdragon Drive – Leola Lions
Steve Zerbe – East Lampeter Police Department
Melvin Fisher – 23 Pequea Valley Road, Kinzers – Jacob King
Mike Creamer – 127 Oakview Road – Witmer Fire Company
Michelle Kirne – 403 Mount Sidney Road – Conestoga Valley Seeds
Paul and Sarah Zook & Dan Naomi – 178 Geist Road

Also, In attendance via Zoom:

None

Public Comment for Non-Agenda items:

None

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the March 18, 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda
- b. Approval of the Minutes of the Monday, March 4, 2024 Regular Meeting
- c. Financial Security Reduction: Devon Creek Phase 2: New Holland Pike
Upon review, the Township's Engineer recommends a reduction of Financial Security in the amount of \$2,201,793.91 leaving a remaining balance of \$609,050.84 for the remaining required improvements.
- d. Time Extension for Township Review and Action re Wawa Stormwater Management Plan #23-30: 2126/2132 Lincoln Highway East
The applicant is offering a 90-day time extension to June 16, 2024 to address review comments provided by the Township Engineer. This is the applicant's first request for a time extension. Township Staff recommends extending action until the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on June 17, 2024.
- e. Time Extension for Township Review and Action re Lancaster Auto Detail and Sales Stormwater Management Plan #24-3: 1650 Lincoln Highway East
The applicant is offering a 90-day time extension to July 10, 2024 to address review comments provided by the Township Engineer. This is the applicant's first request for a time extension. Action by the Board would have to be taken on or before the June 17, 2024 meeting.
- f. Approval to pay invoices from all funds: Total: \$368,137.81

Items of note:

- \$48,245.00 to Susquehanna Chrysler Dodge for Police Vehicle Purchase
- \$28,926.00 to R.S. Hollinger & Sons for 2 Riding Mowers
- \$23,345.94 to Susquehanna Ford for Police Vehicle Purchase (net of trade-ins)
- \$21,774.60 to Motorola Solutions for Police Department Video Equipment (Dash Cams)
- \$67,652.00 for 1st quarter contributions to Township Fire Companies (\$16,913.00 each)
- \$14,000.00 to LEMSA for 1st quarter contributions
- \$11,100.00 for 1st quarter contributions to Libraries (\$1,864.80 to Lancaster; \$2,430.90 to Pequea; \$2,486.40 to Strasburg; \$4,317.90 to Manheim Twp)

Motion made by Roger Rutt to approve the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Ethan Demme and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Presentation of 2023 Volunteer of the Year Awards

Chairman Meyer presented a plaque and an engraved clock to the 2023 Volunteers of the Year:

Christian Miller – Hand-In-Hand Fire Company
Francisco Rivera – Lafayette Fire Company
Jacob K. King – Ronks Fire Company
Jason Keys – Witmer Fire Company

Recognition of 25 Years of Volunteer Service – Jennifer Roten

Chairman Meyer presented a plaque to Jennifer Roten of Lafayette Fire Company in recognition for her 25 years of volunteer service. Her name is also engraved on a plaque in the Township lobby.

Chairman Meyer thanked all of the volunteers for their service and their families for supporting them in volunteering. Mr. Thornton also thanked the volunteers for their service and sacrifice as well as the families for their support.

2023 Officer of the Year – Sgt. Nikolaus – Presentation by Lions Club

Chief Zerbe recognized the East Lampeter Township 2023 Officer of the Year and asked Mr. Ken McCombs of the Lions Club to present the award. The recipient of the award was Sergeant Jeff Nikolaus. Sgt. Nikolaus was hired on September 14, 1998. He completed 25 years of service on September 14, 2023. Sgt. Nikolaus is a graduate of Columbia High School and Shippensburg University. He was assigned to the Lancaster County Drug Task Force for two years from 2003-2005. He was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2016 and has supervised the third platoon since that time. He has received six letters of accommodation over his career along with numerous letters of appreciation from the general public thanking him for his service. Sgt. Nikolaus was voted the 2023 Police Officer of the Year by his peers. Mr. McCombs presented him with a plaque to commemorate his achievement.

