

October 17, 2022

The East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, October 17, 2022, 7:30pm 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 John Blowers called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors present in the meeting room were Mr. Corey Meyer, Mr. Ethan Demme, Mr. Mike Thornton and Mr. Roger Rutt. Also present in the meeting room were Mr. Ralph M. Hutchison, Township Manager, Ms. Tara Hitchens, Assistant Township Manager, Mr. Charlie Thomas, Director of Public Work, Mr. Colin Siesholtz, Director of Planning/Zoning Officer, and Ms. Stephanie Leakway, Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was held using Zoom, an internet web conferencing tool. A recorded statement was played regarding the use of Zoom for this public meeting including instructions for the public to use in order to participate in the meeting.

Public Present in Public Meeting Room:

Brenden Curry, LNP
Bob May, Lancaster EMS
Ken Johnson, Conestoga Valley School District
Mark Karowski, K&W Engineering representing CVSD
Joseph Passmore, KCI Technologies
Tom Lindsey, KCI Technologies
Ben Singer, PennDOT
Juli Wolfe, Rettew

Also, In attendance via Zoom:

Brant Keeler of KCI Technologies

Public Comment for Non-Agenda items:

None

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the October 17, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting agenda
- b. Approval of the Minutes of the Monday, October 3, 2022 Regular Meeting
- c. Approval to pay invoices from all funds: Total \$269,806.71

Mr. Blowers presented the bills to be paid from various funds for the total amount of \$269,806.71. Items of note include: \$15,302.30 to Document Solutions in relation to digitizing files and \$56,000.00 to LEMSA for 2023 contribution as per the adopted budget.

Mr. Thornton made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

LEMSA Presentation

Mr. Bob May, Executive Director, was before the Board of Supervisors to request \$55,926 for 2022 and 2023. Mr. May explained that LEMSA is a non-profit association as they do not receive funding from the health system. LEMSA has a 13-member Board and is a nationally accredited association. Receiving 48,000 calls with 170 employees, to function appropriately LEMSA needs 200 employees, thus there is a 20% vacancy. Fleet size is 50 vehicles. Mr. May continued to review presentation documents while highlighting the 2021 Report specific to East Lampeter Township noting that vehicle accidents are in the top 4. Mr. May pointed out that vehicle accidents in most municipalities rank around 8 or 9. LEMSA bills for service, but does not always collect as a non-profit, especially when checks are directed from health insurance to the insured rather than the service provider. For every \$1 billed, LEMSA collects \$0.48. Costs of \$525 per call however, both Medicare and Medicaid have broken reimbursement systems. Less than 5% of the budget comes from membership drive. Pennsylvania overall has lost 400 ambulance services over the last few years which increase response times throughout the state. The same is true for LEMSA especially when there can be 5 to 6 ambulances held up at LGH for 2 or more hours waiting to unload patients.

Thank you to East Lampeter Township for 2022 funding request and it is hoped that in 2023 there can be the same rate of funding. Loss of employees due to PTSD from on the job issues/stresses are a real issue.

Mr. Rutt inquired about the average age of present staff to which Mr. May stated two years ago it was 28, now around 32, but the middle age group is shrinking. Currently have 4-5 that are retirement age over the next few years, and there is a lack of interest to get into this industry. Mr. Rutt asked Mr. May which challenge is the greatest for LEMSA to which Mr. May stated staffing.

Presentation re Western Gateway-Lincoln Highway East Streetscape Project

Ms. Julie Wolfe of Rettew Associates introduced Tom Lindsey, Design Engineer of KCI Technologies. In turn Mr. Lindsey introduced his colleagues Joseph Passmore and Brant Keeler. Project overview is of the Western Gateway project is along Lincoln Highway beginning at Strasburg Pike which is the western limit through Harvest Road intersection. The centerpiece of the project is at the Route 462 and Route 30 join where Route 462 will turn two lanes south towards the East Town Mall and connect to Route 30 at a new signalized intersection.

