

LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2018
7:00 P.M.

The Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 2, 2018 at the Londonderry Township Municipal Building, 783 S. Geyers Church Road, Middletown, Pennsylvania, beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Melvin Hershey, Chairman
Anna Dale, Vice Chairman
Mike Geyer, Member
Ron Kopp, Member
Bart Shellenhamer, Member
Steve Letavic, Township Manager
Jim Diamond, Solicitor
Jeff Burkhart, Code/Zoning Officer
Andy Brandt, Public Works Director
Tyler Erb, MS4 Environmental Specialist

Absent: Andrew Kenworthy, Engineer
Mike Johnson, Golf Course Manager
Sam Risteff, Golf Course Superintendent
Les Gilbert, EMA Coordinator

Attendees: Steve Wisniewski
Gary Carlson
Bruce Grossman
Joe Sheehan
Lance Nissley

Call to order

Chairman Hershey called for a moment of silence in memory of Sandy Nagle who passed away on March 23, 2018.

Salute the Flag

Citizens Input

Mr. Wisniewski had a question about the status of the rugby fields. Mr. Letavic informed Mr. Wisniewski that the Township received grant money from the county gaming grant for \$50,000.00 to remove brush and clear the fields.

Approval of Minutes – March 5, 2018

Mr. Letavic informed the Board that the March 5, 2018 minutes contained two minor typographical errors that have been corrected.

Chairman Hershey entered a motion that the minutes of March 5, 2018 with minor changes be approved.

Moved by Dale, seconded by Shellenhamer the minutes of March 5, 2018 be approved.
Motion carried.

Manager's Report

Informational Items:

Mr. Letavic has been in talks with three different developers regarding the development of the 230 corridor, acquiring sewer and water, and different sewer options. Talks are in the preliminary stages and are confidential. He will keep the board informed of his progress.

Mr. Letavic thanked Ms. August and Mrs. Evans and all the volunteers for their work on the Easter Egg Hunt held on March 31, 2018 at Sunset Park. (Chairman Hershey thanked the fire company for coming out as well).

Mr. Letavic informed the Board that donations from TMI have made it possible for construction to begin at the clubhouse. Doors were installed separating the bar area from the dining room. A new entrance from the dining room to the deck will be completed soon.

Treasurer's Report

The Chairman requested approval to pay the following expenditures for the month of March:

General Fund	\$137,718.62
Golf Course	\$ 27,984.98
Liquid Fuels	\$ -0-
Escrow	\$ -0-
LVFC	\$ -0-
Debt Service	\$ 27,677.54
Total	\$ 193,381.14

Moved by Shellenhamer, seconded by Dale payment of the bills for March be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning/Codes – Jeff Burkhart

Informational Items:

Update on OLSDS. District A is lagging behind in responses. We are currently at 50%. Second notices have been sent out. Final notices will be sent out the beginning of April. Sewer District 1 & 2 will begin again on June 1, 2018.

The preliminary notices for the island properties have been completed. Enforcement notices will now begin.

Mobile home park annual renewal. The roadways in the mobile home park are not being maintained and are in poor condition. There are weeds growing through cracks in the macadam and there are many vacant units. A maintenance ordinance is being worked on.

Construction at the medical building at 3100 Schoolhouse Road to begin. Tanks were taken out of the ground last year. Monitor wells will be capped.

Building and zoning permits have increased due to the break in the weather.

Supervisor Kopp asked if the 50% of the OLSDS responses included the islands. The 50% is for the mainland properties.

Supervisor Geyer asked if York Haven was involved in the OLSDS pumping of the island properties. Mr. Burkhart stated that the roughly 300 units on Shelley and Beshore Islands might be abandoned, but this has not been confirmed. Hardly any demo permits have been issued for these islands. Septic systems must be emptied and backfilled to prevent collapse before being abandoned. There is no confirmation this was done and there is no ordinance in place.

MS-4 Environmental Department – Tyler Erb

A group has been formed with Lower Swatara, Troegg's Brewery, Suez, Manada Conservancy and Penn State Extension doing a riparian buffer planting across the Swatara and Lower Swatara Township working to create a habitat corridor that goes across the creek.

Regarding the DCNR grant that the conservation district is putting together everything on the Township end has been submitted. They might need to have a board meeting to get approved. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday. We'll find out then if it was approved.

The Swatara Creek buffer along red bridge where a native meadow will be put in has raised some concerns with Andy and Sam. The use of herbicide to kill weeds being used on golf course equipment on golf course greens is not a good idea. Mr. Erb contacted a contractor, Land Studies, to get a price estimate and he will move forward once the figures are in.

Hoffer Road. There was a barn fire recently. The barn is located next to a storm inlet. That inlet has been problematic for some time. Water should flow freely but without sediment. Mr. Erb has been in contact with the landowner who seems willing to listen to ideas to solve the problem. Solving these issues would also help with the Township's PRP.