East Lampeter Township Police Department 2023 Annual Report – Chief Zerbe

Chief Zerbe was present to give the 2023 annual report. The overview stated that the East Lampeter Township Police Department was dispatched and responded to 20,157 calls in 2023 with 10,552 calls from East Lampeter and 2,286 calls from Upper Leacock that required report completion. Of those requiring completion, 2,733 East Lampeter calls and 468 Upper Leacock calls were officer initiated.

The Police Department made 747 arrests for criminal code violations in 2023. 2,057 citations were given to motorists for vehicle code violations and 99 drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

There were 989 vehicle crashes investigated in 2023, of which 813 were in East Lampeter and 176 were in Upper Leacock. There was a total of 1,048 crashes in 2023 of which 336 were PENNDOT reportable. There were 2 fatal crashes in East Lampeter and 0 fatal crashes in Upper Leacock. The top location for crashes were Old Philadelphia Pike and the Route 30 Eastbound ramp followed by Route 30 Westbound and Walnut Street followed by Route 30 Eastbound and Lincoln Highway East followed by Route 30 and Greenfield Road. All of these locations saw a decrease in crashes in 2023 except for Route 30 and Walnut Street which stayed the same. All accidents were down in 2023. There were 9 total vehicle pursuits in 2023 which is down from 11 in 2022. Zero resulted in crashes and zero were induced stops. Officers are more often taking down tag numbers and disengaging in the pursuit for safety reasons which Chief Zerbe is proud of.

The police responded to 779 East Lampeter burglary/robbery/panic false alarms in 2023 which was up from 734 in 2022. Leola Family Health in Upper Leacock had 146 false alarms. Mr. Meyer asked if Upper Leacock Township has the same Fee Ordinance as East Lampeter regarding false alarms. Chief Zerbe answered that he does not know but will ask their Township manager later in the week.

There were 6 incidents in 2023 involving 12 juveniles for curfew ordinance violations. This is down from 9 incidences involving 15 juveniles in 2022. Chief Zerbe recommends that the Board keep the Curfew Ordinance in place because incidences continue to go down; there have been no citizen complaints; there is no evidence that the Ordinance is causing the community any negative impact; and the Curfew Ordinance has not been difficult to enforce. The ELTPD continues to believe that the Curfew Ordinance is a necessary and positive Ordinance to regulate the problems of crimes committed by and against juveniles during the nighttime hours. It promotes the safety and welfare of those under 18 years and strengthens the parental responsibility for children.

Use of Force was down 32% in 2023 from 2022. There were 21 Use of Force Events in 2023. Of those events, 5 were for use of a taser, 12 were for use of control/restraint and 4 were for pointing a weapon/firearm. There was 1 internal investigation conducted in 2023 that had zero complaints of officer conduct and 1 complaint for alleged excessive use of force. The officer was investigated and it was determined the officer was within the policies and guidelines of the department. A bench warrant was enacted and the officer was exonerated.

Sick Time was down 15% in 2023. Police Officers utilized 2867.25 hours of sick time which included 181.75 hours of family sick time. 64 hours of Worker's Comp, which is an 87% decrease from 2022, was used with 40 hours of Covid related time. 1848.25 hours of light-duty time was used in 2023. Non-sworn staff utilized 200.25 hours of sick time which includes 16.25 hours of family sick time. There were zero hours of bereavement time used by both sworn and non-sworn personnel. Police Department Overtime was also down by 22% from 2022 and the cost was down 25%.

June of 2023 was the busiest month in 2023. All crime was down in 2023. Crime at hotel locations and calls from hotels have dropped. Motel 6, which was on top of the list of frequency of calls, has dropped 70% to fifth on the list since the Hotel Ordinance was adopted 25 weeks ago.

Mr. Rutt asked who does the internal investigation for alleged excessive force. Chief Zerbe answered that they are conducted by Captain Shank exclusively. Mike Itwaru of LNP asked what areas has the PD seen improvements since the Hotel Ordinance was adopted. Chief Zerbe answered that hotel personnel are calling in issues (not using 911) and becoming more aware of what is happening on their property so they can act first. Hotel personnel are also trained to come out and investigate when they see a police car respond to their property.

