

Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors
March 15, 2005
7:00PM

The Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors held their regular scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at the Municipal Building, 783 S. Geyers Church Road, Middletown, Pennsylvania, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

William Kametz, Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Ronald Kopp, Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Anna J. Dale, Member, Board of Supervisors
Andy Doherty, Member, Board of Supervisors
Daryl LeHew, Member, Board of Supervisors
Miles Caughey, Township Manager
Brenda Shuey, Secretary/Treasurer
David Lewis, Township Engineer
Robert Knupp, Township Solicitor

Executive Session – Mr. Kametz announced that the Board had been in Executive Session prior to the start of the regular meeting to discuss litigation.

- 1) Public Comment – None
- 2) State Police Report – None
- 3) TMI Report – Rusty West
Mr. West introduced himself as the new Vice President of TMI. He holds a degree in Electrical Engineering and has 25 years combined experience between the 5 different nuclear power plants for which he has worked.
 - a) Operator Training – Dedicated resources have been working on the issues. Instructors are spending extra time with operators making sure they understand any weaknesses.
- 4) Lower Dauphin School District – Bill Miller/Jim Hazen
 - a) ACT 72 – Meeting to be held at LD High School April 6, 2005 at 7:00pm. Passed in July 2004, the Homeowners Property Tax Relief Act uses State money from slot machines and an increase in the local earned income tax to reduce property taxes in all the districts who participate in the system.

School Districts who choose to participate shall adopt a Resolution to impose higher earned income tax rates or they can impose a referendum question in the November ballot letting the citizens decide what the tax rate will be.

The District share of the gaming money is combined with the local revenue to create a Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion. The money is used exclusively to reduce property taxes paid by Homeowners who qualify for HomeStead/FarmStead Exclusion and imposes a cap on future property tax increases. The deadline for the School Board to opt-in is May 30, 2005.

- b) Homestead/Farmstead Credit
The Credit is an exclusion a deduction from an eligible properties assessed value. Each property receives same reduction. Value is determined by Districts additional Earned Income Tax plus State Gaming Funds.

The District will send a newsletter to all District Residents regarding ACT 72. Information is also available on the website at www.ldsd.org

- 5) Approval of Minutes – February 7, 2005
Mr. LeHew motioned to approve the February 7, 2005 minutes as presented, Mrs. Dale seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- 6) Secretary/Treasurers Report – Ms. Shuey reported:
 - a) Request permission to pay bills from:
General Fund - \$65,353.75 Golf Course - \$24,213.51
Mrs. Dale motioned to approve payment as requested, Mr. Doherty seconded. Motion approved.
 - b) Request transfer from General Fund to Golf Course Fund \$50,000.00 to cover expenses.
Mr. Doherty motioned to approve request of transfer, Mrs. Dale seconded. Motion approved.
- 7) Manager’s Report – Mr. Caughey reported:
 - a) Property Owners at 3078 Brinser Road requested “no parking” signs be posted on the other side of bridge at the cul-de-sac.

Mr. Doherty motioned for Solicitor to draft an ordinance and advertise, Mrs. Dale seconded the motion. Motion approved.
 - b) Dauphin County Solid Waste has prepared to amend Municipal Waste Management Plan to include construction and demolition waste. Notice to
pass Resolution forthcoming, will be presented to the Board of
Supervisors when received.
- 8) Solicitor’s Report – Mr. Knupp reported:
 - a) ACT 45 – Proposed Appeal Hearing Board. Mr. Knupp attended meeting on February 22, 2005 with 8 other Solicitors from surrounding

municipalities to discuss cost saver by combining Appeals Board under ACT 45. Further discussion will take place on April 1, 2005. Mr. Knupp will report further on the subject at next Board of Supervisors meeting.

- b) Mr. & Mrs. Librandi, property owners of 1248 Hillsdale Road, request exclusion from improvements in the form of sidewalks for buffer property they purchased from developer.

Mr. Lewis does not recommend bond be reduced and has contacted Mr. Fox to install sidewalks.

No action taken. The Board directed the Municipal staff to research and report at April meeting.

- 9) Engineer's Report – Mr. Lewis reported:

- a) Tollhouse Road Traffic Light – Foundation for poles are in, most of conduit is in, curb work started. Estimate to be completed by end of April, contract is end of May. A Progress meeting with contractor on March 17, 2005.

- b) Tapping Fee Calculation – ACT 57 requires all Tapping Fees be re-calculated and adopted by June 30, 2005. Currently fee is \$3288.00. New fee could be set as high as \$5375.82 per EDU.

Mr. LeHew motioned to table until further discussion, Mrs. Dale seconded. Motion approved.

- c) Licensed Water Operator Proposal – Currently in compliance under ARRO Engineering's license. Operator must come up once per month to collect samples.

Mr. LeHew motioned to allow ARRO to continue testing until further consideration of having licensed person on staff is reviewed, Mr. Doherty seconded. Motion approved.

