

MINUTES
LANCASTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 11, 2011

I. Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order, and Roll Call

The duly advertised Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors meeting was held on April 11, 2011 in the township building at 1240 Maple Avenue, Lancaster, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chair Kathy Wasong. Vice Chair Benjamin H. Bamford and Treasurer Thomas H. Schaller were present. Others in attendance included township management staff and interested parties. Ms. Wasong led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items: There were no comments.

III. Secretary's Report

The minutes of the March 14, 2011 board meeting were approved by general consent.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Schaller presented the treasurer's report as of March 31, 2011:

General Fund.....	\$3,613,238.14
Highway Aid Fund.....	411,773.10
Parks/Open Space Fund.....	32,761.48
Capital Reserve Fund.....	530,753.18
TOTAL	\$4,588,525.90

Ms. Wasong stated the treasurer's report would be filed for audit.

V. Payment of Bills

On a motion by Mr. Schaller, seconded by Mr. Bamford, the board unanimously approved the payment of bills (March 15–April 11, 2011):

General Fund.....	\$461,889.89
Escrow Fund	1,272.15
Highway Aid Fund.....	5,346.48
Parks/Open Space Fund.....	11,247.11
Capital Reserve Fund.....	440.25
TOTAL	\$480,195.88

VI. Reports

A. Lancaster Township Fire Department: Mr. Schaller reported 37 calls for March making a 2011 year-to-date total of 131 calls.

B. Lafayette Fire Company: There were eight calls answered on the east side of Lancaster Township.

C. Police: Officer Michael Kuntz was present. William M. Laudien, township manager, noted there were 18 false alarm citations issued in March which was the first month of the new alarm program. Ms. Wasong asked for a monthly report showing the locations of any speed citations issued.

D. Sewer and Other Reports: These reports are available for public inspection at this meeting and during regular business hours.

E. Recycling Report: January: 15.65%; February: 16.75%.

D. Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee: Ms. Wasong reported the next meeting is April 13, which is the LIMC's annual dinner meeting at The Barn. This meeting is also John Ahlfeld's retirement dinner after 22 years of service. The next meeting is May 10 at East Lampeter, 7:30AM.

VII. Announcements

- A. Next Regular Board Meeting:** May 19, 2011, 7:00PM, workshop at 6:00PM.

VIII. Old Business:

A. 1411 Columbia Avenue

Mr. Bamford moved, Mr. Schaller seconded, and the board unanimously recommended forwarding an amended zoning request (currently O/P; initial request to rezone C-3; later amended to request C-2) to the Lancaster Township Planning Commission and the Lancaster County Planning Commission.

B. Ordinance No. 2011-03

The board presented this ordinance which amends township code and the official zoning map to reflect changes as they apply to restaurants, taverns, and convenience stores including definitions and allowance for gas pumps. The board will act on the ordinance at its May 9, 2011 meeting.

IX. Planning/Zoning Business: There was no planning and zoning business.

X. New Business

A. Annexation into Pequea Township

Mr. Laudien explained the situation with 27 properties in the Mill Race area that have successfully gotten on the ballot of the May 17 primary election. The board unanimously stated that they oppose the annexation. It will mean a combined loss of income to both the township and School District of Lancaster of approximately \$400,000. This can only result in higher taxes for township residents. The School District of Lancaster is legally challenging the action. All township voters are urged to vote against annexation and urge their neighbors to do the same. If it is approved at the primary, that is the final word. It *does not* go on to the general election. The property owners were not being completely honest about their motives when presenting petitions to the voters. The primary motivation for the Mill Race property owners is not wanting to be a part of the School District of Lancaster. If this passes, other areas of the township may decide to follow suit, which ultimately could be devastating to Lancaster Township. Again, the board urged township residents to vote against this annexation. It only takes 50% plus one vote to pass.

XI. Guest Recognition and Participation

● Tom Sponaule, Hillcrest Road, had his question about taxes answered and also inquired what happens if Pequea Township votes in favor? The answer is nothing unless Lancaster Township approves it by that 50% plus one vote margin. Mr. Bamford reported that the School District of Lancaster is diligently working on this with fliers, etc.; however, the city has no vote on the matter. Mr. Sponaule is worried about the snowball effect. Representatives opposed to the annexation will be at the polls to explain the ramifications of this change to voters.

XII. Executive Session

The board held an executive session from 7:30PM to 8:00PM to discuss personnel issues.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

William M. Laudien, Secretary

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