Old Business:

a. Housing Plan Presentation – Todd Poole, 4ward Planning

Mr. Todd Poole of 4ward Planning joined the meeting via Zoom. 4ward Planning, consultant for the plan, completed a thorough housing analysis for East Lampeter Township which included a review of housing initiatives, market analysis (trends and research & comparison) and outreach (online survey and interviews) and came up with strategic recommendations. Key questions have been addressed in the analysis. One of the key findings was that housing inventory is tight in East Lampeter with less than 2% vacancy rates for owner occupied and renter occupied units. A healthy housing market has between a 4% and 7% vacancy rate that allows for turn-over. This puts pressure on rents to be affordable. There are a lot of workers commuting into East Lampeter because of the lack of affordable housing. There is also a mismatch between bedroom unit counts and household size. The average

household size has changed over the years and the fastest growing household formation in the U.S. is 1-2-person. This is driven by divorce, people not wanting to co-habitat, widowers, downsizing and empty nesters. Most of the housing in East Lampeter are single family with 3-4-bedroom units resulting in not enough studio and 1-2-bedroom units. Another key finding is that the economy and housing demands are shifting. The greatest expanding industry is health care with low- and moderate-income workers. East Lampeter also has a lot of accommodation and food service workers because of tourism that employ at a low- and moderate-income. According to the surveys conducted, a number of these workers feel priced out of the area and cannot afford to live in East Lampeter Township or close by. Based on the supply and demand analysis conducted, there will be an unmet demand if affordable housing is not developed through 2028. There will be a net demand for 720 additional units by 2028, beyond those already planned. Housing and economic development are inextricably linked. If the Township does meet the housing needs of the workers, before long either the employers will have to pay their valued workers more, which will drive up their cost, or workers will find other employment closer to where they live and the Township's economic development environment will suffer in the Township. East Lampeter has approximately 150 units that are "other vacant", meaning units ideal for housing that are being used for other things such as storage or just remain vacant for a variety of reasons. Financially incentivizing the owners of these vacant units to make them available to occupy is a recommendation along with creating new units on buildable land. 4ward Planning recommends creating 350 affordable housing units within the next five years in East Lampeter Township in a variety of ways including rehabbing vacant units; creating more accessory dwelling units (ADUs); building multi-family and mixed-use studio and 1-2-bedroom units; and building duplexes, townhouses and bungalows (starter homes / down-sized homes). The Township should also keep an updated inventory of vacant housing units and assist in getting them back in use. The Township should consider housing development programs to give owners incentive to create affordable housing on their property. A rental inspection program can also be created (random inspections) to make sure the rental units in East Lampeter are safe and maintained properly. This will also keep landlords accountable. The goal of 350 units within the next five years will not solve the housing problem in East Lampeter but it will make a dent so the Township does not fall behind and become economically impacted.

Mr. Demme stated that a statistic that jumped out to him was that 94% of the people that work in East Lampeter Township commute to work from outside areas. He asked what a healthy percentage would be. Mr. Poole answered that he is not sure of a healthy percentage but stated that 94% is a high number based on other studies he's conducted. A number of other factors need to be taken into account in determining a "good" number and that East Lampeter's economy is mostly based on low- and middle-income workers in tourism, hospitality, health care and farming. The housing stock in East Lampeter is mainly owner occupied and the workers are not likely to become home owners which is why people who work in the Township cannot afford to live in it. Mr. Demme remembers discussing that 80%, although still high, is an achievable number of people commuting to the Township for work. He feels it is worth discussing so the Board can give staff direction in creating new planning documents. He recommends decreasing the number of commuters, keeping the same number of jobs and creating workforce housing so people can live closer to where they work. This would ultimately decrease traffic. Mr. Poole stated that East Lampeter does not have as much density (dwelling units per acre) as the City of Lancaster and in order to keep and maintain its economic vitality, the Township will need to allow more density. Mr. Thornton asked how demand is defined in order to estimate the need for 720 more dwelling units by 2028. Mr. Poole answered that the unmet demand was calculated by projections of new households forming; unmet demand from commuters; the housing units currently available including housing wear out at 1% per year; what is currently physically obsolescent; population growth and increased employment. Mr. Thornton stated that the Township has added approximately 1100 units within a three-year span. He wanted to clarify that the study is saying if East Lampeter does not come up with 720 more dwellings by 2028, there will be an economic impact

