

## WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 2012

Those in attendance: Ron Hepner, Chairman; Joe Snyder and John Orr, Supervisors; Betty Warfel, Secretary/Treasurer; Randy Witmer, Zoning Officer; Stephen Erdman, Roadmaster and Thomas Shaffer.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Hepner.

Public comments: None

### Roadmaster's Report:

1. Steve Erdman reported that the street sweeper leased from A&H Equipment Company had mechanical issues which prevented completion of sweeping in all township neighborhoods and bridges. These issues included window problems, non-functioning fuel gauges, parking brake failure and broom malfunctions. Erdman has requested that extra time be allowed at no charge by A&H due to these mechanical problems.
2. The road crew has disposed of items collected during Spring Cleanup Day.
3. Road crew has also taken care of the shop cleanup from the Primary Election.
4. Pipework has been completed on Senator Drive. Road crew used 12-inch pipe with 15-inch pipe at both ends and the basin has been installed. The roadway is now ready for paving.
5. Sunbury Motors has installed a new oil pan on the International 4800. The clutch has been adjusted, but may need to be replaced.
6. Complaints have been received regarding potholes on Lenker Drive and Charles Road. Some patchwork has been done, but further repair cannot be done until new batches of cold patch become available for purchase.
7. Road crew has been performing gutter grading. Road surface issues on Etzweiler Road, Paxton Drive and South Malta Road were discussed.
8. The road crew has begun working a 10-hour day, four day work week for the summer season.
9. With respect to roadside mowing, Erdman feels that Bob Hooper and Randy Witmer would be able to handle this task. John Orr provided an estimate of the cost for asphalt paving (\$112,343 per mile) and oil & chip (\$39,648 per mile) if this work was to be performed at the rate of 2.5 miles per year. Work that will need to be done on Rife Road, Summers Road, and Grange Hall Road was discussed. Many township roads are in need of full depth reclamation. Orr requested that Erdman prepare a list of the five worst roads for the Supervisors to look at and evaluate. Following prioritization by need for repair, the necessary roadwork will be included in upcoming budgets. John Orr made a motion that the Board temporarily suspend the part time road crew position and be re-instated if required. Second by Joe Snyder. With all in favor, motion carried.

## New Business

1. Karen Connelly has made a request that the Supervisors take action to stop the farmer from spraying the field behind her house. Ms. Connelly should direct her request to the Department of Agriculture for action to be taken under the Right to Farm Act.

## Old Business

1. With respect to the burned-out duplex property in Lenkerville, the neighbor has requested that the township take action against the owner of the burned out half of the structure to have it repaired or torn down. The neighbor's insurance company is unwilling to help her with this matter. The smell emanating from the burned out half and the rodent debris accumulating in the structure are making the half that was not damaged by fire uninhabitable. Ownership of the burned out side is currently not established. The Board will discuss with Attorney Howland on Wednesday evening whether the township has any jurisdiction in this matter.

2. The individual who has been providing the service of grinding and removing the materials deposited by residents at the township's compost center is no longer willing to provide this service free of charge. Ernie Miller, V.P. of Zeager Bros., Inc., will grind and remove the brush pile of Isle of Q road for \$2,750. This cost would include the use of the township's loader with grapple to feed the grinder and Zeager's loader to load their trucks. Options include (1) approving this cost for removal of the brush this year; (2) shutting down the compost center; or (3) charging a permit fee in future years. Following discussion, John Orr made a motion to pay the \$2,750 fee requested by Zaeger Bros., this year to have the brush removed. Second by Joe Snyder. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Chairman Hepner shared information received from the Humane Society of Greater Harrisburg for the feral cat spay/neuter program. A feral cat is one that you cannot pet and has not been socialized and lives in the wild. Residents would be responsible for transporting the feral cats to and from the Humane Society for the surgery. The cat can then be released back at the location from which it was trapped. Vouchers for one free spay or neuter are available in the township office. Secretary Warfel is also corresponding with Humane Society officials with regard to the charge for the surrender of a pit bull by police.

4. Patrick Brown, of Buchart Horn, has requested that the Supervisors contact him with respect to the Early Bird/Night Owl Land Development Plan. Hepner and Orr will contact Brown to discuss his findings.

5. Secretary Warfel provided information regarding the Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee meeting held on April 18<sup>th</sup>. John Orr made a motion to appoint Betty Warfel as the delegate and Ronald Hepner as alternate delegate to the Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee for the calendar year 2012. Joe Snyder seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

6. Supervisors proceeded to discuss correspondence received from Earth Res Group dated April 18, 2012, with respect to a major permit modification to the Dauphin Meadows Landfill facility being requested by Waster Management. This proposed modification includes lengthening the time span designated for groundwater testing from 2 years to 5 years. The modification also includes decommissioning wells on the site and placement of a new well. The Board has sixty days in which to respond to DEP with concerns regarding the proposed permit modification request. Attorney Howland will be directed to prepare a letter addressing the concern regarding which wells are to be closed, the

location of a new well, and requesting that the frequency of testing remain the same as outlined in the original permit.

7. The Board reviewed a request from the Pennsylvania State Police requesting emergency contact information in order to update their records. Supervisors directed Secretary Warfel to provide this information to the PSP.

8. Roger Wilhelm brought the issue of noise and damage being caused to township property in Lenkerville by dirt bikes and other vehicles being operated on the site of the old Berryhill Water Company. Following review of old deeds, minutes and maps, John Orr will talk with Merv Adams and Ron Hepner will speak with Jere Troutman of the Millersburg Water Authority to determine the reason that the township has retained ownership of the property. The matter will be discussed further at the monthly meeting.

9. The Dauphin County Conservation District has requested that the Board provide a letter of support for a grant the District is pursuing through the Foundation for Enhancing Communities to help fund on-going water monitoring efforts within the Wiconisco Creek watershed. Water monitoring data enables the District to evaluate water quality trends, identify areas of concern and plan future restoration projects to improve stream health for the township's residents. John Orr made a motion that we assist DCCD in obtaining funds for continued monitoring by providing a letter of support. Ron Hepner seconded the motion. Joe Snyder was absent from the meeting during this vote. With two Supervisors in favor, motion carried.

10. Discussion continued with respect to the changes made to the Early Bird/Night Owl Land Development Plan. Two-foot deep infiltration basins have been added, depth of stone has been increased under the pads and earth has been placed to contain water from the railroad ties. Concern about a mosquito problem that could result at the infiltration basins was voiced. Orr would like the plan to include landscaping and buffering along the Wiconisco Street area. Gravel sidewalks which could be paved following future development of the area could be required.

11. Discussion of needed paving projects and list of prioritized roadways will be discussed further during the May monthly meeting.

#### Public Comments

None

With no further business to discuss, John Orr moved to adjourn. Second by Ron Hepner. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty A. Warfel, Secretary