

February 21, 2012

The East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at the East Lampeter Township Office, 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The meeting was called to order by Mr. David Buckwalter, Chairman and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition to Mr. Buckwalter, supervisors present were: Mr. Mike Landis, Mr. John Blowers, and Mr. Glenn Eberly. Also present was Mr. Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager. Mr. John Shertzer was absent.

The following persons signed in as being present in the audience:

Lynn Commero, representing Lancaster Newspapers
 Roger Rutt, 2340 Hobson Road, Lancaster, PA 17602
 Ron Nolt, 122 Waterfront Estate Drive, Lancaster, PA 17602, representing Lafayette Fire Company
 Brad Kiser, Kiser Plumbing Service, 311 Mill Creek Road, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505, representing
 Steve Beiler
 Larry Snyder, 456 Garland Circle, Lancaster, PA 17601, representing EMRA

Chairman Buckwalter indicated that copies of the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were available for review.

Minutes of February 6, 2012 Regular Meeting:

Chairman Buckwalter asked if there were any additions or corrections regarding the minutes from the February 6, 2012 regular meeting as prepared. There were no comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Landis and seconded by Mr. Blowers to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Bills:

Chairman Buckwalter indicated that bills to be paid from various funds in the amount of \$290,041.26 were presented for payment. Chairman Buckwalter stated that some of the larger items included in that amount is a refund of \$52,510.00 to C & T Properties for a sewer billing error that occurred from 2007 through 2011, a payment of \$57,208.42 for the purchase of a software package for police records, an installment payment of \$13,519.94 to M & T Bank for the lease purchase of the Gap Vax truck, and the semi-annual contribution payment of \$8,212.00 to the Lancaster County Drug Task Force.

A motion was made by Mr. Eberly and seconded by Mr. Landis to approve payment of the bills as listed in the amount of \$290,041.26. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Lafayette Fire Company 2011 Annual Report – Chief Nolt:

Chief Ron Nolt of the Lafayette Fire Company reviewed the report of the fire company's activities for 2011. He stated that fire calls for their area had dropped 3.4% in 2011, with a fire loss of only \$37,000.00. Also, major calls were down and there were only four building fires in the township. He also discussed the progress of the new fire station and stated that they are hoping to have their fire company banquet in the new meeting room on March 24, 2011.

The Board members thanked Chief Nolt for the report and the service to the township.

Old Business:

a. Request for Reduction of Financial Security: Lancaster Ag – N. Ronks Road

Chairman Buckwalter asked if anyone was present for this item. No one was in attendance. He explained that Lancaster Ag on N. Ronks Road is requesting a reduction of financial security being held. The township engineer, David Miller Associates, visited the site on November 16, 2011 and noted items of concern in a letter dated November 16, 2011. Chairman Buckwalter noted that there are two (2) financial securities for this project. The first was established on May 28, 2010. It currently has a balance of \$13,224.20. The township engineer is recommending a reduction of \$7,210.46, which will leave a new outstanding financial security balance of \$6,013.74. The second one is for the revised plan that was established on October 22, 2010. It has a current balance of \$2,923.80. David Miller Associates is recommending the full release of the \$2,923.80.

Mr. Landis made a motion to approve the reduction of the financial security for Lancaster Ag by \$7,210.46, as recommended by David Miller Associates, leaving a new outstanding financial security balance of \$6,013.74 and also the full release of the \$2,923.80 financial security being held. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blowers and passed by unanimous voice vote.

b. Request for Release of Financial Security: Lancaster Ag Revised Plan – N. Ronks Road

This item was addressed and action was taken on it with item a. under Old Business.

c. Request for Reduction of Financial Security: Beiler – 12A S. Ronks Road

Chairman Buckwalter asked if anyone was present for this item. No one was in attendance. He explained that John H. Beiler of 12A S. Ronks Road is requesting a reduction of financial security being held. The township engineer, David Miller Associates, visited the site on February 9, 2012 and noted items of concern in a letter dated February 13, 2012. The township engineer is recommending a reduction of \$10,581.00, which will leave a new outstanding financial security balance of \$3,000.00.

Mr. Eberly made a motion to approve the reduction of the financial security for John H. Beiler of 12A S. Ronks Road by \$10,581.00, as recommended by David Miller Associates, leaving a new outstanding financial security balance of \$3,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blowers and passed by unanimous voice vote.

d. Beiler Land Development Plan #11-23: Lincoln Hwy. East / Hartman Bridge Road

Mr. Brad Kiser of Kiser Plumbing Service introduced himself as representing Mr. Steve Beiler. Mr. Beiler was also present. He explained that they contacted ELSA about connecting Mr. Beiler's new house into a current pump tank and system that is currently on the property.

Mr. Hutchison explained that ELSA is recommending that the Board of Supervisors permit Mr. Beiler to connect to the existing system since there was no subdivision for this land development plan. They are also recommending that the Board of Supervisors have Mr. Beiler add a note to the plan and deed which indicates that if at some time in the future this property is subdivided, a separate lateral will have to be provided at that time.

Mr. Landis made a motion to approve the Beiler Land Development Plan #11-23 at Lincoln Hwy. East / Hartman Bridge Road in regards to the second sewer lateral being connected to the current grinder pump tank located on this property with the condition that Mr. Beiler adds a note to both the plan and deed

which indicates that if at some time in the future this property is subdivided, a separate lateral will have to be provided at that time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blowers and passed by unanimous voice vote.

e. Resolution re: Appointment of CPA to Complete 2011 Annual Audit

Mr. Hutchison stated that he failed to see that the advertising was done properly at the end of last year for this item. This resolution was adopted at the first meeting of 2012, but because it was not advertised it needs to be adopted again.

Mr. Eberly made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-04 appointing the CPA firm of Weinhold Nickel to perform the 2011 annual audit for the Township. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blowers and passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

None

Other Business:

None

Public Comment:

Mr. Larry Plank, 2689 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505, addressed the Board about stray cats. He stated that the Humane League will not take them anymore and he does not know what to do with them now. The stray cats go into his barn and having it smelling of urine. They also knock things over that he has stored in the barn. He has contacted the three (3) phone numbers that were listed in the Township newsletter and none of them will accept cats. He was told by a friend to contact Furever Home Adoption Center in East Petersburg. He contacted them and although they do take stray cats, they were full at the time and could not take anymore. He commended the Board on trying to save the township taxpayers money, but questioned their decision of not renewing the contract with the Humane League. There was discussion among the Board members and Mr. Plank.

Mr. Eberly asked about financial reporting from the other fire companies in the township. He added that so much taxpayer's money is given to the fire companies and it should be known how it is being used. Mr. Hutchison stated that the township code does indicate that the fire companies should provide financial reports back to the township. Mr. Eberly asked if the township has the rights to withhold any future funding until these reports are submitted. Mr. Hutchison replied that the township does have the rights to withhold future funding. It was decided that this would be addressed at the next Emergency Services Committee Meeting to be held on March 15, 2012.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Eberly and seconded by Mr. Landis to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on Monday, March 5, 2012 beginning at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Hutchison
Township Manager