

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Minutes—December 10, 2012

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

The duly advertised Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors meeting was held on December 10, 2012 in the township building at 1240 Maple Avenue, Lancaster, PA. Chair Benjamin H. Bamford called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Vice Chair Thomas H. Schaller, Treasurer Kathleen M. Wasong, and Township Manager William M. Laudien were also present. Others in attendance included township staff and interested parties. Mr. Bamford led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

III. Secretary’s Report: Ms. Wasong moved, Mr. Schaller seconded, and with a date change, the minutes of the November 12, 2012 board meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. Treasurer’s Report

Ms. Wasong presented the report with the following amounts as of November 30, 2012:

General Fund.....	\$5,302,408.93
Highway Aid Fund.....	522,865.36
Parks/Open Space Fund	19,333.24
Capital Reserve Fund.....	1,305,463.33
TOTAL	\$7,150,070.86

Mr. Bamford stated the treasurer’s report would be filed for audit.

V. Payment of Bills

On a motion by Ms. Wasong, seconded by Mr. Schaller, the board approved the payment of bills (11/13/12–12/10/12):

General Fund.....	\$249,281.30
Escrow Fund	8,637.26
Highway Aid Fund.....	4,553.06
Parks Fund	240.14
Capital Reserve Fund.....	-0-
TOTAL	\$262,711.76

VI. Reports

A. Lancaster Township Fire Department: Mr. Schaller reported 46 calls for service in November for a year-to-date total of 457 calls. Mr. Schaller then read a letter of praise for and gratitude to the LTFD for immediate assistance and courtesy to a township couple who included a donation with their correspondence. Mr. Schaller noted the all-volunteer fire department is a “very professional” group. As an example of their commitment to the safety of residents, 27 volunteers responded to six calls on Thanksgiving Day, leaving their own family celebrations to serve this community.

B. Lafayette Fire Company: There were eight calls to the east side in November.

- C. **Police:** Officer in Charge Michael Piacentino went over the November report which is available on the back table. Officer Dan Sweigart received a commendation this week for his handling of a problem with an emotionally disturbed individual. Officer Sweigart spent the necessary time with this person to calm and diffuse a volatile situation. Mr. Laudien added that all of the township assigned officers are doing a tremendous job and put themselves at risk regularly (we had an officer injured this week). Ms. Wasong applauded the work of Officer Piacentino.
- D. **Sewer, and Subsidiary Reports:** These reports are available for public inspection at this meeting and during regular business hours.
- E. **Recycling Report:** The recycling rate for October 2012 was 15.58%. Also collected were 2,650 bags of yard waste and 113 yard waste bundles. Leaf pickup will end December 21, 2012.
- F. **Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee:** Ms. Wasong announced the resignation of Michael LaSala, the LIMC Executive Director. He will, however, continue working on a part time basis. The organization will continue and begin a search for a new executive director. Ms. Wasong then detailed some of the many good things Mr. LaSala has done for the LIMC. His knowledge and guidance has furthered the organization's goals and he will be missed.

VII. Announcements

- A. **Next Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors Meetings:** Monday, January 7, 2013: Workshop at 5:30PM; Reorganization Meeting at 6:30PM; Regular Meeting at 7:00PM
- B. **Board of Auditors Annual Meeting:** Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 7:00PM

VIII. Old Business: There was none.

IX. Planning/Zoning Business:

- A. **LTPC #240—Kensington club of PA LLC, Request for Modification**
Mr. Schaller moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board unanimously approved a request to defer any additional rights-of-way on Parcel D-2 along Wabank Road and Bean Hill Road until this parcel is developed.
- B. **LTPC #246—Wheatland Presbyterian Church**
Ms. Wasong moved, Mr. Schaller seconded, and the board unanimously approved the Lot Add-On and Subdivision and Land Development Plan, which was recommended by the Lancaster Township Planning Commission.

X. New Business

- A. **Ordinance No. 2012-07**
Mr. Schaller moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board unanimously approved the installation of a stop sign on the southeast corner of Atkins Avenue at Elm Avenue, resulting in a three-way stop intersection. This ordinance was presented at the November 12 board meeting.
- B. **Resolution No. 2012-12**
Mr. Schaller moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board unanimously set the real estate tax rate for 2013 at .6 mils (\$.0006).

C. Resolution No. 2012-13

Ms. Wasong moved, Mr. Schaller seconded, and the board unanimously adopted the proposed 2013 annual budget. Mr. Schaller noted this is a reasonable, rational budget. The board thanked township staff for all they do to prepare and stay within budget.

D. Resolution No. 2012-14

Ms. Wasong moved, Mr. Schaller seconded, and the board unanimously authorized the balancing of all accounts for fiscal year 2012.

E. Resolution No. 2012-15

Mr. Schaller moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board unanimously appointed Metro Bank as a depository for Lancaster Township funds.

XI. Guest Recognition and Participation

•Five students from Lancaster Catholic High School were acknowledged and welcomed by Mr. Bamford. They were attending the meeting as a part of their government class. •Peggie Miller, Valley Road, stated she was impressed with the 2013 budget and found it very readable and understandable, particularly in public works. Ms. Wasong said the long-term planning for public works was Mr. Laudien's initiative. Everyone was wished a Merry Christmas.

XII. Executive Session

The board held an executive session from 5:00–6:00PM for personnel reasons.

XIII. Adjournment

With no other business brought forward, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Laudien, Secretary