

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	Manager/Secretary:	Patrick Barret

Call to Order

Chairman Keppley called the July 12, 2010 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Guests

Country Circle parking issue – Peter Smith from the Country Circle Homeowners Association was unable to attend the meeting. The Board tabled their decision on the parking issue until the next meeting when Mr. Smith will be able to attend.

Peter Hartmann, 390 Rosehill Road – Mr. Hartmann was at the meeting to express his concern with cars speeding along Rosehill Road between Oregon Pike and Log Cabin Road. He said that the cars aren't coming close to obeying the speed limit and it's a dangerous situation that needs to be addressed. Chairman Keppley asked Chief Brandt if the Township could borrow Akron Borough's electronic speed sign. The Chief said that the Township could borrow it and set it up to remind people they need to slow down in that area.

Don Eckel, 24 W. Main Street – Mr. Eckel said that he has noticed a speeding problem on West Main Street. He said that the speeding has gotten worse since the bridge has been re-opened. Chief Brandt will get some Police presence in the area.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Ford noted one change on the June 28, 2010 meeting minutes. The motion for the no-parking regulation on Locust Street was made by Chairman Keppley not Member Ressler. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Wissler to approve the June 28, 2010 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Works Director's Report

The Board reviewed the report provided by Jim Houser.

Lions Park – Mr. Houser said that some changes have been made to the parking spaces at the park and he would like the Board to take a look at the changes and give him some feedback. The final inspection for the new bathroom will be on Tuesday, July 13, 2010. Mr. Houser asked the Board if they would like the new bathrooms to be open 24 hours a day or closed at dusk when the park closes. The Board agreed that the bathrooms should be locked when the park closes. The Board also discussed who could lock the bathrooms at night and open them up in the morning. Chief Brandt said that the on-duty officer could lock the bathrooms at night since the park is one of their regular patrols. Mr. Houser said that it wouldn't be a problem for a Township employee to open them up in the morning. The possibility of purchasing a magnetic lock system was discussed. Mr. Houser said that it would cost approximately \$1200 to purchase the locking system. Don Eckel said that he would donate the \$1200 needed to purchase the magnetic locking system. Chairman Keppley thanked Mr. Eckel for his generosity.

UGI Utilities – A representative from UGI contact Mr. Houser last week. They will begin install gas lines to serve Eagleview Estates and the surrounding area.

CM High – Mr. Houser will be meeting with CM High to discuss the timing of the light on Rt. 772.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Brandt distributed the incident report for June to the Board members.

Volunteer program – The Chief said that the volunteer program is working out well. Judy Stancavage put in 23

hours of volunteer work in June.

Sonic no-left turn – Vice Chairman Ford asked the Chief if the Police have issued any citations yet. The Chief said that he will bring some exact figures relating to the citations and warnings to the next meeting.

Manager's Report

Compost site card system – Mr. Barrett said that the ad for the compost site card system bid will be advertised on July 14th and 20th. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on July 27th and the bids will be opened on August 2nd.

Zoning officer – Tom Zorbaugh will be the Township's new zoning officer and building code official and will start on Wednesday, July 14th. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Stover to appoint Tom Zorbaugh as the Township's Zoning Officer and Building Code Official. Motion approved unanimously.

Temporary, part-time financial assistant position – Mr. Barrett said that the background check for Elizabeth Ulrich has come back clean and would like to hire her to fill the position which will be 30 hours per week. Moved by Member Ressler, second by Vice Chairman Ford to hire Elizabeth Ulrich for the temporary, part-time financial assistant position. Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution No. 2010-18 – 5-year renewal contract so the public works department can plow Penn Dot roads in the Township. Mr. Barrett said that there aren't any changes except for a small increase in price of \$389.60. Moved by Member Stover, second by Vice Chairman Ford to adopt Resolution No. 2010-18. Motion approved unanimously.

Joint, official map – Mr. Barrett attended a meeting about the joint official map. He said that the County wants to see an agreement between the 3 municipalities to share the costs of the map. The County would like to have the agreement signed and then provide a cost quote. If the Township doesn't like the cost they could opt out. Mr. Barrett sent them an email and asked why the agreement would have to be signed before a cost quote was given. Why can't the cost quote be given and then the agreement entered into? Mr. Barrett has not heard back from them yet. It's still an ongoing issue.

Supervisors' summer dinner – It will be held on Thursday, August 26th. Mr. Barrett asked which Board members would like to attend.

Budget – Mr. Barrett said that revenue is down by \$42,000 compared to last year. Income tax and real estate transfer tax is down this year. Expenditures are at about the same level as this time last year. Discussion followed relating to some specific items listed on the budget, including printing and advertising costs and payroll.

Mr. Barrett requested an executive session at the end of the regular meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Payment of Bills

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

Supervisors' Comments

Richard Stover – Member Stover took a look at the dump site discussed at previous meetings. He said that there is still at least a pick up truck load of junk down there. Member Stover asked if anyone else would attend the Scott Boyd breakfast. He said he would like to talk to Rep. Boyd about the recent Main Street bridge project. Member Stover said that Penn Dot turned what should have been a 30-day project into a 6-month project and it never should have happened that way.

John Ford – Vice Chairman Ford asked Jim about the timing of the light on Rt. 272. Mr. Houser has a call into CM High about the light and will be meeting with someone in the near future about the problem.

Russell Ressler – Member Ressler asked Mr. Barrett what date the first sewer bills to Talmage residents would be going out. Mr. Barrett said that they will go out at the end of August or beginning of September.

The Board entered executive session at 8:16 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular session at 8:36 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Ressler to adjourn the July 12, 2010 regular meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.