

West Earl Township Board of Supervisors, 157 West Metzler Road, Brownstown, PA 17508

In Attendance:

Chairman:	Dale Wissler	Member:	Harold Keppley, Jr.
Vice Chairman:	John Ford	Manager/Secretary:	Kevin Tobias
Member:	Richard Stover		

Russell Ressler was absent.

Call to Order

Chairman Wissler called the February 24, 2014 regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Public Comment/Guests

- **Ron Hershey, Hershey Surveying** – Storm water management waiver for 170 and 176 Chapel Lane. Mr. Hershey is representing the owners of 170 & 176 Chapel Lane. 170 Chapel Lane (currently a vacant lot) is owned by Phil & Sandra Hursh and 176 Chapel Lane is owned by Scott & Chun Woytera. Mr. & Mrs. Woytera have acquired a building permit but would like to make the planned, detached garage slightly larger. Mr. & Mrs. Hursh also plan to build a home at 170 Chapel Lane. Mr. Hershey said that several surrounding homes in the development have similar lot coverage to what is planned for 170 & 176 Chapel Lane and the owners are requesting a waiver from providing any additional storm water management improvements above and beyond what was originally planned for the subdivision. Mr. Hershey feels that the additional impervious area that would be added would not cause an issue in the current storm water management system. Chairman Wissler said that he's never seen any water in the storm water basin. A brief discussion of the storm water management for the development followed. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Chairman Wissler to approve the waiver of providing additional storm water management for 170 & 176 Chapel Lane. Keppley-yes, Wissler-yes, Stover-yes, Ford-no. Motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote.

Approval of Minutes

Member Keppley noted that on page 3, under the Supervisors' Comments heading, he was going to speak to Corey Rathman from Becker Engineering, not Mr. Earl Hurst. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Keppley to approve the February 10, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

- **Employee dental insurance** – Mr. Tobias compiled information for the Board's review. Included is information on the cost of the current dental insurance compared with the previous dental insurance. Several employees have dentists that do not accept the current insurance.
- **Eagleview Park Re-bid** – The Board reviewed the plans for the Eagleview Park. Member Keppley asked if the pavilion will be part of the bid. Mr. Tobias said that \$30,000, a donation from the Eagleview HOA, is set aside for the pavilion. Member Keppley said that the pavilion should probably be included with the rest of the work that is being bid. The Board agreed the pavilion will be included in the re-bid. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Vice Chairman Ford to advertise the re-bid of the Eagleview Park project contingent upon the review by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Motion approved unanimously.

Police Chief's Report

- **Volunteer** – Chief Brandt said that Patrick Barrett is interested in volunteering in the Police Department. Chief Brandt will be sending Mr. Barrett for some basic Chaplain training at a cost of approximately \$300. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Keppley to allow Patrick Barrett to volunteer in the Police Department. Motion approved unanimously.

- **Parking tickets** – The Police Department issued 19 parking tickets during the recent snow emergency.
- **Crossing guard** – Chief Brandt said that one of the school crossing guards is moving out of the area so he is looking to hire a new, part-time crossing guard.

#### Public Works Director's Report

In addition to his written report, Jim Houser reported the following:

- **Street sweeping** – is scheduled for March 26, 27 & 28.
- **Bids** – The mowing bid and road materials bid are both due by March 7<sup>th</sup>. The shop roof replacement bid is due by March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Snow plow repair** – The repair to one of the snow plows cost \$658 and was done in-house. The plow is ready to go for the next snow storm.

#### Manager's Report

- **Sheetz renovations** – Mr. Tobias provided a copy of the proposed sidewalk agreement between Sheetz Inc. and the Township for the Board's review.
- **Cocalico Creek Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Plan Baseline** – The Township received a request from Ephrata Borough to join other Municipalities and share the cost of preparing a study of the Cocalico Creek. Mr. Tobias provided some background information for the Board to review. The study will cost \$18,000 and the Township's share would be \$2,086. Member Keppley asked if this study is required. Mr. Tobias said that it is required. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Keppley to pay up to \$2,086 for the Cocalico Creek pollutant study. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Draft refuse/recycling contract** – Mr. Tobias provided copies for the Board to review. The Board will schedule a workshop to further discuss the proposed contract. Mr. Tobias will choose some dates for the workshop and get back to the Board members.
- **Act 167 Storm Water Management Ordinance** – The Ordinance must be enacted by May 2014. Mr. Tobias said that a meeting needs to take place in order to finalize the language in the Ordinance. The Board will meet with the Planning Commission and Township staff to discuss and finalize the Ordinance.
- **Rec Centers of Lancaster County bike ride** – The bike ride will take place on June 22, 2014. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Chairman Wissler to approve the use of Township roads for the Rec Centers of Lancaster County bike ride on June 22, 2013. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Correspondence

- **Lancaster Co Assoc of Township Supervisors** – A dinner is scheduled for Monday, March 31, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Lancaster Co Solid Waste Management Authority** – The public officials' breakfast will be on Thursday, March 20, 2014.
- **PSATS** – The Public Officials' Academy class that is scheduled for March 4, 2014 will also be offered at

the upcoming PSATS convention.

- **Fire Escrow** – Mr. Tobias provided a copy of a draft Fire Escrow Ordinance for the Board's review.

#### Payment of Bills

Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Stover to pay the bills as presented. Motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote with Member Keppley abstaining due to personal interest.

#### Public Comment/Guests

**Jim Houser** – The cost of snow removal is currently \$202 over what was budgeted for 2014.

#### Supervisors' Comments

**John Ford** – Member Ford asked Jim Houser if he's talked to anyone about the graffiti on the overpass bridge. Mr. Houser has contacted Penn Dot about the graffiti.

**Harold Keppley** – Member Keppley said that the Board needs to discuss the possible sidewalk extension on S. State Street. The Township's Engineer should also be involved in the discussion. Member Keppley said that the possibility of adopting a Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance should probably be discussed as well and suggested doing this after the refuse/recycling contract workshop.

#### Adjournment

Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Keppley to adjourn the February 24, 2014 regular meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.