

## August 19, 2024

The East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the East Lampeter Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The statement of recorded meetings was played for all in attendance, Vice Chairman Ethan Demme called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition to Vice Chairman Ethan Demme, Supervisors present were Mr. Roger Rutt and Mr. Ted Gallagher, and Mr. Mike Thornton. Also present in the meeting room was Mr. Ralph M. Hutchison, Township Manager, Ms. Tara Hitchens, Assistant Township Manager, Ms. Rhiannon Seda and Ms. Stephanie Leakway, Administrative Assistant.

### Public Present for meeting:

Kyle Kurtz of LNP

Sue Orth- CV Seeds/CV Ministerium

Michael Patten- Verizon

Deb Jones- Lancaster Homelessness Coalition

Susan Snyder- 435 Mt. Sidney Road

Justin Eby-LCHRA

Michelle Kirne- CV Seeds

Adam Felty-Calumet Enterprises

Kristen Hershey- CV Seeds

Dhaval Dadhania- Divya Motel

Todd Vaughn- Ambleside Townhomes

Mursukl Lulumi-Divya Motel

Keith Heigel-LHAI

Fred Clark- Calumet Enterprises

Katie Reiff-CV Seeds

### Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items:

Ms. Susan Snyder of 435 Mt. Sidney Road spoke about the solicitation issue that she and her neighbors have been having. She also complained about the speeding on Mount Sidney Road said it is atrocious, and she knows they are not going the posted 35 mph. She feels like they are going at least 60 mph, and that there is more and more truck traffic. She also said that she was on Old Philadelphia Pike, on the previous Saturday and said the traffic was gridlocked at 4pm. She said there is growth happening in the township, however the lights are not working. She feels like there will be accidents. Supervisor Ted Gallagher asked where we were with Green light go project along Old Philadelphia Pike? Mr. Hutchison said the application that the Board submitted was rejected by PennDOT, so we aren't getting any funding for that section of signals. Supervisor Mike Thornton asked Chief Zerbe if we are seeing any sort of trend of more tractor trailers using side roads, so they don't have to use Route 30? Chief Zerbe said at this time, they do not have any data about it. Mr. Hutchison asked if there was an event this past Saturday in Smoketown? Ms. Snyder said nothing that she was aware of. Supervisor Ted Gallagher let her know that speed enforcement signs will be on the budget for the upcoming year. Ms. Snyder mentioned that maybe people would slow down if there were more buggys on the roadways and maybe the Supervisors should hire buggy drivers to drive on the roadways.

Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of the August 19, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting agenda

b. Approval of the Minutes of the Monday, August 5, 2024 Regular Meeting

c. Request for Release of Financial Security – Rockvale Parcel #4 (Panera)

Requesting release of funds for two separate items : \$217,096.05 for site improvements. \$17,33.50 for sanitary sewer. Both items have been recommended for release by the township engineer.

d. Offer of Time Extension for Township review & action – King: 431 Strasburg Pike

Applicant has offered a time extension of 90 days, which will extend the date for township action to November 19. The Board meeting where Township will need to be taking action is November 18, 2024. This is their first time extension with the Township.

e. Offer of Time Extension for Township review & action – Goods: 2448 Old Philadelphia Pike

Applicant is offering a time extension of 180 days. This will extend the date for Township action to March 4, 2025. The Board has their meeting the same day. This is the first time extension for this applicant.

f. Offer of Time Extension for Township review & action – Texas Roadhouse: 2317 Lincoln Highway East

Applicant is offering a time extension of 90 days, to allow them to address review comments. This will extend the due date for Township action to December 8, 2024. December 2, 2024 is the deadline for the Township to take action. This is the first time extension for this applicant.

g. Offer of Time Extension for Township review & action – Smucker: 2008 Horseshoe Road

Applicant is offering a time extension of 90 days. This will extend the date for Township Action to December 10<sup>th</sup> 2024, and the board meeting where the township will need to take action will be December 2, 2024.