The project was a recommendation of the Lincoln Highway Streetscape Plan where significant crash history was noted. Significant number of crashes; lack of continuous pedestrian sidewalks; and excessive pavement are all issues being dealt with as the

preliminary engineering continues on the project. Currently a pedestrian cannot walk west end to east end. Broad brush of improvements: changing of intersection by Realign 462 East Bound (EB) lanes to signalized intersection at off ramp from 30 EB. Complete pedestrian crossings through the project area. Reducing width and increase buffers to sidewalks and hopefully slowing traffic. Construction of a 12' wide multi use path between Oakview Road to Mennonite School Road. Upgrading signal equipment, pedestrian poles, and equipment to the color scheme the Township has begun to install along the corridor. Installing additional hydrants, the entire length. Culvert extension east of Volleyball Corner to accommodate the pedestrian connection. Generally described the changes at 462/30 to make Oakview a fully functional intersection. Continue 12' path on west side of Oakview to tie into the Township's trail project along Oakview form Strasburg Pike. Traffic control under development but expect to maintain two lanes in each direction, details to come. Schedule: 30% plan submission in six weeks. Also have environmental clearance. Final design will take approximately 18-20 months. Let date of December 2024 so construction in Spring 2025. Ask that the Township post the project on the website and ask for comments. Chairman Blowers questioned the greenspace at the new 462/30 and if there is stormwater in this area. Mr. Lindsey noted that stormwater management is still being worked on at this point and he is aware that the Township would like to see a gateway feature in that area is this is part of the review process coordination. Mr. Rutt noted that this area has had sinkhole challenges. Mr. Lindsey indicated that would be looked at more closely during final design. Mr. Meyer is trying to imagine new traffic signal plus next light at McDonald's how close those will be. Mr. Hutchison indicated the new signalized intersection will become part of the adaptive system along Route 30 and 462 and Mr. Lindsey noted that they will work with PennDOT on alert system on Route 30 to announce a light ahead. Mr. Blowers questioned if there were any improvements provided for the on- ramp entry onto 30 W from 462. It was noted by Mr. Lindsey that at this point there are no improvements planned yet and he was interested in noting what improvements may be needed in that particular area. Mr. Hutchison thanked presenters and noted that they have been great to work with and that he appreciated the relationship.

Old Business:

a. Request for Financial Security Reduction: Beiler-2725 Lincoln Highway East/2760 N. Cherry Lane DM/A letter dated October 11, 2022 recommends no reduction recommended. The balance to remain \$2,000.00.

Mr. Demme made a motion to approve a reduction of \$0.00 for the financial security for the Beiler project. Mr. Rutt seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

b. Request for plan reinstatement & time extension to record: former Conestoga Valley Middle School Stormwater Management Plan #21-26-Mt. Sidney Road: Mr. Mark

Karowski with K&W explained the need to reinstate the plan due to staff changes at his office and the plan falling off the radar. The project continues to await a NPDES permit which has been ongoing for over 8 months. At this point, PA DEP is involved with modification to previous submission and PennDOT and financial security establishment. Mr. Karowski stated all comments are readily addressed and the only outstanding item is financial security.

Mr. Thornton made a motion to approve the request for the reinstatement and time extension to record for plan #2021-26 for 90 days. Seconded by Mr. Demme, the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

a. Time Extension for Township Review & Action re: Paradise Energy Land Development Plan #22-17: Leven Road

Mr. Demme made a motion to approve a 90-day extension for the requested waiver of land development. Mr. Thornton seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Action Items:

a. Reappointment of Mr. Scott Enterline to the East Lampeter Township Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Meyer made a motion to reappoint Scott Enterline for another term ending November 12,2025. Mr. Demme seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous voice vote. The Board thanked Mr. Enterline for his continued service to the Township.

b. Adoption of Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance: Mr. Colin Siesholtz, Director of Planning/Zoning Officer explained the SALDO has been published in accordance with the PA MPC. All of the items from Lancaster County Review have been addressed and the Township is in receipt of review letter from Upper Leacock Township which is appreciated but East Lampeter Township staff did not make any changes based on their comments.

