

February 23, 2017

The East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 7:00 a.m. at the East Lampeter Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Dave Buckwalter, Chairman. In addition to Mr. Buckwalter, supervisors present were: Mr. John Blowers, Mr. Ethan Demme, Mr. Corey Meyer and Mr. Glenn Eberly. Also present was Mr. Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager.

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

Susan Peipher, Blakinger Thomas  
Jeffrey Cutler, East Lampeter Township Tax Collector

#### Resolution re: 2017 Tax Collector Appointment

Mr. Hutchison introduced Ms. Susan Peipher as council from the Township Solicitor's office. He stated that Ms. Peipher drafted a resolution to appoint a 2017 tax collector. He stated that he has been communicating with the Lancaster County Treasurer's office about the resolution of the 2016 tax duplicate which was not completed by Mr. Cutler. He explained that since this was not completed the 2017 tax duplicate will not be provided to him by the Treasurer's office to collect the 2017 taxes so the concern is that the 2017 tax collection arrangements be resolved so that the Township taxpayers are not inconvenienced.

Ms. Peipher explained that the local tax collection law is clear that if the tax collector has not finalized/completed settlement of the prior year taxes they are not entitled to the duplicate for the current year and a tax collector has to be appointed in their place. She stated that is what the proposed resolution addresses.

Mr. Buckwalter asked if this was the only issue related to the tax collection is due to the 2016 taxes not being settled. Mr. Hutchison replied yes. Mr. Buckwalter asked about the Deputy Tax Collector. Mr. Hutchison stated that he communicated through email to the County Treasurer's that he resigned and the Township has received a copy of that email.

Mr. Eberly made a motion to adopt the Resolution regarding the 2017 Tax Collector Appointment as drafted. Mr. Blowers seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Resolution #2017-12**

#### Public Comment

Mr. Jeffrey Cutler addressed the Board by stating that he filed a motion with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. He stated he had proof of the tax bills and had in hand returned bills with bad addresses. He claimed that the Treasurer's office failed to cash checks and barred and removed him from their property. He stated that he had asked for an Impeachment Hearing with Lancaster County and that all this trouble is because he is Jewish.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Blowers and seconded by Mr. Eberly to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote. The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on Monday, March 6, 2017 beginning at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Hutchison