h. Approval to pay invoices from all funds: Total - \$499,315.27

Supervisor Ted Gallagher made a motion to approve and Supervisor Roger Rutt seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business:

Laranbo Farms Subdivision Developer's Agreement re Mt. Sidney Road pedestrian Improvements

Mr. Ralph Hutchison spoke about the pedestrian improvements, and let the Board know that one of the conditions of approval when the original subdivision plan was approved, the developer agreed to work with the township to include a design for a crosswalk at Mt. Sidney Road and Sue Ann Drive. This developers agreement would satisfy that condition. The Township would contribute towards the cost of the improvements to create the landing areas, crosswalk, and signage.

Supervisor Mike Thornton made a motion to approve and Supervisor Ted Gallagher seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Susan Snyder asked where would you find what the improvements will be as she would like to know how people will cross the roadway with the hill and all the speeding on the roadway. She stated that her neighbors are afraid to cross the street to get their mail. Mr. Hutchison said that the township is trying to make improvements for crosswalks in the township. Ms. Snyder said that maybe a flashing pedestrian sign would help. Supervisor Ethan Demme thanked her for her comments.

New Business:

a. Divya Motel Stormwater Management Plan #23-25: 170 Eastbrook Road

Keith Heigel of Light Heigel was present to represent the Stormwater Management plan, he is asking for a 30 day extension. He stated he received a letter last Friday from David Miller Associates indicating his waiver request would be denied. Mr. Heigel also noted that he believed there to be outstanding legal issues and that the applicants attorney contacted the township solicitor. Supervisor Mike Thornton said that the challenge is that the last time they were before the Board, they stated that was the last time for an extension. However in good faith, he feels like everyone is trying to work together, when there is a development like this of course there could be contention about certain things. Supervisor Mike Thornton asked Mr. Heigel if there was more compelling reasons why this should be the last time to grant a 30 day extension. Mr. Heigel said that the it is his opinion that that stormwater under a traveling paved surface would be underground and thus no icing conditions, and it would be safer however he is showing a smaller pipe diameter than required by the ordinance. He believes that the smaller pipes are something that would be acceptable to convey the water from the downspouts to the stream on the property. Mr. Heigel stated that township's request is that all pipes that carry vehicular load need to be 15 ". The legal are the trail request along Millstream and the riparian buffer installation. Mr. Hutchison said the issue of the pipe size and installation have been on every review letter they have received. Mr. Heigel stated that they have provided more documentation and they are not public pipes. They will be maintained and owned by the private owner, the township will be provided an O & M agreement to make sure they continue to operate the way the township will like them to operate. Supervisor Ethan Demme asked if there were any other questions for the applicant, and Mr. Ralph Hutchison let Mr. Heigel know that usually these types of requests are in writing. Mr. Heigel said he did submit to Colin Siesholtz, but he was on vacation. Supervisor Ethan Demme said they could approve the time extension or conditionally approve the plan based on the township engineer letter or deny the plan. Supervisor Mike Thornton asked if Mr. Heigel is asking for 30 days to resolve the issues to which Mr. Heigel noted yes. Superviosr Ethan Demme asked Mr. Heigel if he saw a resolution happening where you have 15" pipes and Mr. Heigel said yes. Mr. Demme then mentioned that the applicant had added a note about the proposed trail, and the letter from the township engineer stated it was not enough. Supervisor Ethan Demme then asked Mr. Heigel why earlier he didn't seem like he wanted the trail on the plan? Mr. Heigel said it was his understanding that the compromise was to add a plan note, and that the official map shows the improvment. Mr. Heigel also said that there were some legal conversations between the owners attorney and the solicitor. Supervisor Ethan Demme asked if township staff was aware of solicitor being involved? Ms. Tara Hitchens said yes, but was uncertain about where the conversation stood. Supervisor Ted Gallagher is inclined to allow the 30 day extension, if Mr. Heigel is confident this can be done. Supervisor Mike Thornton would like to add a note , that this is the last time a time extension that will be granted. Supervisor Roger Rutt agrees as well.

