

Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors

November 7, 2005

The Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors held their regular scheduled Board meeting on Monday, November 7, 2005 at the Municipal Building, 783 S. Geyers Church Road, Middletown, PA 17057 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

William Kametz, Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Ronald Kopp, Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Andy Doherty, Member, Board of Supervisors
Daryl LeHew, Member, Board of Supervisors
Anna J. Dale, Member, Board of Supervisors
Steve Letavic, Township Manager
Beth Graham, Administrative Assistant
Robert Knupp, Township Solicitor
Darrell Becker, Township Engineer

Regular Meeting

Items Addressed:

1. **Citizen's Input**
Clarence Harden
Mark Stambaugh
Bruce Grossman
2. **State Police** – No Report
3. **TMI** – No Report
4. **Approval of Minutes** – October 3, 2005
Mrs. Dale motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Mr. LeHew seconded.
Motion approved.
5. **Manager's Report** – Steve Letavic
 - a. Note Refinance – Frank Leber
Mr. Leber informed the Board of a commitment letter from PA State Bank for a loan in the amount of 2.2 million dollars at a fixed interest rate of 4.4% for 15 years. The remaining 5 years will then be floating at the prime interest rate. The loan would refinance the outstanding balance of the Townships two notes equaling approximately \$1,648,000.00. The balance of the proceeds of about \$550,000.00 is anticipated to be used for projects within the capital facilities plan, principally paving and related projects over the next few years.

Mr. LeHew motioned to advertise for a public hearing regarding refinancing, Mr. Doherty seconded. Motion approved.

b. Geyer Airport

Mr. Letavic reported that he visited both the airport and Dr. Benkos property. He noted that the noise level at the airport was minimal, however from both Mr. Benko, Jr. and Mr. Benko Sr's. house it was very noisy. He requested that the members of the Board visit these locations when the airplanes are flying to see for themselves before making a decision.

Mr. Kopp motioned to table until the Board members can visit the airport and Benko's property, Mr. LeHew seconded.

c. Budget Update

A draft of the budget will be presented to the Board at the November 15, 2005 Worksession.

d. Secretary/Treasurer Position

Resumes are currently being accepted to fill the vacant position.

6. **Solicitor's Report** – Robert Knupp

Mr. Knupp informed the Board that Knupp & Kodak does work for the PA State Bank. He sent a letter to the bank today, notifying them that he is the Solicitor for Londonderry Twp. He also informed PA State Bank that he can provide no advice to them regarding the refinancing loan with the Township.

7. **E.M.A.** – Sam Naples

Mr. Naples thanked everyone for their support and visits while he was in the hospital and recovering at home.

Mr. Naples reported that John Dodson, Jr. covered for him while he was recovering, doing the leg work to help with the Katrina Disaster. Mr. Naples was in constant contact with Mr. Dodson and fielded calls from his home informing people of how they could help with the disaster.

The Open House brought forth several new volunteers who have had some light training in EMA operations.

8. **Secretary/Treasurer Report** - None

9. **Planning Commission Report** – Carolyn Akers

Mrs. Akers reported that it was recommended by the Planning Commission that the property located at 4044 E. Harrisburg Pike, known as the Rick Crow – Lot Add-On waiver and the plan be approved.

Mrs. Dale motioned to approve the waiver for addresses and phone numbers of surrounding property owners being put on the plan, Mr. Doherty seconded. Motion approved.

Mr. Kametz requested tabling the plan until the November 15, 2005 worksession allowing Mr. Crow time to provide a copy of the deed agreement regarding the driveway.

Mr. Foreman noted that if the plan is not acted on at the November 15, 2005 worksession then a letter of extension must be drawn.

10. **Engineer's Report** – None

11. **Parks and Recreation** - None

12. **Department Reports**

Codes/Zoning – James K. Foreman

October

Building Permits issued	6
Zoning Permits issued	3
Estimated construction cost	\$162,060.00
Zoning Permit Fees collected	\$350.00
Building Permit Fees collected	\$939.00
Year to date Est. Construction Cost	\$5,313,961.62
Year to date Zoning Permit fees	\$3700.00
Year to date Building Permit fees	\$29,496.00
Building Permits finalized	1
Total estimated construction cost	\$3500.00

Lytle Farms – Bond Reduction Request

Brian Fischbach of Fischbach-Morgan, requested a reduction of the 3 million dollar bond to \$588,300.59 which would include Phase 1-A only.

