

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

In Attendance:

Chairman:	Harold Keppley, Jr.	Member:	Russell Ressler, Jr
Vice Chairman:	John Ford	Member:	Richard Stover
Member:	Dale Wissler		

Call to Order

Chairman Keppley called the June 14, 2010, Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment/Guests

None

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Ford noted one addition to the May 24, 2010 meeting minutes. The Board entered executive session to **discuss a personnel matter**. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Ressler to approve the May 24, 2010 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

Subdivision/Land Development

Lift, Inc. – consideration of the stormwater management agreement. Moved by Member Stover, second by Member Wissler to sign the stormwater management agreement for Lift, Inc. Motion approved unanimously.

Norman Nolt Plan – Financial security reduction request No. 1. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Wissler to release all of the financial security for the Norman Nolt project. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

Holding Tank Agreement – Robert & Victoria Cunningham, 135 Brian Drive. The Board discussed public sewer service in the Oregon Pike/Brian Development area. Member Wissler said that the installation of public sewer in that area is supposed to begin in 2012 and be finished in 2013. The Board discussed the on lot septic systems in the Brian Development and all the problems that residents are having with their systems. The idea of just bringing public sewer to the development sooner than 2012 was discussed. Member Wissler will bring up the idea at the next Sewer Authority meeting. Moved by Member Ressler, second by Member Wissler to approve the Holding Tank Agreement for Robert & Victoria Cunningham. Motion approved unanimously.

Water shut-off list for sewer – The Board reviewed the list of water shut-offs for unpaid sewer bills. Moved by Chairman Keppley, second by Vice Chairman Ford to approve the water shut off list. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Works Director's Report

- **Traffic light repair** – CM High will be repairing the thermostats on the traffic lights at W. Main & State St. and 772 & 222. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Ressler to approve the repairs. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Locust Street** – Mr. Houser reported that there have been some issues east of Marlou Avenue with the no-parking regulation. The Police have written some parking tickets.
- **“Watch Children” sign** – The sign for Dogwood Drive will be installed in the near future. Mr. Houser and the Board discussed posting a speed limit sign for that neighborhood because of the speeding problem that was discussed at a previous meeting. Chief Brandt said that an Officer could call the offender and talk to them about the speeding, and let them know that the Police Department will be watching the area. The Board agreed that would be a logical solution to the problem.
- **Park bathroom** – The old park bathroom building will be torn down. Sylvan Fisher would like to have some of the siding and the garage door from the old building. Chairman Keppley said that the garage door could be taken to the County Auction. The Board agreed that the garage door should be taken to the auction.

- **Lawnmower** – Mr. Houser reported that Butch Garnett's lawnmower was recently repaired for \$1,100.
- **New park bathroom** – The new bathroom is being painted by the Lions Club.
- **Internet service** – During the recent Talmage project, Bulldog Construction had internet service and 3 phones installed in the area of the treatment plant on Locust Street. Now that the Talmage project is finished, those lines will be available for the Township's use at the treatment plant and compost site on Locust Street.

Police Chief's Report

- Chief Brandt requested an executive session at the end of the regular meeting to discuss a personnel matter.
- **Sonic left turn** – PennDot has recommended some signs be installed at the Oregon Pike entrance to Sonic. Sonic has had a month to install the signs and have not done it yet. The Police Dept. will now begin to cite people for making left turns into Sonic from Oregon Pike.
- **Police vehicle state inspection** – Chief Brandt said that the Police Department has been taking its vehicles to Enck's to get inspected; however, Enck's is getting expensive. The Chief would like to take the vehicles to Horst's instead.
- **Automatic Electronic Defibrillator** – The Police Department will receive a defibrillator from the Lancaster Heart Foundation.
- **Tractor trailers, brake retarders** – Chief Brandt has been receiving complaints about very big, loud trucks driving through the Township using their brake retarders. He said that Officer Stancavage is now a certified weigh master and would be able to weigh the trucks. Good's Disposal has given the Police Department permission to use its scales during business hours. This may help to stop the trucks from driving through the Township.
- **Fire Police request** – House of His Creation motorcycle ride, June 27, 2010 on Log Cabin and Rose Hill Roads. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Ressler to allow the Fire Police to help with the House of His Creation event on June 27, 2010. Motion approved unanimously.

Manager's Report (attached)

The Board reviewed the written reported provided by Mr. Barrett.

The Board discussed the hiring of a new zoning officer. The possibility of hiring Tom Zorbaugh from Warwick Township or putting a help wanted ad in the newspaper. Chairman Keppley is concerned that Mr. Zorbaugh could get busy at Warwick Township and not be able dedicate enough time to West Earl.

Payment of Bills

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

Supervisors' Comments

Dale Wissler – Member Wissler said that the baseball field located in the park at the Township building is being monopolized by one team. The team is reserving the field all season, but not using the field for most of the dates that are reserved. The Board talked about the field being for public use and their concern that others can't use the field when one team is monopolizing the reservation schedule. Chairman Keppley suggested that the Park and Recreation Board get involved in this matter. The Board agreed to defer the matter the Park and Recreation Board.

John Ford – Vice Chairman Ford said that he and Member Stover attended the fire company meeting on May 25th. He said that the Fire Companies are sharing training responsibilities. He also said that the Fire Companies would still like to have one permanent person assigned to attend the meetings. The next meeting will be August 17 at 7:00 p.m. in

Brownstown.

The Board discussed reducing the speed limit on Locust Street to 25mph. With the no-parking regulation along Locust Street there are concerns that the speeds will increase. Chief Brandt said that it would be very difficult to enforce the speed limit. Chairman Keppley suggested borrowing the electronic, speed sign from Akron Borough. Discussion followed relating to speed limit regulations and front property footage. Chief Brandt said that the speed limit would be difficult to enforce but just showing drivers that there is a Police presence in the area could help deter speeding. Chairman Keppley said that in addition to the reduced speed, the entire length of Locust Street from 772 to 45 Locust Street should be “no-parking”. The Board agreed to allow Chief Brandt to do another traffic study, and re-measure the roadway for the no-parking regulation and the reduced speed limit.

Harold Keppley – Chairman Keppley distributed an email from Randy Maurer regarding audits of businesses by L&I. L&I has done some audits on businesses where Mr. Maurer has performed the inspections. Senator Brubaker has asked the Township if they are having trouble with L&I auditing businesses. Chairman Keppley asked why the Township should pay L&I to come in and inspect the inspectors and that maybe L&I needs their “wings clipped”.

Chairman Keppley asked if the Township was going to ask the Sewer Authority to waive the tapping fee for the Lions’ Park. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Chairman Keppley to request that the West Earl Sewer Authority waive the sewer tapping fee for the Lions’ Park. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman Keppley asked if it would make sense to let home owners associations take care of the parks in their developments rather than the Township. He asked if the Township really wants to be involved in each park in every development. The Board agreed that the idea would be worth exploring.

The Board entered executive session at 9:07 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by _____, second by _____ to adjourn the June 14, 2010 regular meeting at 9:51 p.m.