to the community because either the employees will find work closer to where they live or the rate of commuters will go up or employers will have to pay more in salaries which would be passed on to consumers. Mr. Poole answered yes and added that if there is limited housing for workers, the housing that is available will go up in price. He gave Silicon Valley as an example where large corporations decided to build workforce housing with their own funds so teachers, firefighters and police could afford to live in the communities they serve. He stated that as long as East Lampeter has a healthy economy but there is not enough housing for the low- and middle-income workers that fuel that economy, it will eventually see a negative economic impact. If more units are created and there is no increase in employment, the housing needs would be satisfied. Mr. Demme stated that the calculations show if the Township wanted 5% of commuters to live in East Lampeter than 100 affordable units are needed and if the Township wanted 20% of commuters to live in East Lampeter than 3000 affordable units are needed. Mr. Poole agreed with the calculations but is not suggesting that the Township build 3000 units because it has fiscal implications and a fiscal impact analysis was not included in the report. That being said, he stated service costs associated with each unit relative to the tax revenue generated by each unit, including property taxes as well as local taxes, will have a positive impact on the Township with a surplus of revenue. Mr. Rutt asked if Mr. Poole had any good examples of similar communities that added a large number of accessory dwellings units to their housing stock. Mr. Poole answered that Lancaster City is a good example as well as Princeton, NJ. Mr. Demme stated that East Lampeter already has an Accessory Dwelling Ordinance that Lancaster City copied. He also inquired why allowing housing in the commercial and industrial zones, that is currently prohibited, was not included in the study. Mr. Poole stated that they did look into the R2 (multi-family) zones to create housing but with the number of units recommended, there was no need to look at other zones at the moment. Future studies may include those zones if the Township gets to that scale, but the current study is concentrating on small goals that are realistically achievable. Mr. Demme asked if the commercial 2 and 3 zones were looked at in the study at all. Mr. Poole answered yes, they looked at every zoning district as well as the supporting lands within those districts to determine where housing would be best placed at significant densities. They did not want to do a blanket coverage that allowed housing everywhere and wanted to force housing into certain locations first and then after some time, look at alternative zones. Mr. Demme stated that if they want to force housing in the Township where it makes the most sense because of access to already existing sewer lines, electricity, infrastructure and transportation then the commercial and industrial zones need to be considered. He believes the Township should look at where it has had the most success and duplicate it. Mr. Poole stated in his 30+ years of experience, he saw that when you allow a certain threshold of housing into your commercial and industrial areas, you create a challenge for those businesses wanting come there because of the number of complaints residents have with the commercial and industrial environment especially regarding noise. Residential and commercial uses do not mix well. You ultimately want land available specifically for job producing businesses instead of using it up for residential use when other land is available. This would limit the amount and kind of businesses coming into the Township thus limiting the industrial investment to the Township. Mr. Meyer stated that next steps should be looking through the six action items recommended in the report and to prepare one or two more so the Board could deliberate on them. He recommends putting the action items up for an up or down vote. Promoting and marketing ADUs is the easiest step to take. He feels giving monetary incentive is not necessary at this time. Inventory of vacant housing is already being done by being part of the Land Bank. He is opposed to the affordable set aside program because it will increase the socioeconomic diversity in the buildings which will increase prices more broadly and decreases supply. Mr. Meyer also stated that there is no opposition to more density in East Lampeter but fees can be reduced based off of the amount of affordable housing. Multifamily housing should be done as soon as possible. He does not agree with rental inspections because they can only happen if there is rental registration which will increase the cost to a landlord which will ultimately get passed down to the tenant and raise rents. Nuisance landlords can be identified similarly to the way nuisance hotels are identified currently so the 90% of good landlords will not have to take on the regular cost

