

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

In Attendance:

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

Member Russell Ressler was absent.

Call to Order

Chairman Keppley called the February 8, 2010, Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment/Guests

Jim Wentz was seeking permission from the Board to paint directional signs on certain roads in the Township for the Rotary Club's 6th annual bike ride on May 8, 2010. Chairman Keppley asked that Mr. Wentz send a letter to the police chief informing him of the bike ride. Moved by Member Ford, second by Member Stover to grant permission for the bike ride contingent upon Mr. Wentz sending a letter to the police chief. Motion approved unanimously.

Eddie Oberholtzer from the Bareville Fire Company was asking permission to close a portion of Rt. 23 in the Township for the Lancaster County Fireman's Association parade on June 5, 2010. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Ford to grant permission to hold the parade contingent upon the Township's receipt of an insurance liability certificate naming the Township as a certificate holder, and sending a letter to the police chief notifying him of the event. Motion approved unanimously.

Ray Yecker from Cedar Avenue asked if antiskid could be spread on Cedar Avenue because the street was very icy. Mr. Houser left the meeting to spread material on Cedar Avenue. Mr. Yecker thanked the Board.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Stover, second by Member Ford to approve the January 25, 2010, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Subdivision/Land Development

Lion's Club Restroom Project Waiver Request – Moved by Member Ford, second by Chairman Keppley to grant a waiver of the land development process. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Stover to adopt Resolution No. 2010-10, reestablishing fees for the review of subdivision and land development plans and for the inspection of improvements required to be constructed as a part of a subdivision or land development; and reestablishing fees for miscellaneous Township permits and services. Motion approved unanimously.

Manager's Report

- **Cloverbrook Lot #1, financial security release** – Moved by Member Ford, second by Member Wissler to release the financial security for the Cloverbrook, Lot #1 project. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Easement agreement with the West Earl Sewer Authority** – Moved by Member Ford, second by Chairman Keppley to sign an agreement with the West Earl Sewer Authority giving them an easement to the Lion's Club Park restroom sewer connection. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Census Bureau request to use meeting space at the Township Building** – Moved by Member Ford, second by Member Stover to allow the Census Bureau to use Township meeting space as per their fax to the Township dated 01/28/2010. Motion approved unanimously.

- Mr. Barrett spoke about the favorable rating the Township received from Standard & Poor's regarding the Sewer Authority refinancing. He said besides his conversation with the representatives from Standard & Poor's, the rating agency also looked at the Township's audited statements for the last two years. The audited statements for past two years or so have been very much in order and a large part of that is due to Brenda keeping an orderly set of books.
- **Joint Official Map** – Mr. Barrett said he received an email from Ralph Hutchison, East Lampeter Township Manager, informing him that East Lampeter Township will be joining with Upper Leacock Township, CV School District and the County to develop a joint official map. What is the Board's position on this matter? After a discussion, the Board said that they were cautiously intrigued by the proposition of a joint official map.
- **Akron Storm Water** – Mr. Barrett briefed the Board on the request from Akron Borough to discharge storm water to a swale in Eagleview. Rettew has looked at the proposed flow and determined that there is capacity in the Eagleview storm water management system to accommodate the Akron flow. Mr. Barrett mentioned that the Eagleview Homeowners Association should probably have to agree to the additional storm water flow since they are required to maintain the system.

account. Use of the constable would free up officers for shift duties. The Supervisors agreed with the Chief's idea.

Chief Brandt also informed the Board that he is sending Sergeant Ruth to a conference in Columbus, Ohio. Costs for the conference, except the registration fee of \$125.00, will be reimbursed to the Township.

The Chief said his volunteer program has been reviewed by the Township's insurance carrier and the Township solicitor. Chief Brandt is looking for volunteers to help out with clerical duties and minor complaints. The volunteer program is ready to be implemented. The Board suggested starting the program gradually with one or two volunteers.

Chief Brandt asked the Board if the meeting room could be used for an umpires meeting on May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Moved by Chairman Keppley, second by Member Stover to allow the use of the meeting room for the umpires meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Member Stover and Member Ford thanked Mr. Houser and the Public Works Department for all their hard work during the last snowstorm.

The meeting was recessed at 8:55 p.m. The Supervisors then moved to an executive session at 9:00 p.m. The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

Public Works Director Report

Mr. Houser reported that the public works department has been repairing equipment damaged in the last snowstorm. He has also been investigating an illegal water connection on Stoltzfus Avenue. Mr. Houser also mentioned the parking situation in Eagleview with the snow accumulation on the roads. After a discussion, the Board directed the Manager to contact the Solicitor about drafting a snow emergency ordinance.

Mr. Houser also reported that the CV Little League would like to use the ball field at the Lion's Club Park. The Board asked that the CV Little League submit a proposal to Township.

Payment of Bills

Moved by Chairman Keppley, second by Member Stover to pay the bills as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Brandt said that he is thinking about using the constable to transport prisoners. This could happen approximately six times a year and paid for out his general

Supervisors' Comments

Richard Stover – Asked if the zoning ordinance addressed the animated billboards. Mr. Barrett didn't think that the current zoning ordinance addressed animated billboards, but the proposed zoning ordinance did address them.

Harold Keppley – Asked how applicants knew that an occupancy permit was ready to be picked up. Mr. Barrett will investigate.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Ford, second by Member Wissler to adjourn the February 8, 2010 meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Motion approved unanimously. 