Mr. Demme made a motion to approve the SALDO Amendment as presented. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. Excellent work to Mr. Colin Siesholtz.

c. Resolution re Use of ARPA funds for meeting room improvements and building HVAC replacement: ARPA funds resolution for contracts only; 1) Audio/Visual for Public Meeting Room 2) HVAC replacement for Admin building. Given the supply chain issues, a full year is likely needed for some of these items. If we intend to complete

the projects in 2023, then ordering of equipment must occur soon as some lead times are 52 weeks. Anticipate discussion during next week budget workshop.

Mr. Demme noted that he appreciated the willingness of the staff and Board to continue to make the meetings accessible to the general public in this nature.

Mr. Demme made a motion to approve the resolution regarding use of forfeiture funds for training as presented. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. HVAC and public meeting room equipment use of ARPA funds.

d. Resolution re Mount Sidney Road mid-block pedestrian crossing analysis: GME Study resolution: Mr. Meyer questioned if the school district was informed of this study to occur? Mr. Hutchison indicated to date they have not been. Mr. Meyer indicated if the study moves forward, then Mr. Ken Johnson at Conestoga Valley School District should be informed.

Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve the resolution regarding Mount Sidney Road Pedestrian Access Analysis. Mr. Demme seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

e. Resolution re Acceptance of Connects 2040 Awards (2 studies related to the Lancaster Heritage Pathway): Two studies will be funded through program: Studies of additional connections of LHP along Walnut or Pitney: As the Board is aware, these two studies were applied for through the Connects 2040 program along with a construction project for Bridgeport along Route 462. The Bridgeport Route 462 construction project actually will be funded through the TIP process for construction funds. The two studies will go through the Connects 2040 program for the Lancaster Heritage Pathway connection from the Walnut Street Extension into the City of Lancaster. The first begins at the intersection of Oak Grove Road and Pitney Road, traverses along Pitney Road to Conestoga Pines. The second continues along Walnut Street to Rank Avenue. Together these two routes will make a wonderful loop along the trail corridor. Lancaster County would like the Township to accept by resolution adoption. With a 20%, total for East Lampeter Township is \$45,000.

Mr. Rutt made a motion to approve both programs for Connects 2040 and committing to Township share of costs. Mr. Thornton seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

f. Resolution re Act 57 Tax notice for New property Owners: Mr. Hutchison explained Act 57 is a new requirement from the State and East Lampeter Township acquired a sample from PSATS and adjusted for East Lampeter Township on behalf of State to bring some transparency. The Act will require passing of resolution or ordinance. New property owners are not aware of real estate tax issues and this Act 57 provides a waiver process.

Mr. Demme made a motion to adopt the resolution regarding Act 57 as presented. Mr. Rutt seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Manager's Report:

a. Walnut Street/Lancaster Heritage Pathway Update: Currently under construction, and scheduled to be complete by Fall 2023. Mr. Blowers commented on the picture on social media great. Mr. Thornton inquired about drone imaging shots and asked if the plates at Pitney working? Mr. Thomas, Director of Public Works replied yes and added he attends bi-weekly construction meetings, keeping staff involved. Mr. Thomas continued that the milled roadway, recessed steel plates with paving over that provides a smooth ride and with good weather, then two more weeks of hauling and they should be complete. Mr. Thomas also added that the hauling process not interfering and the drilling has started for the piers of the bridge. Mr. Hutchison added that it is nice to have construction not affecting or creating traffic concerns for residents.

Announcements:

Prior to this meeting, the Board of Supervisors held an executive session regarding contract negotiations.

Budget workshop, Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 5:30pm.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Mr. Demme and a second by Mr. Thornton with all voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:30 pm 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