Supervisor Ted Gallagher made a motion to approve the 30 day time extension for the property located at 170 Eastbrook Road and Supervisor Mike Thornton seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

b. Calumet Enterprises Land Development plan #24-5 : 2257 Old Philadelphia Pike

Mr. Fred Clark of Clark Associates and Calumet Enterprises was present to represent the alternative land development plan for 2257 Old Philadelphia Pike. He stated that he has two plans. One is to combine all the lots as one property and have access connections. The other is to leave the properties separate and have no connected access between the properties, with the exception of a mulch walking path. Regarding the first plan, the township is asking to widen the road past Shelley Drive, to connect the two lots. The second plan would not have to widen the road. He said they feel like if the lots are combined together it takes traffic off 340. Mr. Clark's main opposition to the first plan, is that the widening of 340 may result in the taking of neighbors yards with a potential drainage ditch. The estimated trips for the first plan would be approximately 250 out, 226 in; and for the second plan it would be 300 out, 316 in , so 50 trips a day. With the second plan there wouldn't be any widening along Route 340 that he is aware of. PennDOT would like to eliminate the second entrance to the property on the east side. Mr. Hutchison asked if PennDOT reviewed their traffic study and provided a response to which Mr. Adam Felty who also represents Clark Associates and Calumet Enterprises noted that they are at the stage of the initial response in the design of what they had in the planning phases. Mr. Hutchison questioned whether or not there was a final approval from PennDOT. Mr. Felty noted that there had not been to date. Mr. Hutchison said that township staff believes what was prepared was a plan which included a warehouse facility rather than a solar farm. He said there was very preliminary discussion about what was to be in the traffic impact study and we don't know what if that study was actually prepared and submitted to PennDOT, and that township staff thinks it has not been submitted. Mr. Hutchison asked if this has been submitted to PennDOT and , Mr. Clark said no its not been approved by PennDOT because they aren't ready. Mr. Hutchison asked there would be more traffic on Shelley Drive to which Mr. Clark said only if the lots were not combined. Mr. Hutchison asked if PennDOT has reviewed the traffic impact study and Mr. Clark said they reviewed the preliminary traffic study. However the preliminary traffic study had the warehouse on the plans, and now on these plans without the warehouse included may prove to be a better situation. Mr. Hutchison feels like a study hasn't been submitted to PennDOT for review. Supervisor Ethan Demme said he would withhold judgement until Mr. Clark decides which plan is submitted. Mr. Clark feels like if the traffic study includes Shelley Drive, then he would rather use the second plan. Supervisor Ethan Demme said PennDOT is going to ask for a traffic study. Mr. Clark was more worried about what the township would say. Supervisor Ted Gallagher said he thinks it makes sense to combine the two lots and have less traffic. Supervisor Roger Rutt asked about the other entrance, and Mr. Clark just said it's the entrance into the Locust Grove Property. Mr. Clark pointed out where exactly if the road is widened, where it will encroach on properties.

Supervisor Ethan Demme indicated he would prefer the lots combined, but would also like to have PennDOT weigh in on the need for widening along Route 340 after a traffic study is completed.

c. Walton Properties Land Development Plan #24-14: 2071B Old Philadelphia Pike :

Todd Vaughn with David Miller Associate spoke about the Ambleside Townhomes plan. There is an existing 2 story building with a garage and residential quarters above which will be replaced with 2 semi-

detached units. Stormwater is handled by reduction of impervious cover on the property. They are also asking for two modifications, the first is to file a preliminary final plan rather than two separate plans given the nature of this plan. The second modification is providing survey information 200 feet around the property site. They are disturbing about half an acre roughly in the center and the property is 8 acres. Supervisor Ethan Demme asked if they are comfortable with the township engineer review letter (Becker Engineering) and the Lancaster County Planning Commission review letter to which Mr. Vaughn noted he is comfortable.

