

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, December 12, 2016

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

The duly advertised Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors meeting was held on Monday, December 12, 2016 in the township building at 1240 Maple Avenue, Lancaster, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by Chair Thomas H. Schaller. Vice Chair Kathleen M. Wasong, Treasurer Benjamin H. Bamford, and Township Manager William M. Laudien were also present. Others in attendance included township staff and interested parties. Mr. Schaller led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the November 14, 2016 board meeting were approved by general consent.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Bamford presented the treasurer's report as of November 2016:

General Fund.....	\$5,696,332.06
Highway Aid Fund.....	264,489.96
Parks Fund	43,376.58
Capital Reserve Fund.....	1,348,653.47
TOTAL	\$7,352,852.07

Mr. Schaller stated the treasurer's report would be filed for audit.

V. PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by Mr. Bamford, seconded by Ms. Wasong, the board unanimously approved the payment of bills (November 14, 2016–December 12, 2016):

General Fund.....	\$221,626.10
Escrow Fund	10,412.00
State Highway Fund.....	19,734.85
Parks Fund	255.52
Capital Reserve Fund.....	-0-
TOTAL	\$252,028.47

VI. REPORTS

- A. Lancaster Township Fire Department:** Chief Ron Comfort Jr. reported there were thirty-three calls in the township, with fourteen calls for mutual aid, during the month of November 2016, making a year-to-date total of 442 calls. He also commented that Santa was making his way around the township.
- B. Lafayette Fire Company:** There were nine calls answered on the east side of Lancaster Township during the month of November 2016.
- C. Police:** Officer Michael Piacentino gave an overview of the November 2016 police report.
- D. Sewer/Other Reports:** Reports are available for public inspection at the meeting and during regular business hours.
- E. Recycling Report:** November 2016: not available

- F. Lancaster Intermunicipal Committee Report:** Mr. Laudien reported that the LIMC will be holding its annual breakfast meeting for municipal officials at Manor Township, Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 8:00am.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Leaf pickup:** Final week for leaf pickup on non-signed streets is December 12-16, 2016. Details are on the township's website. Beginning December 23rd, residents on signed streets will not have to move vehicles and can park without fines.
- B. Office closed:** Friday and Monday, December 23 and 26, 2016, and Monday, January 2, 2017.
- C. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting:** Tuesday, January 3, 2017, workshop at 5:30PM; reorganization meeting at 6:30PM; regular meeting at 7:00PM, Lancaster Township.
- D. Board of Auditors Annual Meeting:** Wednesday, January 4, 2017, 5:30PM, Lancaster Township.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

IX. PLANNING AND ZONING BUSINESS

- A. LTPC #259—City of Lancaster Operations Center**
Mr. Bamford moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board unanimously approved a request from the City of Lancaster for an extension of time, until March 13, 2017, for the approval of the Land Development Plan for the City of Lancaster Operations Center. This request was submitted in a letter dated November 30, 2016.
- B. LTPC #158—LGHP Family Medicine Abbeyville (Family Practice Associates)**
Ms. Wasong moved, Mr. Bamford seconded, and the board unanimously approved a request from LGHP Family Medicine Abbeyville (Family Practice Associates) to release their letter of credit in the amount \$770.00. This request was submitted in an email dated November 30, 2016.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Sanitary Sewer Line Easement**
Mr. Bamford moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board unanimously approved a request for an easement to allow the City of Lancaster to relocate the sanitary sewer line from being attached to Columbia Avenue Bridge onto the Maple Grove Community Building parking lot.
- B. Resolution No. 2016-18**
Ms. Wasong moved, and Mr. Bamford seconded the approval of Res2016-18, setting the Lancaster Township real property tax levy for fiscal year 2017 at 1.2 mills (0.0012). Mr. Schaller opposed the motion.
- C. Resolution No. 2016-19**
Mr. Bamford moved, and Ms. Wasong seconded the approval of Res2016-19, adopting the Lancaster Township annual budget for 2017, noting a revenue increase from .6 mills up to a total of 1.2 mills. Mr. Schaller opposed the motion.

D. Resolution No. 2016-20

Ms. Wasong moved, Mr. Bamford seconded, and the board unanimously approved the balance of all accounts for fiscal year 2016.

XI. GUEST RECOGNITION AND PARTICIPATION

- **Theresa Stoeckl, Southern Village:** Ms. Stoeckl came before the board again regarding dog waste. It is a health issue and environmental one. Why is the dog ordinance so lenient? On the MS4 thing it says there is supposed to be public education, outreach, and public participation. One of the things you can do is clean up after your dogs. Ms. Wasong asked Mr. Daniels if the ordinance requires people to clean up after their dogs. Mr. Daniels stated that on other people's property, yes, but it does not include your own property. Ms. Wasong said she does not dismiss the problem, and she is open to suggestions. Ms. Stoeckl said to change the dog ordinance, and then do public outreach. Ms. Wasong stated that we have had articles in the newsletter before. Mr. Laudien said that it would be emphasized in our newsletter again in April. It does come up from time to time, and we have gone to the property owners, but there is a limitation on what we are able to enforce on private property. We do a pretty good job of addressing the most egregious situations when we can. Ms. Stoeckl again suggested changing the ordinance to say clean up after your dog everywhere he goes, each and every time he goes. Mr. Laudien pointed out that while that may be an excellent suggestion, it would be an impractical law to adequately enforce. Mr. Bamford said that it occurs to him that not everyone has a dog, and asked Ms. Stoeckl if she has a neighbor that she thinks is having a problem. Ms. Stoeckl indicated she has five dogs in her immediate surroundings. Mr. Laudien pointed out that specific to this case, Mr. Daniels has been out to these properties and talked to the residents—there does not seem to be any egregious problems. Mr. Schaller also stated that we do not have the man power to enforce such a law, and we need to be reasonable on how we spend money in the township. Ms. Wasong reiterated that information on this issue would be placed in the next newsletter.
- **Paul Groff, Southern Village:** I hear what she (Ms. Stoeckl) is saying. How do you go onto a person's property legally, and inspect it? Ms. Wasong said you can't, and Mr. Groff said he can't either. Mr. Groff asked how he addresses an issue like that. Ms. Wasong said he would have to contact the attorney for the HOA. Mr. Groff pointed out that somebody has to have pictures as proof, and Ms. Wasong agreed. Ms. Stoeckl questioned that they have to go around and take pictures of dog waste. Ms. Wasong pointed out that it is part of the burden of proof.

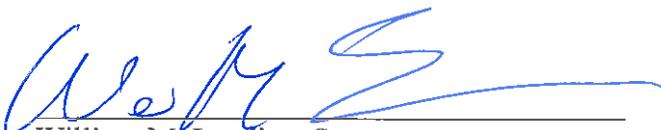
XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held to discuss personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,



William M. Laudien, Secretary