Mr. Kametz asked for a motion. Due to the lack of a motion the original plan stands as presented.

Loner Property – Request for Temporary Use

Mr. Foreman informed the Board that a prospective applicant inquired about the property located at S. Geyers Church Road and Foxianna Road, formerly known as the Snyder and Baker junkyard. The applicant asked if it would be permissible to open a junkyard and temporarily use a portable building, until he could repair the existing building.

After some discussion, Mr. Kametz requested that Mr. Foreman enforce his original decision that the building must be repaired or tore down before a business can be opened at that location.

Roads – No Report

14. **Citizen's Input**

Clarence Harden – Asked what is going on with the trails. Mr. Letavic informed everyone that at the last meeting the Board had given direction to the Trails Committee to re-write the scope of work with consideration to the comments made by both the Board and the residents of the Township. He said that upon completion of the revised scope of work, it will then be made available for the Board and residents to review, prior to any action being taken.

Mark Stambaugh – Inquired as to when the meeting was held by the Supervisor's to turn the trails planning over to Dauphin County? Mr. Letavic informed him that there was no meeting. Mr. Stambaugh then asked who authorized Mr. LeHew to go to Mr. DeFrancisco and notify him that the Township is not going to do anything with the trails and that the County should take it over. Mr. LeHew commented that it was an incorrect statement and that he did speak to Mr. DiFrancisco, but he never told him that. Mr. LeHew also stated that if Mr. Stambaugh cares, he will bring Mr. DiFrancisco in and meet with Mr. Stambaugh and his person and they will talk about it. Mr. Stambaugh also commented that he heard the State was notified to come in and take it over. Mr. LeHew said that he did not know what Mr. Stambaugh was talking about. He said that Mr. DiFrancisco attended the first meeting. Scott Schmittal commented that he thought Mr. Stambaugh might be referring to a grant that the county has received to study all areas in the county to establish a plan by 2007 to examine areas for trails, greenways and open spaces. He said it has nothing to do with what Londonderry Township has or has not done with trails. He also stated that if we abandon our trails study it will be assumed by the county that they will study the

entire county. Mr. Stambaugh questioned that what is being said is that Mr. DiFrancisco did not state that when you turn it over to the state they can use eminent domain; they have the money for the courts. He also asked Mr. LeHew if he said that the political atmosphere in the Township is not conducive to the Township proceeding with the trails therefore the county and the state should go forward. Mr. LeHew responded by stating that he can categorically say that he never said that. Mr. Stambaugh then asked if Mr. LeHew would have any problems if he got some people from the county and the state. Mr. LeHew said he should bring them along in. Mr. Stambaugh said that he would.

Mr. Kametz summarized that the Township at this time is only doing a study. There is no commitment at this point and the Board is not looking to take anybody's land, they are looking at new opportunities. Mr. Stambaugh said he understood that and appreciated it, but "he is talking about since that meeting the private conversations that took place with the man that said he represented this Board and that the study was not going to go through due to political pressures from the residents and the Board and that the county should go ahead and proceed. And then the county went ahead and notified the state that the state should come in to institute the trails committee meeting. Everybody that works in the county is not a friend of all the county Commissioners, and everybody that works at the state is not Republican. So these conversations, maybe they didn't take place, but somehow or another other people have heard them and paperwork has gone from the county to the state. So, I want the rest of the Board to understand." Mr. LeHew then asked, "Are you saying that paperwork is going to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from the County, directing the state to come in and take over the trail system in the County?" Mr. Stambaugh replied, "I was given to understand that the county has notified the state." Mr. LeHew stated that he didn't think any County Commissioner can make that comment by himself. Mr. Knupp said he thought it would take a County Board action.

Bruce Grossman – His comments have been addressed, so he had nothing further to add.

Mr. LeHew motioned to adjourn at 8:25pm, Mr. Kopp seconded. Motion approved.