Supervisor Mike Thornton made a motion to conditionally approve the plan subject to the Township Engineer and Lancaster County Planning Commission review letters. Supervisor Ted Gallagher seconded, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

d. Resolution for the Walton Property Sewer Planning Module 2071B Old Philadelphia Pike:

Mr. Hutchison let the Board know that DEP is requiring modules even if just one unit is being added.

Supervisor Mike Thornton made a motion to approve, and Supervisor Roger Rutt seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

e. Verizon Stormwater Management Plan #24-20: 1836 Lincoln Highway East 2 :

Michael Patton- Network Building and Consulting -Verizon- Mr. Patton spoke about the existing parcel which holds a water tank and 2 telecommunications compounds. AT & T and T-Mobile are currently in there and Verizon is looking to fit right in between the two. Mr. Patton said Verizon is proposing a 10x31 lease area, with a 4x25 equipment area. The equipment area is composed of a 4ft by 7ft generator pad,ft by 7 ft loose gravel area and another 4 x11 pad for the equipment. So 72 sq ft of impervious surface. Supervisor Ethan Demme asked if they are comfortable with the engineer comments, and Mr. Patton said no but his engineer is. Supervisor Ethan Demme asked Mr. Patton if he was comfortable with the Board approving conditional on the letter? Mr. Patton said yes , they will fix it up and send it out.

Supervisor Mike Thornton made a motion to conditionally approve the stormwater management plan based on the Township Engineer review letter and Supervisor Ted Gallagher seconded. The vote passed unanimously by voice vote.

f. Beiler ECHO Agreement: 200 Maple Avenue

Supervisor Ethan Demme made it known for the record that the Township has received a letter from the applicant noting that they have withdrawn the request.

Supervisor Discussion Items:

Budget item re Homelessness

Supervisor Ethan Demme introduced this discussion item, letting the public know that the township has budgeted \$10,000 in the 2024 to assist with outreach and the homeless population in East Lampeter Township. The township invited some members of the organizations that work with our neighbors to speak and give ideas about how the township can help with homelessness.

**Katie Reiff-CVSD alumni- CVSD Social Work Team** -Katie spoke about the homelessness in the CV School District. She is one of 3 team members of the social work team for Conestoga Valley School District. Katie

