

**Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 6, 2010**

The Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting at 7:00pm on December 6, 2010 at the Municipal Building located at 783 South Geyers Church Road, Middletown, PA 17057.

**Present:**

Ronald Kopp, Chairman  
Anna Dale, Vice Chairwoman  
Daryl LeHew, Member  
Andy Doherty, Member  
William Kametz, Member  
Stephan Letavic, Township Manager  
Jim Foremen, Zoning/Codes Officer  
Beth Graham, Office Manager  
Deana Corrigan, Treasurer  
John Kesler, Public Works Director  
Mike Johnson, Golf Course Manager  
Peter Henninger, Solicitor  
Andrew Kenworthy, Engineer

**Salute the Flag**

**Check Presentations:**

**Lebanon Veterans Administration Hospital** – The Board of Supervisors presented a check to Mr. Bill Mills, Associate Director of the Lebanon V.A. Hospital in the amount of \$5,500.00. The funds were raised through donations and the concession stand profits at the “Stars & Stripes Salute” held on July 3, 2010 in Sunset Park.

**Londonderry Township Emergency Services** – Ralph DeSantis, TMI Communications Director, presented a check to the Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$34,227.34 to benefit the Emergency Services of Londonderry Township. The funds were raised through the “TMI Charity Golf Tournament” held August 16, 2010 at Sunset Golf Course.

**Fire Police Appointment** –LeahAnne Buller

Mr. LeHew motioned to approve LeahAnne Buller as a volunteer with the Londonderry Township Fire Police, Mr. Doherty seconded. Motion approved.

**Citizen’s Input** – Andy Howarth, Ron Martin, Suzanne Williams, Delbert Sankey, John Crater, Dori Crater, Sandra Geesaman, Craig Kreamer, Lisa Brubaker-Kreamer, John Donahue, George Raynes, MaryAnn Rowland, Matt Uhl, Dave Plouse, Terry Wealand, John Gearhart, Doug Reeser.

**Approval of Work Session Minutes – November 16, 2010**

Mrs. Dale motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. LeHew. Motion approved.

**Manager’s Report** – Steve Letavic

**Ordinance 2010-4 - Edgewater Zoning Amendment**

Andy Howarth, 101 Colebrook Road, questioned why this Ordinance is being brought up again when it was already voted on and failed, due to a tie vote at the last Board meeting.

Mr. Kopp motioned to approve Ordinance 2010-4, Mr. LeHew seconded. Mr. Kopp asked for a roll call vote: Bill – Yes, Anna – No, Ron – Yes, Andy – No, Daryl – Yes. Motion approved.

### **Budget Adoption**

Mr. Letavic informed the Board that the proposed budget has been properly advertised and hung for review from the public and is now ready to be adopted. The proposed budget calls for an increase of 1.93 Mills to the Municipal Tax bringing the total tax to 3 Mills, of which 2.5 Mills will go to the General Fund and .5 Mills to the Fire Company. The manager gave a detailed summary of the financial conditions of the township, a history of township budgeting as well as plans for the future budget. He also explained that the absence of a tax increase would mean a cut in services.

Mr. Kopp opened the floor for Citizens Input:

**Andy Howarth**, 101 Colebrook Road, thanked the Supervisors for doing what must be done in raising taxes after no increase for 14 years.

**Ron Martin**, 2623 Steinruck Road, concerned with the cumulative effect of various governing bodies raising taxes.

**Suzanne Williams**, 107 Autumnwood Drive, lives in a nice home and already pays \$10,000.00 in taxes and is tired of carrying the township.

**Delbert Sankey**, 106 Colebrook Road, asked why the Supervisors have not considered selling the golf course.

**John Crater**, 310 Iron Mine Road, wanted to know if the township has received any stimulous money from the Federal Government and what does the tax money the township receives pay for.

**Dori Crater**, 310 Iron Mine Road, informed the Supervisors that she cannot sustain a 180% increase in taxes.

**Sandra Geesaman**, 33 Hillcrest Drive, commented that the tar & chipping was a waste of money.

**Craig Kreamer**, 1211 Foxianna Road, stated that he agreed that the tar & chipping is a waste of money.

Mr. Letavic asked Mr. Kesler, Public Works Director, to explain why he does tar & chipping on roads. Mr. Kesler explained that there isn't money in the budget for re-surfacing the roads and the tar & chip method is used to protect the roads by filling in the small cracks in the road surface that most people can't see.

**Lisa Brubaker-Kreamer**, 1211 Foxianna Road, stated that she felt a 180% increase is too much all at once.

**John Donahue**, 2195 E. Harrisburg Pike, asked if the state would plow the township roads and asked why the Supervisors chose a large increase at once vs. drawing it out over 3 years.

