

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: Russell Ressler, Jr  
Secretary/Manager: Patrick Barrett

#### Call to Order

Chairman Keppley called the May 10, 2010, Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### Public Comment/Guests

Tara Hitchens from the Lancaster County Planning Commission (LCPC) gave the Supervisors a presentation on official maps. She also discussed the Conestoga Valley official map project. She said that LCPC is looking forward to working with West Earl on the project. The project would be eligible for ten hours of free work from the County GIS Department. The ten hours would include the production of a base map. Anything beyond the ten hours would be billed out at \$15.00 per hour. The GIS Department would also require that West Earl Township, Upper Leacock Township and East Lampeter Township enter into an intermunicipal agreement with them. Tara will forward more information to Mr. Barrett on the official map.

Steve Farrah spoke to the Board about the Fidelis 5K Run on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the event would benefit Arbor Place. Mr. Farrah was requesting fire police and the closing of Snyder Road at the beginning of the race. Chief Brandt thought that N Farmersville Road should also be closed. Moved by Member Ressler, second by Ford to grant approval for the event contingent upon PennDot approving the road closure of N Farmersville Road and the submission of the appropriate insurance certificate. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Board noted several corrections to the minutes. Moved by Member Ford, second by Member Wissler to approve the April 26, 2010, meeting minutes as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Public Works Director's Report

Mr. Houser said he would like to attend a demonstration of a paving technique that might have some benefits for a couple of roads in Meadowview. He also reported that he attended a FEMA seminar on snow expense reimbursement. Member Ressler asked if the Lion's Club restrooms would be done by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Houser thought the restrooms, at the earliest, would be done by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Police Report (attached)

The Chief reported that Sergeant Ruth gave a traffic presentation at the Diamond School. There was also a request for fire police assistance during a bike ride on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Member Ford, second by Member Wissler to approve fire police assistance at the August 15<sup>th</sup> bike ride. Motion approved unanimously. Chief Brandt reported that he received a letter of resignation from Michael Vance. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Ressler to accept Michael Vance's letter of resignation. Motion approved unanimously. Finally, the Chief reported that he was notified that the Police Department is listed on the Compensation Wall of Fame.

Chairman Keppley asked the Chief to describe the sergeant's duties. The Chief said that part of his duties include reviewing reports and citations. Member Ressler asked if there are physical fitness programs for police. Chief Brandt said that physical standards, or basic physical requirements, are becoming more prevalent. Member Wissler thought the police department should be more consistent with issuing citations and warnings.

The Regular Meeting went into recess at 8:00 p.m. and resumed at 8:03 p.m.

Manager's Report

Mr. Barrett discussed the road work bid results with the Board. He also said that this year the Township participated with five other municipalities in a joint bidding effort for seal coat and microsurfacing. The result of the joint bidding was that the Township saved approximately \$22,000 in funds dedicated for road work. Moved by Member Ford, second by Member Wissler to award the in-place paving contract to Burkholder Paving. Motion approved unanimously. Moved by Member Ford, second by Member Ressler to award the FOB asphalt contract to Burkholder Paving, the FOG aggregate contract to Independence and the anti skid order to Pennsy Supply contingent upon the anti skid being the proper size, and giving the Manager the authority to contract with the next lowest anti skid bidder in case the anti skid from Pennsy Supply is not satisfactory. Motion approved unanimously. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Ford to award the seal coat contract to Hammaker East LTD. Motion approved unanimously. Moved by Member Ford, second by Chairman Keppley to award the microsurfacing contract to Stewart & Tate. Motion approved unanimously. The Manager also said he would like an executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Payment of Bills

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

Supervisors' Comments

**Dale Wissler** – Member Wissler mentioned the Locust Street parking issue. Moved by Member Ford, second by Chairman Keppley that, beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Township will begin enforcing the no-parking ordinance on both sides of Locust Street, and directing the Manager to send a letter to Locust Street residents informing them of the decision. Motion approved unanimously.

**John Ford** – informed the Board that the fire company meeting has been rescheduled.

**Harold Keppley** – Moved by Chairman Keppley, second by Member Ford to approve a mileage rate of \$.50 per mile. Motion approved unanimously. Chairman Keppley also thought the constable should be sent a letter concerning his funding request.

The Board entered executive session at 8:53 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Ford, second by Member Ressler to adjourn the May 10, 2010 regular meeting at 9:47 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.