

Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2018
7:00p.m.

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The Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 5, 2018 at the Londonderry Township Municipal Building, 783 S. Geyers Church Road, Middletown, Pennsylvania, at 7:00 pm.

Present: Melvin Hershey, Chairman
Anna Dale, Vice Chair
Mike Geyer, Member
Bart Shellenhamer, Member
Ron Kopp, Member
Steve Letavic, Township Manager
Jeff Burkhart, Zoning/Codes Officer
Andy Brandt, Public Works Director
Jim Diamond, Solicitor
Andrew Kenworthy, Engineer

Absent: Mike Johnson, Golf Course Manager
Sam Risteff, Golf Course Superintendent
Les Gilbert, EMA Director

Attendees: Michael Lusaitis, Steckbeck Engineering
Tom & Kathy Jones
Pattie & John Blair
Jay & Sara Meyer
Gary Carlson
Leonard Dobson Jr.
Joe Sheehan
Steve Wisniewski
Laura Hayes – Press & Journal
Ivan Arnold
Brett Kain
Scott Willemin
Patience Basehore
Bruce Grossman

Call to Order

Salute the Flag

PUBLIC HEARING (s) –

The public hearing for Geyers Mobile Home Park was cancelled.

New Special Fire Police Officer –

Ivan Arnold, Special Fire Police Captain asked for the Board's approval to add Parker Beatty to the Special Fire Police Officer roster. Mr. Arnold spoke highly of Mr. Beatty as he had been very active in Upper Allen Township where he lived before moving into the Hummelstown area. Mr. Arnold concluded by saying that Mr. Beatty will be a great asset to their team and has passed both basic and advanced Fire Police Courses. Chairman Hershey asked for a motion to approve Mr. Beatty for the Special Fire Police Force. Motion moved by Mr. Shellenhamer, seconded by Ms. Dale. Motion carried.

Citizens Input –

A group of homeowners from Londonderry Estates spoke to the Board regarding compliance with the 5-Year timetable for public sewer listed in the Act 537 Plan. They expressed their concerns with the plan and posed questions to the Board regarding the status of the Plan. Mr. Letavic informed the homeowners that he and others are working diligently to find solutions so the cost of sewer hook-up does not fall directly on the homeowners. Those solutions include searching for outside funding and forming partnerships with other townships. Mr. Letavic offered to gather documentation and meet with concerned homeowners to share the documented information.

Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2018 Regular Meeting

A correction to the attendee "present" list was made. Moved by Dale, seconded by Shellenhamer, the minutes of October 1, 2018 be approved. Motion carried.

Manager's Report - Steve Letavic

Mr. Letavic presented the October expenditures to the Board.

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

General Fund	\$315,869.72
Golf Course	\$ 91,120.69
Liquid Fuels	\$ 18,372.88
Escrow	\$ 400.50
LVFC	\$ -0-
Debt Service	\$ 32,600.95
Total	\$458,364.74

Moved by Shellenhamer, Seconded by Dale to pay October expenditures. Motion carried.

Mr. Letavic asked the Board to accept the 2019 Budget as presented (which does not include a tax increase) and hang the Budget before adopting at the December meeting. Mr. Letavic said this is a solid budget and commended the Board for their hard work in meeting the demands of

the Township's infrastructure requirements and at the same time balancing that desire and need with taxes.

Mr. Letavic continued to thank the Board for working hard to make sure Londonderry Township doesn't have tax increases year after year.

A vote followed to hang the budget. Motion moved by Mr. Shellenhamer to hang the budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Kopp. Motion Carried.

Mr. Letavic reported the Township applied for a MEII grant which is funded by fine money levied against Sunoco. The intent of this grant is to identify key watersheds in PA and use the funds from the grant to make improvements to the watersheds. The Township applied for a grant to fix the Conewago creek watershed which is a federally impaired stream. This is part of the requirement of the Chesapeake Bay pollutant reduction plan of goals and mandates. Londonderry was awarded \$193,000.00. Two Growing Greener grants are pending for bioswales for the Conewago Creek project.

Chairman Hershey added that he totaled the grants Londonderry received for this year and they totaled \$603,000.00. Chairman Hershey thanked those involved for all the hard work and everything that goes along with the grant application process. Mr. Letavic also thanked those involved and said the process is a team effort.

Zoning/Codes Report - Jeff Burkhart

Mr. Burkhart introduced Mr. Mike Lusaitis from Steckbeck Engineering and Surveying. Mr. Lusaitis informed the Board that he was here to ask for waivers of curbs and sidewalks for the proposed Dollar General Store stating they will not serve a useful purpose. Mr. Geyer replied they are deferrals not waivers. There followed much discussion in part over the dangerous intersection where the proposed Dollar General is to be constructed. Board members spoke on the Planning Commission's strong opinion of how curbs could define driving lanes, aid in traffic control and help with site improvement at the intersection. Discussion continued. Chairman Hershey, on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, asked for a motion to deny the waiver/deferrals of curbs and sidewalks. Motion made by Mr. Shellenhamer, seconded by Mr. Kopp. Ms. Dale abstained. Motion carried.

After discussion regarding the receipt of the 90 day extension letter from Steckbeck, a motion was made to acknowledge receipt. Motion carried.

Mr. Burkhart informed the board that the public hearing was canceled as the owners of Geyers MHP and their attorneys along with Mr. Diamond, Township Solicitor, reached a compliance agreement similar to the other two parks within the township. Mr. Diamond mentioned all parties worked diligently and he believes this agreement is a reasonable balance. Chairman Hershey and other members of the Board acknowledged the owner of park has made significant progress and has been very responsive in complying with this agreement which includes 12 temporary deferrals. Chairman Hershey asked for a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Motion made by Ms. Dale, seconded by Mr. Kopp. Mr. Geyer abstained. Motion carried.

MS4 Environmental Department – No Report

Mr. Letavic informed the board that Tyler Erb has moved on to another township and wishes him well. Mr. Letavic will assume grant duties until the position is filled.

Public Works Report - Andy Brandt

Mr. Brandt presented his report of work done in the month of October and discussed work planned for the month of November.

Golf Course and Bar & Grill Report - Mike Johnson/Sam Risteff (Not Present)

No Report

Engineer's Report – Andrew Kenworthy

Updates -The application for a Gaming Grant for the Lauffer Road bridge project is complete and a meeting is scheduled with the advisory board to present the application.

The Swatara Creek culvert project is in process, but currently on hold until the water line is lowered to provide room for installation of the precast box culvert.

Chairman Hershey congratulated Mr. Kenworthy on his promotion to CEO for HRG, Inc. and said he hoped he would still continue his work with Londonderry Township. Mr. Kenworthy said there would be no change to his presence at the Township.

Solicitor's Report – No Report

EMA Report - Les Gilbert (Not Present)

Chairman Hershey reported that Londonderry was awarded \$2200.00 through Act 147.

New Business – None

Old Business –

Mr. Burkhart reported the Township is still receiving phone calls from residents regarding the standing storm/ground water. Mr. Burkhart said the Township is working on some of those issues which may be able to be rectified by the Public Works Department. Discussion continued regarding the exceptional amount rainfall, which caused the creation of many underground springs and loaded the water table. Chairman Hershey added everyone must work together as this type of weather cannot be controlled.

Mr. Burkhart continued with old business by saying residents are also concerned with 230 Diner turning into dumping site. Mr. Burkhart said action will need to be taken against the property owner due to the property maintenance ordinance currently in place.

Executive Session – No

Moved by Ms. Dale, seconded by Mr. Kopp to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Motion carried.



Secretary