is the elementary school social worker, Jena Mable is the middle school social worker, and Carla DiClemente does the High School and k-12 spanish speaking families. District data was handed out and CV is the seconded highest SD next to the School District of Lancaster for homeless students. Mr. Mike Thornton asked Katie what their definition of homelessness is, and she said that the HUD definition is "Anybody who has a precipitating event whether it's a fire, eviction, a job loss, marriage, separation, anything that caused them to move." For School Districts in Pennsylvania, the definition is very different than the HUD definition, the school district's definition says " if you are living with a family member or friend " that is considered McKinney Vento Homeless, which is the McKinney Vento Homeless Act. This is a Federal law for schools. The Act protects students from needing to change schools, if say a parent loses a house due to a fire, and the family had to go live with grandparents out of the school districts coverage, the act would allow the child to continue to stay in the current school district. The Act would state that the school district would have to provide transportation, and free lunch meal. If the family found a new home , in another district, under the Act, the child could finish out the school year in the original school and the school would continue transportation and meals. This only applies when something happens, that causes you to have to move, like an eviction. This wouldn't be because someone just decided to move. Mr. Thornton asked if the word "temporary" could also be used in the definition ? Ms. Reiff said that it could be and , said that she has families who have been living in homelessness for 6-7 years or even many more years. Mr. Thornton asked if the majority fall under a different category of the law, and Ms. Reiff said that some of the longest standing families live in hotels, so she can't say they aren't homeless when they live in a hotel. Ms. Reiff said that they re-evaluate every summer , heading into the next school year. They contact all 173 students and evaluate their circumstances and for any changes that would deem them no longer homeless. Ms. Reiff said that at the end of the school year, there were 173 students who were homeless and the beginning of this school year, its about 110 students. So the numbers are rising. Mr. Mike Thornton asked if there was any more to the HUD definition of homelessness. Ms. Reiff said no, and gave the example of if you had been evicted and moved into a permanent residence you would not qualify. You would have to be living in a hotel , even if its for one night to qualify. The major difference between the HUD definition and the McKinney Vento definition is that HUD does not consider living doubled up as a means of homelessness. The McKinney Vento Act covers being doubled up as homeless, which the school district defines as " living with a family member or friend ". Ms. Reiff said that there are 107 kids living " doubled up " , 47 are living in hotels/motels, and 13 are in transitional housing ( Hope House, shelter), and then 6 are unaccompanied youth which would be like high school kids who left home and live with someone else. Ms. Reiff also talked about some of the reasons the children in the CV School District are homeless and for the 2023-2024 school year and came up with the follows chart : 8 families are victims of Domestic Violence, 74 are families who have gotten evicted, 71 are other which would be precipitating events that put them into homelessness and or out of state transitions that land in Lancaster in the hotels which are in CV school districts, 3 families fall under fled country, 1 family of hospitalization of a parent or guardian, 1 incarceration of parent/guardian, 3 families with job loss, 9 families in which the parents are separated or divorced. Families who live in these hotels and motels, spend about \$ 550 a week which is \$ 2200 a month. These families are usually a 2 earner household , and its very hard to get out of a situation when you don't make enough to do so. Ms. Reiff said that the trends that the school system is seeing , is attendance , lack of affordable housing, increase in English language learners, and a need for more trauma informed and restorative justice in education mindset and training. Attendance for homeless children , is hard, because when you are coming from a trauma filled environment, its hard to have the motivation to succeed in school. Lack of affordable housing, in the township is also something that should be addressed. There is only one affordable housing complex in the township here, and they

have about a 2 year wait list. Ms. Reiff encourages people to apply , but with a 2 year wait and a \$35 fee its hard. The increase in , English language learners has also gone up. Ms. Reiff said that Ms. DiClemente had 129 referrals for Spanish speaking services, for the school district. For reference, the school is in session 180 days , and she had 129 of those days where she was providing services for Spanish speaking families. Ms. Reiff also said the teachers are really struggling with how to handle certain behaviors that are coming as a result of the traumatic backgrounds, homelessness would be one. There are so many other factors that come into play when talking about traumatic backgrounds, and the thing is its harder to learn when you are also handling your own personal family life. Its very easy to take for granted how lucky some of us are who are not struggling with homelessness or having to worry. Mr. Roger Rutt asked if Ms. Reiff could pick one of the 4 trends she listed , for the township to give financial assistance to , which one would she pick ? Ms. Reiff said the attendance crisis or the affordable housing piece. Ms. Reiff said that the attendance piece would be the best, the school district is working on the practice programs and education for handling trauma. She said the needs for English learning is being met as well. Mr. Mike Thornton , asked if Ms. Reiff thinks that the COVID pandemic has a lot to do with attendance issue still in 2024 ? She said the pandemic has definitely increased the lack of attendance rate, as children would rather be at home or not go.

