

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
Engineer:	Brian Kauffman
Member:	Richard Stover
Member:	Russell Ressler, Jr
Secretary/Manager:	Patrick Barrett

Call to Order

Chairman Keppley called the April 26, 2010, Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Guests

Constable Chris Cardascia introduced himself to the Board and described the duties of a constable. He also asked the Township for funding to pay for a taser. Mr. Cardascia also said he is in need of a vehicle and a vest. Chairman Keppley said the input of Chief Brandt would be critical to any decision the Board made regarding a constable.

Todd Cessna from 540 Millway Road spoke to the Board about a basin located on his property which has not been functioning correctly since he bought the property in 2007. Mr. Cessna said he has spoken with DEP and the Lancaster County Conservation District. He has also spoken with the developer, Bill Bashore, and has not gotten very far in resolving the problem with Mr. Bashore. He has also met with Rebecca Buchannan from the Conservation District. Mr. Barrett read an inspection report of the basin by Ms. Buchannan listing three items that needed attention. Mr. Cessna requested assistance from the Board in getting the basin repaired. Mr. Kauffman said he could direct Mr. Bashore to address the items listed by the Conservation District. The Board directed Mr. Barrett to contact Mr. Bashore and ask him to submit a repair schedule in time for the next BOS meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The Board noted that the time for the Grace Evangelical Church run was 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. not 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Moved by Member Ford, second by Member Stover to approve the April 12, 2010 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

Subdivision/Land Development

**Petition to amend the East Lampeter Township Zoning Ordinance submitted by High Properties** – Ben Bamford and Mark Stanley presented the petition. Mr. Bamford said that this petition was a revision of an earlier proposal that was reviewed by the Township and determined to be generally consistent with the Conestoga Valley Joint Comprehensive plan. Moved by Member Ford, second by Chairman Keppley to find that the petition was generally not inconsistent with the Conestoga Valley Joint Comprehensive Plan. Motion approved with Member Stover voting in the negative.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Kauffman reported that on April 9<sup>th</sup> he met at the Heckman basin with Mr. Ingham to discuss erosion issues. He said that PennDot has placed rip rap at the pipe under Rt. 222. There have been no problems with erosion since the rip rap was installed. Mr. Heckman attended the meeting and also reported that there have been no erosion problems since the installation of the rip rap. Mr. Kauffman did note that there was settlement observed over the sewer line located in the basin. The Board now considers the Ingham pond matter closed for the time being.

Public Works Director's Report

Mr. Houser reported on the theft of material from the compost facility. He said there is a good idea of who stole the material. Member Ressler asked if the pavilion could be connected to public sewer in the future. Mr. Houser said that preparations for the pavilion hook-up had been made with the connection of public sewer to the new bathrooms. However, the pavilion would still need a grinder pump. Member Stover asked what would happen to the big stump at the compost facility. Mr. Houser said the wood would be taken off the stump.

Manager's Report

The Manager presented the letter from the Veteran's Council to the Board. Moved by Member Keppley, second by Member Stover to donate \$100 to the Veteran's Council. Motion approved unanimously. The Manager read an email from Representative Scott Boyd's office regarding construction on the Main Street bridge. The Board thought someone at Representative's Boyd's office should be made aware that some pedestrian barricades would be needed on the bridge for the parade on Mother's Day. The Manager also said he would like an executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Payment of Bills

Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Ressler to pay the bills as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman Keppley asked for a recess at 8:33 p.m. The Regular Meeting resumed at 8:41 p.m.

Tom Briggs said he was disappointed by the way the snow plow incident was handled by the Township. He also said the complaint letter from Mr. Bowman was incorrect. Mr. Briggs then explained his version of the events. He said Chief Brandt was the first person to contact him about the incident. Mr. Briggs also said Mr. Barrett should have talked with him, as a Township employee, about the complaint letter. Mr. Barrett explained that incident counseling is used to prevent the incidents from happening in the future. Because Mr. Barrett's intent after receiving the complaint letter was not use Mr. Briggs in the future, incident counseling in this case would be pointless.

Supervisors' Comments

**Richard Stover** – Member Stover said there is a dump at the edge of Conestoga River along the Kingsboro Farm. The owner needs to get a letter informing him to clean up the debris. He also said Mr. Houser is looking into getting park design work done at Eagleview at no cost to the Township. Member Stover also asked who was going to the fire company meeting. It was determined that Vice Chairman Ford and Member Ressler would attend the meeting on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Farmersville Fire Company.

**Harold Keppley** – Chairman Keppley asked if anyone has been contacted about the Labor and Industry meeting. Mr. Barrett said that to his knowledge, no one has been contacted by the Zoning Officer.

The Board entered executive session at 9:35 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Ressler to adjourn the April 26, 2010 regular meeting at 10:03 p.m. Motion approved unanimously. 🗳️