

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 2, 2004**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the North Lebanon Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 PM at the North Lebanon Township Municipal Building, 725 Kimmerlings Road, Lebanon, PA, with the following people present:

Kenneth C. Artz.....	Chairperson
Dawn M. Hawkins	Vice-Chairperson
Edward A. Brensinger	Treasurer
Cheri F. Grumbine	Township Manager

Also in attendance was, Jim Ryan of the Lebanon Daily News, Al Winn of the Patriot News and approximately 8 other individuals.

The meeting was called to order and the pledge to the American flag was done.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chp Artz instructed the public as to how the meeting will be conducted. Individuals should announce their name and address before offering their comments.

A.)Martin Barondik – 2106 New St; Parking at Lions Lake Park

Mr. Barondik told the Board he was concerned about some of the parking that is being done at the Lions Lake Park. He said there is a large parking area provided for the visitors to the park. Just inside the entrance on the Water St side there is a grassy area on both sides of the entrance. The fishing people are taking the liberty of parking their vehicles on the grassy area. Barondik said it is just a few steps more to the parking area but they are starting to park on the grassy area. Suv Brensinger said probably what started this is the “NO PARKING” signs that were posted on the Water St side of the lake. He said there are a couple of options to consider. Chp Artz told Barondik the Board would like to evaluate the situation before committing to a course of action.

B.) Arlene Phillipy – 1394 Sholly Ave

Ms Phillipy asked the Board for an update on the study being conducted on the proposed merger of the Police departments. Chp Artz told Ms Phillipy there have been no reports received on this topic at all. Phillipy asked if the study has even begun and what is actually being done. Chp Artz explained everything is being done by the DCED agency. When Phillipy was told that DCED is looking at what would be considered advantageous for the Twp, she asked if DCED is doing any actual “hands on” type of research.

Suv Brensinger stated part of the process is reviewing the crime statistics from all the municipalities involved in the study. An inventory of all equipment and personnel is another issue that is reviewed. Ms Phillipy asked if there is anyone “local” that sits on this review board. Suv Brensinger stated he thought it was a retired Police officer, who now works for DCED, that is part of this review process. He said the gentleman’s name is Dale Frye. Phillipy then asked when a decision would be made and WHO makes the decision?

Arlene Phillipy – Regional Police Study (con't)

Chp Artz stated the compiled information would be provided to all the municipalities involved and the individual municipalities would be making a decision. The results would be presented to the public and comments will be received from the public. After considering all the information the Supervisors would make their vote on the issues.

Ms Phillipy asked if a specific date was targeted for completion. Chp Artz explained there was not a timeline set as this is a very time-consuming review process. It could easily take up to a year to compile the information.

MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 19, 2004 MINUTES

MOTION: Was made and seconded to approve the minutes from July 19, 2004. Unanimously carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYROLL AND PAYMENT OF INVOICES SUBJECT TO AUDIT

MOTION: Was made and seconded to approve payment of payroll and payment of invoices subject to audit. Unanimously carried.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT – Cheri F. Grumbine**A.)Waiver Requests – Phase 4 Homestead Acres**

Mgr Grumbine presented the plan proposal for Homestead Acres, Phase 4. She introduced Mike Saxinger, engineer, for this plan. At the April 22 meeting, Mr. Saxinger discussed with the Board a change in the street design for phase 4. A meeting held on site between Saxinger and the Army Corps resulted in a strong recommendation from the Corps that at least one of the stream crossings be eliminated. The US Army Corps of Engineers and DEP have both submitted letters for support of this elimination. During the June meeting of the NLT Planning Commission, Saxinger discussed this issue with the Planning Commission. At that time, the Planning Commission made a recommendation for street design to Mr. Saxinger, which eliminated one of the stream crossings and still provided a street connection to the neighboring development, without a cul-de-sac.

Mr. Saxinger is here tonight to request 2 waivers from our standard street specifications outlined in his letter dated July 12. The specifications are also outlined in the street specifications and therefore the Board needs to provide a waiver to LCPD.

The Planning Commission has recommended both waivers with a condition that the clear sight triangle be increased from 75' to 150' at the intersection of Harvest Dr & Twigg Ave. Also a deed restriction should be placed on lot #94 to prohibit anything from being placed on an area that would create a site obstruction when traveling on Harvest Dr and approaching the Twigg Ave intersection. In addition, the requirement for a "Stop Ahead" sign being posted prior to the stop sign on Harvest Dr at the intersection of Twigg Ave. Mgr Grumbine asked Mr. Saxinger if he would like to add any additional comments for the Board.