**Michelle Kime & Kirsten Hershey- Co- Directors of CV Seeds-** They spoke about how they have 3 main pillars for CV Seeds, education, housing and health. Ms. Kime said that they run an English language class for free in the district. They said that since January they have been focusing more on housing. They began working with a Ministries group in Leola, since we are right on the boarder with Leola. So when the ministry group gets a call about a family , they will refer them to us and vice versa. They are trying to help families who are facing evictions, they found some families are pay check to pay check and if one member is sick for a week or something happens then they are stuck. They work with them on budgeting and give them a little bit of a bridge so they don't become homeless. They also brought up that they are getting more and more calls about unsheltered friends. They have been in regular coaching with the homelessness coalition and Deb Jones, and trying to learn about more programs, learning about the effective ways to coordinate and learning the street outreach. They are also learning about ways to bring resources to our neighbors who do not have a shelter, those living in cars, those living in the woods and where ever else they are able to find shelter. They said with the \$10,000 , they proposed case management would include, but not limited to ; visiting with homeless residents in East Lampeter Township and building good relationships with them, building good relationships with hotel and motel owners in the township and informing them of our services and who to call during different situations they might face. Also, keeping a good relationship with East Lampeter Police, and letting them know what important information we have. They talked to the Security officer at the school, who used to be on East Lampeter's Police Force. They were brainstorming ways to help the homeless neighbors in the community especially when it comes to the cops being called for issues. They came up with maybe window clings that could be hung on the door or window that if the police were called, they could call the CV Seeds , since the family would be more comfortable with them being a mediator so to speak , than the police. They also said about referring police, hotel/motel owners to other local services such as TenFold, Water street , Mission Church Food Pantry, Blessings of Hope and many more.

**Lisa Horst & John Barrett- CVCCS-** John Barret spoke about homelessness, and said that ensuring we are really helping is most important. He said approximately 9 out of 10 calls they receive, is for rent help or is for help with eviction, and the families are stuck in a cycle .He said that education is definitely really important, in order to help people move forward. He said they have found in order to protect the dignity

of the homeless its important to best meet their need. Mr. Barrett said that there's money been spent on these programs and it hasn't " moved the needle " so there's something underlying that's going on. There's a lot of factors because every situation is different, so its hard to " put a band aid " or a " blanket" on something that can change quickly. They have found there are 3 specific positions where someone could be in a position of relief. The person doing the relieving, the person receiving the relieving and the situation. Temporary relief is not meant to be a long term solution, and what they have seen is people get stuck there. Which inhibits their ability to thrive , and they go down this downward spiral of dependency. This effects both the receiver of the charity and the party doing the helping. Mr. Barrett feels we should be wary of just giving money for these programs, and would like to find the underlying issue of how & why. " Why is this happening? How is this happening ?" He feels like organizations such as Water Street , we need more of. Organizations who will help rehabilitate people and develop them then they're able to work their way out of homelessness and they're the champion in their own story. Mr. Barrett said they have found, that when people have someone who wants to jump in a be a " savior" to someone, the person who is being " saved" comes back the next month again. Ms. Horst said that the people who have come to see them, are typically a couple thousand dollars behind in their rent. It's not the people who are only a month late. Mr. Mike Thornton asked if things have always been like that , referring to people waiting to ask for help or if its something new ? Ms. Horst said shes seeing more of the waiting , to ask for help. She said she feels like the more government money that has been put out there to help people, the more people have become dependent on it. Ms. Horst said they rarely find people who are deep in debt or dependency where its too much for CVCCS can assist with. She also said she's met people who do like staying in hotels and make just enough to pay the fee and do whatever they want. She feels like, we need to all take a look at the root of the problem as far as homelessness.

**Justin Eby - Lancaster County Housing Redevelopment Authority & Deb Jones -Director of Human Services--** Justin Eby , said that LCHRA is the lead agency for the Lancaster Homelessness Coalition, and they also administer the vouchers, rental systems and other redevelopment activities such as the land bank and vacant property. Mr. Eby said that a couple years ago , the township and LCHRA had started talking about what they can do together to help with the homelessness population that is increasing. Mr. Eby said that LCHRA administers the counties HUD funding , and if anyone has questions they can contact the office. He also said that , homelessness is on the rise in Lancaster County up 13 ½% from last year, which is trending with national trends. Mr. Eby said his office is here to provide help and educate and provide information to the Board of Supervisors , other organizations and township staff.