of an inspection program. Mr. Poole stated that the cost is di minimus. The small cost relative to ensuring that renters are living in well managed and maintained housing is worth considering. Mr. Demme stated he still feels that multi-family housing should be allowed in the C2 zones with conditional use so the Board can have more oversight and can put some parameters around it, similar to the Rockvale overlay. He also thinks the Board should look into expanding the ADUs to the AG zone. He stated the Township should work towards the goal of having 80% of commuters in 10-20 years. They should look at reducing regulations so housing is priced for their workforce; target urban growth areas near transportation, water and sewer and reuse existing land buildings whether its with ADUs or adaptive reuse. There is not a lot of vacant land in the C2 zones but there are a lot of vacant buildings that can be reused. Mr. Meyer would like to put these suggestions as individual line items for a future meeting in order to get direction from each Board member and provide direction to staff. Mr. Thornton stated that a lot of information has been presented and a focused review by the Board is needed in order to decide how to proceed. He does appreciate the advice of initially achieving small goals to move forward and would like to look back and ask why haven't these goals been done before and what obstacles are in the way. In general, the economy is changing and there are shifting demographics. Mr. Thornton does not fully agree that lowering the number of commuters is a driving factor and stated C2 zones may not be the best focal point for initial housing. Deliberation on the recommendations and coming up with some other creative ideas needs to happen first.

Motion made by Ethan Demme to adopt the Housing Study as presented, minus the recommendations which will be handled individually at a later meeting, which was seconded by Mike Thornton and unanimously approved by voice vote.

b. Withdrawal of Recorded Land Development Plan #16-17: H&F Tire, 1824/1836 Lincoln Highway East

Mr. Hutchison reported that the original plan was recorded in 2017 and now the owners do not wish to complete the approved recorded plan. Financial security was posted so the Board would need to act to release this financial security. Barry Fitzgerald Sr, owner of H&F Tires, was present and stated that the plan was no longer needed.

Motion made by Mike Thornton to withdraw the recorded Land Development Plan #16-17: H&F Tire, 1824/1836 Lincoln Highway East which was seconded by Roger Rutt and unanimously approved by voice vote.

New Business:

a. Cocalico Creek Sketch Plan #24-1: 2331 Lincoln Highway East – Redevelopment of Rodeway Inn Property

Anthony Petersheim was present from Lancaster Design and Build and addressed the Board for Mr. Randy Martin, the owner of the property. Mr. Petersheim presented the preliminary sketch for the land development. The 3.5-acre property is the location of the former Roadway Inn. The Martins would like to expand Cocalico Creek onto this property. The parcel is a C-3 zone for retail facility and storage associated with retail and the proposed plan fits the zoning. Mr. Petersheim noted they will address the comments in the Township Engineer's review letter dated 2/7/24 and incorporate them into their full development plan for the property. All of the buildings on the property will be removed and the entire space will be renovated. Mr. Meyer asked if Mr. Petersheim had been informed that one of the buildings on the site is historic. Mr. Petersheim stated he was unaware of that until today and will go through the correct process. Mr. Meyer asked Mr. Petersheim to go over the PennDOT intersection on the plan. Mr. Petersheim stated that they employed a local traffic engineer to review the traffic anticipated for the property. The information was shared with the Township Traffic Engineer and it was determined that it falls within the current traffic design of the

intersection. Mr. Hutchison stated that the report does indicate that the driveway will continue to be a medium volume driveway but staff's concern is that the amount of traffic should be evaluated so traffic signal timing can be changed if needed. Mr. Thornton asked Mr. Hutchison to clarify if he wanted the traffic signal timing evaluation to happen after the project is completed and the business is operating. Mr. Hutchison stated that the evaluation is usually done as part of the preliminary planning or final land development planning process. Pete Skiadas addressed the Board stating that he is the owner of the property next to 2331 Lincoln Highway East and wants to accommodate any of the extra traffic created by the project as well as the stormwater which is carried to a farm on his property and to a stormwater basin. Mr. Petersheim stated that they have not done any stormwater design yet. Mr. Skiadas stated that it can be accommodated with good planning if the stormwater systems need to be combined. Mr. Hutchison stated that there will not be anymore impervious surfaces on the site than what already exists. Mr. Skiadas stated that he is willing to cooperate with a design that combines the stormwater systems in order to save on cost.

