

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 August 9, 2010 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Guests

Peter Smith from the Country Circle Homeowners Association was not present at the meeting and asked to be removed indefinitely from any further meeting agendas.

Steve Gabriel & Patrick Hartl – Patrick Hartl is interested in doing his Eagle Scout project in West Earl Township. Jim Houser explained that the project would be a curb marking system at the storm drains in the Township. The curbs would be stenciled with “No dumping, drains to a waterway”. Mr. Houser said that there have been some problems with dumping in the storm drains. This would be an inexpensive project for the Township and would let residents know that there should be no dumping into the storm drains. The Board agreed that this sounded like a good idea and thanked Mr. Hartl for volunteering.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Ford noted 2 changes to the July 26, 2010 meeting minutes. Under the Public Hearing heading, in the third paragraph the word “has” should be inserted into the second sentence as follows, “...the Ordinance and **has** recommended...” Also, the phrase “prepare a Resolution which will” should be removed from the first paragraph under the Public Works Director’s Report heading. The Board did not move to prepare a Resolution, only to urge PennDot to postpone the Main Street paving project. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Ressler to approve the July 26, 2010 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

PPL right-of-way agreement – The agreement will give PPL access to the right-of-way at the entrance of the Lion’s Club Park to install two poles and overhead wires at locations which have been staked as part of a larger PPL project to relocate poles and overhead wires. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Vice Chairman Ford to sign the PPL right-of-way agreement. Motion approved unanimously.

Compost site card access system bid – D&L Systems was the only bidder for the project. Chairman Keppley commented that Josele Cleary has not had the opportunity to look over the bid information yet. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Ressler to table the decision on the bid until the next meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Application for exemption from using a trash hauler – 234 & 236 S. Farmersville Road, Harvey & Anna Hoover. The Board discussed the exemption requests. Moved by Member Stover, second by Vice Chairman Ford to deny the exemption request for 234 S. Farmersville Road. Member Wissler-yes, Member Ressler-yes, Chairman Keppley-No. Motion carried with a 4 to 1 vote. Moved by Chairman Keppley, second by Member Wissler to deny the exemption request for 236 S. Farmersville Road because the application was incomplete. Motion approved unanimously. The Board continued their discussion on trash exemptions and the difficulty they have with them each time one is submitted. Vice Chairman Ford said that the Board needs to find a workable solution to the situation and would like to get a recommendation from the Township Manager. The Board would like to know exactly what the Township’s Ordinance says and what the Township’s legal obligations are relating to trash and recycling collection service. Chairman Keppley said that the Board needs to be consistent with their decisions on exemption requests and that the Board has been at odds on this subject for the past several years.

Farmersville Fire Police – The Farmersville Fire Police have been asked to help with traffic control at the Fairmount

Homes barbecue on Cat's Back Road, September 11, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. until the event is over. They have also been asked to help at the annual New Holland Fair. Moved by Member Stover, second by Member Ressler to allow the Farmersville Fire Police to help with traffic control at the Fairmount Homes barbecue and the New Holland Fair. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Works Director's Report

The Board reviewed the Public Work Director's report. Mr. Houser provided some further information in addition to his report.

Schaum's corner traffic light timing – Mr. Houser is getting pricing for fixing the timing of the light at Schaum's corner and will report back to the Board once he has the figures.

Sign at the Lions' Park – Mr. Houser asked the Board what hours should be placed on the new sign for the park. Chief Brandt said that there is nothing specific in the Township Code that specifies the times that the park is open. The Chief recommended that the Board make a motion that will officially set the hours the park is open. The Board decided that the park will be closed from dusk until dawn. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Stover to close the Lions' Park from dusk until dawn. Motion approved unanimously.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Brandt provided a copy of his monthly report to the Board members.

- **Volunteer program** – Chief Brandt said that the volunteer program is still working well.
- **Crossing guard** - Another part-time school crossing guard will soon need to be hired. One of the current crossing guards is having health issues. Chief Brandt will post an ad on the bulletin board at the post office in Brownstown.
- **Rose Hill Road speed sign** – The speed sign the Police Department had set up on Rose Hill Road did not record properly and no data was able to be retrieved from it. Chief Brandt will get it set up again and try to get some data for the Board to review.

Member Ressler mentioned that he's seen a van parked near the pedestrian crossing sign in the area of the post office. Chief Brandt will look into the situation.

Chairman Keppley said that he would like to see some data on the number of alarms that are set-off during the month.

Brian Kauffman, Rettew Associates – Mr. Kauffman said that he saw the article in the newspaper about the Main Street paving project and wanted to check-in with the Board relating to that situation. He reminded the Board that Rettew had tried to get the Main Street storm water project on Penn Dot's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which may have provided some grant money to help with the project. They ran into a problem when trying to get some decent pictures of the problem area which would have been included with the application to get on the TIP. Mr. Houser said that he has some good pictures of the area now. The Board discussed getting Representative Boyd involved in the situation. Chairman Keppley suggested coordinating a meeting between Representative Boyd, some residents from Main Street and a couple Board members. The residents would be able to tell Representative Boyd about the problems they've been having with the storm water on East Main Street. The Board will ask the Township Manager to set up the meeting.

Manager's Report (written report presented by Jim Houser)

- The high bid for the Chevy pick-up truck was \$1,600 by Police Car Store. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Ressler to accept the high bid from Police Car Store. Motion approved unanimously.
- Letter from Representative Boyd regarding the recent meeting between West Earl Township, Akron Borough, Penn Dot and Representative Boyd. The topic at the meeting was the storm water drainage issue at Berkley Products. Mr. Houser said that Berkley Products was not at the meeting. Representative Boyd said that the

Township and Borough must work together to resolve the situation. Chairman Keppley said that the Township should verify all the available information before attempting to fix the problem. Brian Kauffman suggested checking the storm water management plans at Akron Borough.

Public Comment

Pete Hartmann, Rosehill Road – Mr. Hartmann said he appreciates the efforts being made by the Police Department to resolve the speeding issue on Rosehill Road and would like to see a continued effort. The Police Department will continue to monitor the area and will set up the electronic speed sign in order to capture some data.

Payment of Bills

Chairman Keppley said that he would be abstaining from the vote to pay bills because his business is on the list of bills being paid. Member Wissler noted that the Rettew bill should be paid by the Sewer Authority. Moved by Member Ressler, second by Member Wissler to pay the bills as presented except for the Rettew bill. Motion carried with a 4 to 0 vote, Chairman Keppley abstained.

Supervisors' Comments

John Ford – The next fire company meeting is Tuesday, August 17 at the West Earl Fire Company. Member Stover will attend and Member Wissler or Chairman Keppley will attend. Vice Chairman Ford asked if August 25, 2010 was the official date of the next Joint meeting with Upper Leacock and East Lampeter Townships. Member Wissler said that date was made official. The next LCATS meeting is on August 26, 2010. Vice Chairman Ford is unable to attend the LCATS meeting.

Richard Stover – Member Stover asked that a copy of Resolution 2010-19 be sent to Representative Boyd and Senator Brubaker.

Harold Keppley – Chairman Keppley said that the tonnage of trash has increased this year and he is concerned about dumpsters being picked up that shouldn't be. The Township should check into it.

Adjournment

Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Ressler to adjourn the August 9, 2010 regular meeting at
8:38 p.m.