**Deb Jones-**Ms. Jones wanted to commend CV School District for the depth of agencies that are here willing to help and engage individuals in the homelessness community. She said that they have over 50 agencies they work with so, at her office. They are responsible for overseeing the strategy of the homelessness response system for the county ; for funding, for compliance, for data collection and to be able to plan by looking forward. Ms. Jones asked how do we address the homelessness issue ? She said " Is it the little laser light that is the HUD defined of homelessness which is a place not meant for human habitation, or is it the flashlight that is the McKinney Vento school district definition of homelessness, or is it the flood light that talks about prevention going up streams, keeping people in their homes ? These are the things, not only Lancaster County but Nationwide , we are struggling with. Ms. Jones said that the decisions that are made with the homelessness response system , whether its street outreach, that we contract seven partners, and we oversee weekly street outreach meetings with over 7 contracted outreach partners and 24 outreach individuals in those meetings. Ms. Jones said that there is a vast array of street outreach that is happening , but not nearly enough. There are also best practices already in place. She also mentioned



the Emergency Shelters that they work with, or ReFresh Lancaster, the portable showers/hygiene units that give out free paramedic care, or one of the 3 programs for housing. Is it deep enough? No. Is it robust enough with services and funding? Also no, but it is buildable, but she said we have a community that wants to help and be part of a solution. She mentioned Ephrata, Columbia, and Elizabethtown how they have been able to mobilize together. They work with the school districts, food bank, and social services. Mr. Demme asked if the 7 contracted outreach partners and 24 outreach partners/individuals in the weekly meetings that Ms. Jones has are they full time, part time, where are they located and are there any partners in CV? Ms. Jones said Tenfold has 2 full time outreach workers, 1 of the outreach workers has a small amount of time dedicated to this area. She said that this area needs someone who is dedicated to this area. Factory Ministries has straight outreach and the greater Ephrata area. Of the 7 that are contracted, there are also others that provide services that don't run through a contract with our office, like the Lancaster City Police social workers, they have 2 full time social workers. They are part of a street medical team that comes out, which is doctors and residents who are providing medical care to individuals. They also come to the meetings. The Emergency room social worker also comes to the meetings, because they see a high number of individuals who don't have shelter. Mr. Mike Thornton mentioned that there are sections of Lancaster county that seem to be doing good things, such as Elizabethtown has Good Samaritan Services, if you go east you have Factory Ministries, New Holland has Crossnet. He mentioned that he feels like these areas have a "hub", and for this area it may be CV Seeds. CVCCS is established and has been working with the homeless population for a while, but he feels like we don't really have a "town" its more of this collection of hotels/motels which makes it a little bit more of a challenge. Ms. Jones said geographically this area looks different, however we can still create a hub, she feels like it gives more energy and emphasis for it.

**Chief Zerbe- East Lampeter Township Police** - Chief Zerbe showed data from 2018-present day, which shows about 70 people the police have had contact with. The list represents anything from a single contact to a maximum of 119 contacts and shows, any arrest, calls, and or locations where they have been trespassed from. He also said he wanted to make sure that, the Board knew that the people on the list weren't all criminals or doing something bad or wrong. It's just when they were made contact with for some reason.

#### Solicitation Ordinance

Chief Zerbe, East Lampeter Township Police, noted that the Solicitation Ordinance was originally adopted in 2013. Chief Zerbe noted that were 31 calls related to soliciting in East Lampeter while 7 permits had been issued. Then in 2023 there were 16 calls and 21 permits issued. Supervisor Mike Thornton noticed that between 2015-17 it appeared that there were more citations written and asked Chief if there was any trend. Chief Zerbe said that the ordinance was still young at that point, and most of the solicitors didn't know to get a permit. He also noticed that while doing the data for the report, that many of the solicitors are the same people who have maybe gotten a warning the first or second time and then they're still out there, well the officer would just issue the citation for the violation of the ordinance. Supervisor Ted Gallagher asked where are they getting permits from and what are the requirements. Chief Zerbe said from the Police department and they would need valid ID and the contact for them and the company they are representing. There would be different rules for food trucks. Supervisor Ted Gallagher also asked if the permit is wide open in East Lampeter or if it is very specific. Chief Zerbe said that those that obtain a permit are given an identification card from the township that they are supposed to carry and show when requested. Supervisor Ethan Demme asked if there was anywhere a resident could see what permits are