- d) Colebrook Road Drainage Study – Approximately 58 acres drain to Colebrook Road. Considering two phase process should be implemented to address the Stormwater issue.

Phase 1 – removing a large portion of contributing drainage area that causes the flooding problem via a proposed stormwater conveyance system that will re-direct the water towards Swatara Creek. – Probable Construction Cost - \$237,000.00

Phase 2 – if deemed necessary, conveyance routes to get the water to points down gradient of Colebrook Road with no adverse effects to down stream property owners. Probable Construction Cost - \$62,000.00

The Board directed Mr. Caughey to schedule a follow-up meeting the PennDot and State officials.

10) Lower Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Group – Mr. Doherty stated that there was no meeting held during February.

11) Park and Recreation Report – Mr. Scott Schmittal reported:

- a. Don Shiffler, Foxianna Road – Requesting Board of Supervisors to appoint Mr. Shiffler to fill the unexpired term created by Mr. David Plouse which expires 12/2005.

Mr. LeHew moved to approve Mr. Don Shiffler as recommended by the Park and Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term ending 12/2005, Mr. Doherty seconded the motion. Motion approved.

- b. 2005 Great PA Clean-up – Working with PennDot and DEP to clean-up a few of the roads within Londonderry Township. Asked the press in attendance to print in their paper anyone interested in participating to attend the next Park and Recreation Board meeting on April 14, 2005.

The Board directed Mr. Caughey to contact our insurance carrier to see what liability the Township would incur.

- c. Pa American Water Company Grant – Applying for grant to improve water shed areas. Will be asking help from the Township Staff in aiding to complete the application.
- d. Bocci leagues are now forming – Adult and Senior leagues – Weekdays and weekday evenings
- e. Jr. Golf – scheduled for July 25th thru July 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Any child age 8 to 14 interested in participating in program need to contact the Township office to request an enrollment form.

12) Planning Commission Report – Mr. James Foreman reported:

- a. Reorganization meeting was held at their February 22nd meeting with the same officers as in 2004.
- b. Reviewed the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan – comments made.
- c. Lower Dauphin regional Comp Plan – Changes to plan recommended:

1. Rt. 441 to remain Industrial
 2. Commercial Business Park at Schoolhouse – remain Agriculture
 3. Commercial at Rt. 441 and Geyers to remain
- d. March 21st Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.
- 13) EMA Report – Mr. Sam Naples reported:
- a. Training Session with Jerry Beaver in prep for Drill in May.
 - b. TMI Drill May 3rd
 - c. Generator – Rules and Operating Procedure has been finalized and the next drill for generator scheduled for April 13th at 4:30 p.m.
 - d. Received reimbursement via grant of \$4200.00 for the purchase of the Generator.
- 14) Fire Police – Mr. Mel Hershey reported:
- a. Appointment to committee – Theresa Hillwig
- Mr. LeHew moved to appoint Ms. Theresa Hillwig to the Fire Police organization as recommended by the Fire Police, Mr. Doherty seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- 15) Fire Company Report – Mr. Mel Hershey reported:
- a. Presented an updated list of officers for 2005
 - b. Presented the 2005 fund raising schedule
- 16) Department Reports
- a. Golf Course Report – Mr. Samuel Risteff reported:
 - i. 58 course outings scheduled to date.
 - ii. 5 building rentals for Club House.
 - iii. Mr. Knupp announced that the Historical Society has booked an outing at Sunset.
 - b. Road Report – Mr. John Kesler reported:
 - i. Work Completed during February
 1. Various sites – Cold mix patching
 2. Snow removal
 3. Fairway #10 pipe work and swale work in wooded section
 - ii. March Schedule:
 1. Bids for Geyers Church Road Project
 2. Patching – various roads
 3. Shoulder work – Newberry Road
 - iii. Swatara Creek Road – Culvert pipe
Mr. Kesler informed the Board that the culvert pipe has collapsed and that he has been monitoring this area closely.

Mr. LeHew moved to direct David Lewis to prepare this project for bidding, Mr. Doherty seconded the motion. Motion approved.

- c. Building report – Mr. James Foreman reported:
 - i. 7 building permits issued, 6 zoning permit issues
 - ii. \$1,677.00 permit fees collected, \$300.00 zoning permit fees collected.

17) New Business

- a. Red Cross – Mr. LeHew reported:
 - i. Raised \$10,000.00 for Tsunami relief
- b. School Heights Village Request for zoning change – Mr. Kametz called for motion – there was no motion made. Zoning will remain as currently zoned.

18) Old Business

- a. Ag Security Committee – Ms. Shuey informed the Board that advertisement was made in the Press and Journal. This committee shall consist of: 3 farmers, 1 Supervisor and 1 citizen

Board deferred matter to April meeting.

Mr. LeHew moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m., Mr. Kopp seconded the motion. Motion approved.