

## **Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors Meeting**

September 4, 2007

Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at the Municipal Building, 783 S. Geyers Church Road, Middletown, PA 17057 beginning at 7:00 pm.

**Public Hearing:** Request for a zoning change to Warren Hertzler's property along Route 230, that is zoned C2 in the flood plain, be changed to agricultural and that the ground on the opposite side of Route 230 be changed from agricultural to C2 .

Floor is open for public comments:

Richard Myers – expressed his desire to have the entire road re-zoned from Hoffer Rd to Hertzler Rd, not just spot zoning.

Paul Davis – his property adjoins the Hertzler property, he doesn't believe in spot zoning, expressed his desire to have the road re-zoned from Rt 230 and Hertzler Rd to Hoffler Rd and Hertzler Rd at the church. He believes the entire area needs to be re-zoned and utilities provided in Londonderry Township, Mount Joy Township, West Donegal Township and Conewago Township. There are also major problems with soil erosion and the stream. All of Rt 230 should be zoned commercial.

Chuck Enerick, Light Heigel & Assoc., engineer representing Warren Hertzler – This plan is proposing to take 9.32 acres out of commercial and put it into agricultural and to take 12.35 acres out of agricultural and put it into commercial. The term spot zoning typically refers to less than 10 acres and he doesn't believe that this proposal is spot zoning. Plus this proposal is contiguous with other commercial lands. Mr. Enerick made the argument that moving the commercial area away from the flood plain is more compatible with Londonderry Township Comprehensive Plan.

Supervisor LeHew made a motion to close the public hearing, Vice-Chair Doherty seconded, motion carried.

Chairman Dale closed the Public Meeting @ 7:15pm.

The Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors held their regular scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at the Municipal Building, 783 S. Geyers Church Road, Middletown, PA 17057 beginning at 7:15 pm.

Present:

Anna J. Dale, Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Andy Doherty, Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors  
Ronald Kopp, Member, Board of Supervisors  
Daryl LeHew, Member, Board of Supervisors  
Steven Letavic, Township Manager

Chris Feese, Township Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Don Jones, Solicitor  
Darrell Becker, Township Engineer

Excused Absence: William Kametz, Member, Board of Supervisors

Items Addressed:

1. **Salute the Flag**
2. **Citizen's Input** – None
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Board of Supervisors August 6, 2007

Supervisor LeHew made a motion to approve the minutes as they were presented, Supervisor Kopp seconded motion, motion carried.

4. **Hertzler Property Zoning Change Request**  
Vice Chair Doherty made a motion to deny the Hertzler Property Zoning Change Request as it was presented, Supervisor LeHew seconded motion, motion carried.

5. **Manager's Report** – Steve Letavic

**FEMA Grant:**

Mr. Letavic informed the BOS that we have been awarded the FEMA grant of \$1.3M in funding to purchase and remove homes along Swatara Creek Drive. At the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting Dave Bollinger of FEMA explained the mechanics of the program. Of the six original homeowners in the program five have stayed in the program and one has decided to elevate their home. Expected timeline: by the end of this year all homes in the program are expected to be purchased and the residents relocated. It should take another six to eight months after that to complete the demolition of the homes and the restoration of this area. FEMA requires that this land only be used as open space.

**Colebrook Road Storm Water Project:**

Mr. Letavic asked Darrel Becker to update the board on the progress of this project. Darrel Becker informed the BOS that Doug Lamb Construction has been working this past month and all the inlets and piping have been installed on Houser Rd and Colebrook Rd, the restoration is essentially completed. They are approximately 1/3 completed on Rt 230. By the end of September this project should be virtually completed.

**Arts Grant:**

We have applied for an Arts Grant through the Pennsylvania Dept of the Council of the Arts, this grant would be used to help offset the cost of our summer playground program and start a summer concert program in 2008. This is a \$10,000 matching grant.

**2008 Proposed Budget:**

The first draft of the 2008 proposed budget is available for your review. The proposal does not anticipate a tax increase; this is the 14<sup>th</sup> year in a row that we have produced a balanced budget without a tax rate increase.

**Met-Ed Resolution:**

Change two street lights from mercury vapor to high pressure sodium.

Supervisor LeHew made a motion to approve Met-Ed's resolution to change two street lights from mercury vapor to high pressure sodium, Supervisor Kopp seconded motion, motion carried.

**Fire Police Appointment:**

Bart Shellenhamer requested that the BOS appoint Eric Shaeffer to the Fire Police.

Supervisor Kopp made a motion to appoint Eric Shaeffer to the Fire Police, Supervisor LeHew seconded motion, motion carried.

6. **Treasurer's Report** – Chris Feese

Ms. Feese asked for the approval of payment of invoices from the General Fund, Golf Course, Escrow, Payment in Lieu of Fund and Liquid Fuels in the following amounts:

August Accounts Payable:

General Fund: \$ 51,001.88

Golf Course: \$ 80,088.08

Escrow Fund: \$ 527.91

Liquid Fuels: \$ 89,305.44

September Accounts Payable:

General Fund: \$ 48,630.64

Golf Course: \$ 45,649.99

Escrow Fund: \$ 955.25

Payment in Lieu of Fund: \$ 2,691.00

Liquid Fuels: \$ 778.95

Vice Chair Doherty made a motion to approve funds for payment of invoices, Supervisor Kopp seconded motion, motion carried.

7. **Department Reports**

**Codes & Zoning** – James K. Foreman

John Hess Hill Island Property - Carolyn Akers presented a waiver request to not list adjacent property owner's phone numbers on this plan.

Vice Chair Doherty made a motion to approve the waiver request of not listing adjacent property owner's phone numbers on the John Hess Hill Island Property plan, Supervisor LeHew seconded motion, motion carried.

John Hess Hill Island Property - Carolyn Akers presented a lot add on plan to take approximately 5 acres from a 10 acre plot and add it to an adjoining parcel. John Hess will own the remaining approximately 5 acres and the 5 acres taken off will be attached to a parcel owned by Harvey Phillips and Lourie A. Boyer.

Supervisor LeHew made a motion to approve the lot add on plan to take approximately 5 acres from a 10 acre plot and add it to an adjoining parcel. John Hess will own the remaining approximately 5 acres and the 5 acres taken off will be attached to a parcel owned by Harvey Phillips and Lourie A. Boyer, Vice Chair Doherty seconded motion, motion carried.

**Resolution 2007-3** Amend the Fee Schedule to set the rate at \$350 plus advertising costs for an application for a Zoning Change.

Supervisor LeHew made a motion to approve **Resolution 2007-3** Amending the Fee Schedule to set the rate at \$350 plus advertising costs for an application for a Zoning Change, Vice Chair Doherty seconded motion, motion carried.

**Public Works** – John Kesler – No report

**EMA Report** – Sam Naples - No report

**Fire Department** - Bart Shellenhamer

Mr. Shellenhamer informed the BOS that the Fire Department is moving forward with the Building Project.

**Golf Course Report** – Mike Johnson – No report

**Solicitors Report** - Peter Henninger - No report

8. **New Business** - None

9. **Old Business** – None

Chairman Dale Adjourned Meeting @ 8:30 pm.