open for solicitation. Chief Zerbe indicated not at this time but that something could be put on the website. Supervisor Ted Gallagher asked how many permits are issued a year to which Chief Zerbe noted approximately 2 per month. Supervisor Mike Thornton suggested maybe to put the rules of solicitation in the newsletter. Supervisor Ethan Demme asked Chief about how many calls do they get about a solicitor who doesn't have a permit. Chief Zerbe was uncertain and noted that if an officer gets the call and the persons gone, there isn't much to go on. If the solicitor does identify themselves then it does make it easier for the police to determine who it is and such, and if the officer is going to give them a warning or citation. Supervisor Ethan Demme noted that there was some feedback and complaints from residents, like Ms. Snyder who would like to have more educating the public on the ordinance and that they are able to ask to see someone's permit to know who's going door to door. Public comments were asked for at this time: Ms. Snyder said that she feels like 8pm might be too late. She said most jobs are in daylight hours, and said she doesn't think they should be knocking at your door at nighttime. She said she feels like solicitation shouldn't be in this day and age with all the technology, and it shouldn't happen in East Lampeter Township. Mr. Hutchison said they would have had identification with the permit so they obviously did not get a permit. Ms. Snyder asked if we took a picture of them for the card they carry and Chief said yes. Supervisor Mike Thornton asked Chief about the people who have no solicitation signs in their front yard, if someone comes on to the property does that help the police to have more action against them. Chief Zerbe noted that it would be better to have no trespassing signage given that there is a real law for such to hold the person against. Supervisor Ethan Demme indicated that the US Supreme Court ruled that Soliciting can't be banned, so the township does not have the authority to ban soliciting. The US Supreme Court has overruled any local ordinances that have tried to ban soliciting. Supervisor Ethan Demme said this township is as restrictive as we can be. Supervisor Ted Gallagher mentioned that maybe it would be good to have a section on the website for the residents on how to educate themselves as far as solicitation goes, permit wise, vehicle wise and the name of companies.

Other - NONE

#### Action Items

#### Memorandum of Understanding re Use of CV School District facilities for Recreation programs

Mr. Hutchison spoke about how this was created to somewhat formalize the relationship between the township and the school district, and permit the township and our recreation programs to utilize school district facilities at no cost to the township. The School District would retain the first right to use their own facilities of course so it would only be when whatever facility, it is we would like to use for recreation programs is available. Mr. Hutchison said he was there last week to discuss this with the school board and it was received favorably.

Supervisor Roger Rutt made a motion to approve and Supervisor Mike Thornton seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### Resolution re Records destruction

Mr. Hutchison spoke about the record destruction under PA Law regulates when records are able to be destroyed. The records in question are from 2016-2018 and all have been duplicated electronically or serve no purpose anymore.

Supervisor Roger Rutt made a motion to approve the destruction of records from 2016-2018 and Supervisor Ted Gallagher seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### Managers Report

Budget Workshop advertised for August 21, 2024 beginning at 3 pm

Mr. Hutchison wanted to remind the public there is a budget workshop on August 21, 2024.

#### Completion of web site updates

Ms. Tara Hitchens stated that all the website updates have been completed with exception for the archive page.

#### Comp Plan consultant interviews schedule

Mr. Hutchison spoke about the comp plan consultant interviews and said that interviews are scheduled for early September with the steering committee. Sometime after that the township expects the steering committee to make a recommendation to the board on which consultant to engage for the comp plan.

#### Adjournment,

Supervisor Mike Thornton made a motion to adjourn and Supervisor Ted Gallagher seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Next regular meeting – Monday September 16, 2024, 7:00 pm at the East Lampeter Township Building