Mr. Erb has completed interviews for the summer intern position. Final determinations will be made during the week.

Mr. Letavic asked Mr. Erb to explain to the Board what "PRP" stands for. Mr. Erb explained that "PRP" Pollution Reduction Plan is minimizing 10% of sediment that goes into our waterways that we have to meet in the next five years. That plan is not approved yet by the DEP. The five years has already started although not officially approved by the DEP.

A specific plan for Hoffer Road will be doing stream work in the Conewago. HRG and Tri County Conewago Creek Association and others are doing a research project on the creek and bioswales on property and other opportunities not in PRP.

Mr. Letavic asked Mr. Erb if he was working with other municipalities. Mr. Erb stated that Mount Joy and Lancaster County border Conewago and he is in talks with them. He is not sure yet if they will participate. They need to acquire landowner agreement on the opposite side of the creek and us acquiring landowner agreement on our side of the creek. Doing a group project would be more cost effective. Funding sources like to see partnerships.

Chairman Kopp asked Mr. Erb who was the large landowner on the Mount Joy side. Mr. Erb stated that he and Penn State have a meeting with the son who owns the property.

Public Works Department - Andy Brandt

The Public Works Director presented a report on the work performed in the month of March. Personnel hours amounted to 500 hours with 5,400 miles driven.

Chairman Dale raised a concern about the pedestrian walkways on ramps entering 283 on Vine Street. A traffic light has been flashing there recently. Is the Township or the State responsible for this? The Township didn't want to encourage pedestrians using the walkways because of traffic concerns in the area. Supervisor Kopp stated that it goes back to the project with the medical center that wanted access to the ramps to go over to Love's. Mr. Burkhardt stated that it might be part of an HOP. Mr. Brandt stated that he will contact C.M. High to find out who controls that light.

Mr. Brandt referenced a letter he received from PennDOT starting reconstruction and repaving from the township line to the eastbound off ramps of 283.

The public works crew will begin paving roads as soon as the weather improves.

Water shut off valves along 441 have been located. Some of them are 25 feet off the road. Two valves in a meter pit up on Water Street will be replaced. All boxes have been located, some had new tops installed. Route 441 has been widened since 1983. The water line that was once at the edge of the grass is now under pavement.

Chairman Hershey stated that the Bocce League is gearing up for the spring. Volunteers will be weeding the pit. New stones and screening will be put down also. He will contact Mr. Brandt next week about working with the volunteers on the bocce court.

Golf Course and Bar & Grill Report – No report.

Engineer's Report – Steve Letavic

Status of Swatara Creek Road bridge project. The design is complete. Right-of-way and utility issues have been cleared. It will be advertised the first and second week in April, open bids May 9th and awarded at the June 4th board meeting. Then we issue a notice to proceed work begin on bridge to be completed in mid October.

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They also helped with MS-4 program, Chesapeake Bay Plan, filed CFA grant, C2P2 funding for trailhead portion of Sunset Park.

Solicitor's Report – none

EMA Report – none

New Business

There will be an Active Shooter workshop at the firehouse on April 11, 2018.

PSATS conference April 22-25

All day forum on Emergency Management Education that Chairman Hershey and Les Gilbert will attend.

Mr. Letavic informed the Board that Hershey Medical Center is undergoing a \$1 billion renovation project through Highmark and the Township will be in a partnership with them.

Old Business – Jim Diamond, Solicitor

As Solicitors, we looked at the conditional approval acted on by the Board at the last regular meeting. Concerns arose because it's technically invalid since a public hearing was not held in accordance with Section 109 of the OLSDS ordinance. And that must happen in order to have valid relief from secondary absorption area. The solicitors recommend that the board entertain a motion to rescind conditional approval from the last meeting and consider scheduling a formal public hearing on that request for the next worksession meeting. It should be publicly advertised unless the landowners would prefer to have it at a later date. There has to be a formal presentation of evidence on the record made officially with the elements set forth in the ordinance.

Chairman Hershey called for a motion to be made to rescind conditions of approval by waiver.

Motion made by Geyer, seconded by Dale.

Motion carried to rescind conditions of approval of a waiver requiring under OLSDS ordinance of a replacement absorption area for 935 Thistle Road, on the basis that it was determined by the solicitor that such action was invalid under the ordinance, due to the lack of a holding of a formal public hearing, and to set the date for such public

hearing for the next regular worksession meeting of the Board, unless the landowners required prior notice of such hearing or a postponement to a different date.

Mr. Diamond stated that because it's a motion to rescind an action taken at a prior session, it's appropriate that a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote be taken to rescind action and not a majority vote. Chairman Hershey took a roll call vote.

Geyer – Aye
Dale - Aye
Hershey - Aye
Shellenhamer - Aye
Kopp - Aye


Motion rescinded.

A worksession will be held as a public hearing with court reporter present. No newspaper advertisement is needed.

Executive session – none

Motion by Shellenhamer, seconded by Dale to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Motion carried.



Secretary