Motion made by Ethan Demme to approve the Cocalico Creek Sketch Plan #24-1: 2331 Lincoln Highway East conditioned that the comments in the David Miller & Associates letter dated 2/7/24 be addressed and to look at any traffic signal timing changes that may be needed which was seconded by Roger Rutt and unanimously approved by voice vote.

b. Newswanger Stormwater Management Plan #24-2: 2313 Leaman Road

Molly Hughes of Red Barn Consulting was present and addressed the Board on behalf of the applicant. The owner is planning to construct a new dwelling on the property. The new address of the dwelling will be 2113 Leaman Road. The plans were submitted in January 2024 and they have addressed the comments from the Township Engineer's letter in February 2024. The plan is to build a residential structure, shed/woodshop and a driveway. Stormwater will be diverted into a rain garden by vegetated swells and the diversion burn and directed into a stream right off of the property.

Motion made by Ethan Demme to approve the Newswanger Stormwater Management Plan #24-2: 2313 Leaman Road conditioned on the March 4, 2024 Township Engineer's letter and approving a modification request for 302.A.2(c) on the loading ratio conditioned on the Township Engineer's review which was seconded by Roger Rutt and unanimously approved by voice vote.

c. Supervisor Discussion Items:

1. Public Comment Meeting Rules

Township Staff made corrections to the draft presented to the Board at the last meeting. It will now go to the Township Solicitor and will be put on the agenda for action at the April 15, 2024 Board of Supervisor's meeting. Mr. Meyer suggested adding the public comment meeting rules to the opening statement played at the beginning of the meetings.

2. Township Website

Mr. Hutchison stated that all of the suggestions at the last meeting are being looked at and addressed and invited more suggestions as they come.

Action Items:

a. Reappointment of Township Solicitor – Susan Peipher, Esq., Appel, Yost & Zee, LLP
Susan Peipher has practiced municipal law as the Township Solicitor at the law firm of Blakinger Thomas. The law firm has decided to no longer practice in municipal law. Ms. Peipher has moved her practice to Appel, Yost & Zee, LLP. Township Staff recommends to reappoint Susan Peipher, Esq as Township Solicitor with Appel, Yost & Zee, LLP.

Motion made by Roger Rutt to reappoint the Township Solicitor – Susan Peipher, Esq., Appel, Yost & Zee, LLP as of March 15, 2024 which was seconded by Mike Thornton and unanimously approved by voice vote.

b. Award of Bids for Used Public Works Equipment

The Board had authorized for the Township to put several pieces of used public works equipment on MuniBid at the last meeting. The total of the bids received equals \$36,494.00. Township Staff is asking the Board to award the bids for the equipment.

Motion made by Ethan Demme to award the bids for used Public Works Equipment which was seconded by Roger Rutt and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Manager's Report:

a. Updates on Planning Projects re: Lancaster Heritage Pathway

Mr. Hutchison updated the Board on the progress for the planning of extensions to the Lancaster Heritage Pathway. Two County 2040 grants have been awarded for the Pathway and the two planned extensions have been combined into one project which will continue the Pathway along and parallel to Walnut Street and to continue the Pathway along Pitney Road. Progress has been made through PennDOT ECMS. TPD Consulting was selected to do the two combined projects

A separate project to connect the Pathway from where it ends at the western end of Oak Grove Drive to the intersection of Oak Grove and Pitney Road is also being developed. This project is being funded with Local Share dollars from the CFA. If there is money left-over, the area east of the Ben Franklin Boulevard Trailhead will be studied to eventually prepare for construction plans.

b. PSATS Proposed Resolutions

Voting on the PSATS proposed resolutions will happen at the conference on April 16, 2024. Mr. Hutchison is the voting delegate and he is asking for the Board's input. The next Board of Supervisor's meeting is April 15, 2024 so the Board has time to look over the proposed resolutions and provide input. Mr. Demme stated he looked over the proposed resolution and generally agrees with all of the PSATS recommendations. Mr. Meyer agreed.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Roger Rutt and a second by Mr. Ethan Demme with all voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm. The next Board of Supervisors meetings will be held on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:00pm for a Regular Meeting in the East Lampeter Township Office, 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA, 17602 and via ZOOM, check the Township website at www.eastlampetertownship.org for more information.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph M. Hutchison
Township Manager