

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Minutes—August 8, 2011

Chair Kathleen M. Wasong led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: PETITION FROM WHEATLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1125 COLUMBIA AVENUE, TO AMEND THE LANCASTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCREASE LOT COVERAGE IN THE R-1 DISTRICT

At 7:02PM, Ms. Wasong opened the hearing. Mr. Schaller made a motion to table and continue this hearing at the September 19, 2011 board of supervisors meeting. Ms. Wasong seconded the motion which carried.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, CALL TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL

The duly advertised Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors meeting was held on August 8, 2011 in the township building at 1240 Maple Avenue, Lancaster, PA. Chair Kathleen M. Wasong called the meeting to order. Vice Chair Benjamin H. Bamford was excused from the meeting. Treasurer Thomas H. Schaller was present. Others in attendance included township management staff and interested parties.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: There were no comments.

III. SECRETARY’S REPORT

The minutes of the July 11, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting were approved by general consent.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Schaller presented the following figures as of July 31, 2011:

General Fund	\$3,983,706.19
Highway Aid Fund	639,851.26
Parks/Open Space Fund.....	27,580.01
Capital Reserve Fund	<u>523,267.88</u>
TOTAL.....	\$5,174,405.34

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

V. PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by Mr. Schaller, seconded by Ms. Wasong, the board approved the payment of bills (7/12/11–8/08/11):

General Fund	\$172,692.81
Escrow Fund.....	1,501.66
Highway Aid Fund	5,031.40
Parks/Open Space Fund.....	1,989.47
Capital Reserve Fund	<u>232.50</u>
TOTAL.....	\$181,447.84

VI. REPORTS

- A. Lancaster Township Fire Department:** There were 34 calls for the month of July for a year-to-date total of 280 calls on the west side of the township.
- B. Lafayette Fire Company:** There were nine calls in July for the east side of the township.

- C. **Police:** No officer was present and there were no comments.
- D. **Sewer/Other Reports:** These reports are available during regular business hours.
- E. **Recycling Report:** The June recycling rate was 14.73% which includes 2.06 tons of cardboard, 7,809 bags of yard waste, and 644 bundles of yard waste.
- F. **Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee:** The July 13 meeting was held in Lancaster City. There was discussion on the Humane League's rate increase for 2012, State Bill #899 (a resolution was passed opposing its passage), and progress on the search for a new executive director. The next meeting will be September 14 in the Manheim Township offices.

VII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. **The next board meeting will be held September 19, 2011, 7:00PM, with the workshop at 6:00PM.** It was noted that this meeting is one week later than the normal board schedule.
- B. **Emergency Homeowners Mortgage Assistance** is available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Brochures are available in the township office.

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:** There was none.

IX. **PLANNING/ZONING BUSINESS**

- A. **Ordinance No. 2011-05:** There was no action taken on this ordinance, which would allow an increase in lot coverage within the R-1 District.
- B. **LTPC #187—Lennar Construction, Request for Reduction in Letter of Credit**
Mr. Schaller moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board approved a reduction in the letter of credit of \$1,092,227.00 leaving a balance of \$626,093.00 as recommended in a letter of August 4, 2011 from the township engineer, which is adequate to cover remaining costs.
- C. **LTPC #237—Southern Village Final Land Development Plan, Phase IIIA**
Mr. Schaller moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board gave conditional approval of the above-mentioned plan subject to the comments of RETTEW Associates, Inc. in a letter dated July 21, 2011.
- D. **City of Lancaster Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion, Subdivision and Land Development Plan**
 1. Mr. Schaller moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board approved modification of the requirement for the preliminary plan process and to proceed directly to the final land development plan;
 2. Mr. Schaller moved, Ms. Wasong, seconded, and the board approved modification of the requirement to include an outlet structure to permit draining the basin to a completely dry position within 24 hours.
 3. Mr. Schaller moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board conditionally approved the land development plan subject to the comments of RETTEW Associates, Inc. and satisfactory completion.

X. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Penn Manor School District Request for Tax Exoneration**
Mr. Schaller moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board approved a request to

exonerate back property taxes in the amount of \$1,153.38. Interest (\$208.44) cannot be waived as per state law.

B. Request for Handicapped Parking Space

Mr. Schaller moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board approved a request for a handicapped parking space at 1156 Jamaica Road.

C. Appointments to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Steering Committee

Mr. Schaller moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board appointed Suzanne B. Teske and Kathleen M. Wasong to the CDBG Steering Committee.

XI. GUEST RECOGNITION AND PARTICIPATION

*Peggie Miller, Valley Road, suggested that the signs at the entrances to the township be replaced or repainted as they are quite faded. The township will look into it, but cost is a big consideration.

*William Laudien, township manager, noted that the signs at Martin Elementary School are permitted, without expiration, and will be reinstalled. *Bill Worley, Bean Hill Road, inquired why it would take four people to paint one fire hydrant, as he witnessed. Lancaster City owns the fire hydrants and it was city staff doing the painting, not township staff. *Bernie Sylvester, Lafayette Fire Company (LFC), informed the board that solicitation letters were sent to east side residents without prior township approval. Mr. Schaller said that as long as the letter was limited to LFC's capital campaign, the board has no problem with it. He emphasized that by agreement, township residents could not be solicited for any other reason. Mr. Sylvester noted there would be 2 follow-up letters; one in mid-December and one in June 2012. Ms. Wasong asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Laudien describing the parameters of said campaign and letters. It was further requested that a letter be sent to township businesses with long-term contribution commitments to LFC explaining that they will not be held to any future agreement if LFC no longer serves Lancaster Township.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Wasong announced there was an executive session (for personnel matters) held on August 4.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business brought forward, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Laudien, Secretary