**George Raynes**, 1922 E. Harrisburg Pike, questioned if the golf course can add money to the general fund, can the Comcast Franchise Fee be increased by the township and has anyone spoken to Sen. Piccola, Rep. Hickernell or Congressman Holden about stimulous money.

**MaryAnn Rowland**, 1748 Felker Road, disagreed with development in the township which in her opinion will cause more cost to the township in road maintenance.

**Matt Uhl**, 75 Autumnwood Drive, stated that a 180% increase is outrageous and offered to come in and show the manager how to save money and cut costs.

**Dave Plouse**, 126 Autumnwood Drive, felt that the Supervisors planned poorly, asked how much money in grants have been received, how many full-time office staff the township employs and stated that money could be saved by staff answering phones, etc., themselves and cutting secretaries as his office has done.

**Terry Wealand**, 1006 Laurel Drive, thanked the Supervisors and Mr. Letavic then stated to the audience that he is a Public Servant for the City of Harrisburg and he didn't appreciate the comments against a working man accepting a raise when it's deserved. Also asked what the Supervisors plan to do when times are good financially in the township.

**John Gearhart**, 2203 E. Harrisburg Pike, stated that the Supervisors need to get more creative in cutting costs.

**Doug Reeser**, 108 Autumnwood Drive, asked why the township changed their accounting strategy, if there is a competitive bid process for the bridges and if the township joins with other municipalities to purchase equipment.

**Andy Howarth**, 101 Colebrook Road, does not want the tax increase but has read the budget and agrees they have done everything they could to save money, then commented to the audience that they need to attend the Board meetings to follow what is going on.

**John Crater**, 310 Iron Mine Road, asked how the park can be safe for children if the golf course is contaminated and asked if the township paid for the homes along the Swatara Creek and if the land can be sold.

Mr. Kopp called for a motion on the budget.

Mr. Doherty motioned to approve the budget as presented, Mr. LeHew seconded. Mr. Kopp called for a Roll Call vote: Mr. Kametz – Yes, Mrs. Dale – Yes, Mr. Kopp – Yes, Mr. Doherty – Yes, Mr. LeHew – Yes. Motion approved.

**Resolution 2010 – 12 2011 Tax Rates**

Mr. LeHew motioned to approve Resolution 2010-12, Mrs. Dale seconded. Motion approved.

**Dauphin County Planning Commission - Municipal Planning Advisory Service Agreement** – Mr. LeHew motioned to approve the agreement, Mr. Doherty seconded. Motion approved.

**2011 Meeting Dates Schedule**

Mrs. Dale motioned to approve the 2011 schedule, Mr. Kametz seconded. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Deana Corrigan

Mrs. Corrigan asked for approval to pay invoices as follows:

General Fund	\$57,750.01
Golf Course	\$29,643.10
Escrow	\$160.00
Liquid Fuels	\$33,841.15

Mr. Kametz motioned to approve payment of invoices as presented, Mrs. Dale seconded. Motion approved.

**Department Reports:**

**Code/Zoning** - Jim Foreman

**Ag Security Application** – Susan Nissley, Hertzler Road

Mr. LeHew motioned to accept the application, Mrs. Dale seconded. Motion approved.

**Time Extension** – Dennis Schmidt, Brinser Road

Mr. Kametz motioned to accept the time extension, Mrs. Dale seconded. Motion accepted.

**Time Extension** – Bill Schnoor, Thistle Road

Mr. Doherty motioned to accept the time extension, Mrs. Dale seconded. Motion accepted.

**Letter of Credit** – Hills of Waterford

Mr. LeHew motioned to deny the Letter of Credit, Mrs. Dale seconded. Motion approved.

**Golf Course** – Mike Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported a total revenue for November in the amount of \$33,012.59 and a year to date total of \$994,565.60.

**Public Works** – John Kesler

Mr. Kesler submitted a report of work completed for November which included micro surface work for wheel rutting areas, snow operations training, MS4 Project and fuel tank spill prevention, road repairs on Miller, Schoolhouse and Beagle Roads.

**EMA** – No Report

**Solicitor's Report** – Peter Henninger

**Ordinance 2010-5** *Storm Water Management*

Mr. LeHew motioned to approve Ordinance 2010-5, Mr. Kametz seconded. Mr. Kopp called for a roll call vote: Bill Kametz – Yes, Anna Dale – Yes, Ron Kopp – Yes, Andy Doherty – Yes, Daryl LeHew – Yes. Motion approved.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** – None.

Mr. LeHew motioned to adjourn at 10:12pm, Mr. Kametz seconded. Motion approved.