Mr. Saxinger showed the Supervisors the areas on the plan the Pl Comm had referenced when making their recommendations. He explained the reasons for not applying for these permits 10 years ago when the original plan had been submitted.

Homestead Acres Phase 4 – Waiver Requests (con’t)

Saxinger described the whole schedule of events, which resulted in him appearing here tonight. The easement involved with the power tower has worked out to be a plus in the consideration of the elimination of one of the stream crossings. Suv Hawkins questioned the waiver concerning the sight triangle distance. Saxinger indicated on the proposed plan the area that was being discussed. When looking at the revision from a conservation standpoint, the proposals make very good sense, stated Saxinger. Chp Artz questioned the maintenance of the open land. Saxinger stated it would be the responsibility of the individual homeowners. While reviewing the street connection to the neighboring Perry property, Saxinger asked if the new proposed street should be renamed, as it would not be connecting to the existing Twigg Ave, as indicted in the original submission of plans. The Board and Mgr Grumbine all agreed this would have to be done, for emergency response reasons.

Chp Artz told his fellow Board members the waivers that had been requested have been explained. He asked if they have any further questions or comments on the request. Suv Brensinger said he was ready to take action on the request.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to grant the 2 requested waivers for Homestead Acres Phase 4, with all the conditions stipulated by the Planning Commission, and to inform Lebanon County Planning of this decision. Unanimously carried.

B.)Resolution No. 17-2004; Support of Tourist Promotion Agency appointed by Co. Commissioners

Mgr Grumbine has provided the Supervisors with the information the County Commissioners had received prior to their decision to appoint Lebanon Valley Expo Corp as the tourist promotional agency for Lebanon County. The Board’s support of the Commissioners decision must be made in the form of an adopted Resolution.

Suv Brensinger stated that 2 weeks ago this issue had been tabled due to lack of information. Since that time, the Board has received the same information that the County Commissioners had already reviewed prior to making their decision. The Commissioners indicated they had been unhappy with the group that is currently handling the tourism for Lebanon County. Suv Hawkins thanked Mgr Grumbine for supplying the additional information. By reviewing the information, a more informed decision could then be made according to Suv Hawkins.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 17-2004 supporting the County Commissioners selection of the Lebanon Valley Exposition Corporation. Unanimously carried.

C.) Ag Land Preservation Board

The Board has received a notice from the Lebanon County Agricultural Land Preservation Board. The Elaine Diem property located at 865 E. Kercher Ave is being proposed for preservation. They are asking for any comments from the Board be submitted to them by 8-02-04. The County Commissioners are scheduled to consider this application of the agricultural conservation easement on August 5, 2004 @ 9:30AM. This is for informational purposes only. Martin Barondik asked how long this land was on the list for preservation. Suv Brensinger explained the history with this particular property and said they have been active in seeking preservation for several years now.

D.) Resolution No. 19-2004; Traffic Signal at Tunnel Hill, Rte 72 and 22nd St

This resolution is in regards to applying for a permit to install and operate a traffic signal at the intersection of 22nd St, Tunnel Hill Rd and Rte 72. The engineer for the Lebanon Valley Economic Corp has provided the plans. The traffic signal is part of the requirement to upgrade this intersection for the Business Park. The plan shows the traffic patterns reverting back to the original patterns before the current upgrade had been done. There will be a southbound turn off Rte 72 to N 22nd St permitted again.

Martin Barondik questioned the plans for this intersection. Is there to be just 1 light, asked Barondik? Mgr Grumbine said it would be a traffic signal to maintain the whole intersection. The majority of the area is controlled by PADOT with the exception of Hill St.

MOTION: Was made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-2004 for traffic signals at Tunnel Hill Rd, Rte 72 and 22nd St intersection. Unanimously carried.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**A.)Suv Ed Brensinger**

Suv Brensinger said the only comment he has is in reference to the proposed traffic light for Pansy Hill area. He is hopeful the light will help this area however he is doubtful. There are too many people who feel they do not have to follow any traffic laws.

B.)Suv Dawn Hawkins

Suv Hawkins said she is happy to see farmland being preserved instead of being developed.

C.) Suv Ken Artz

Suv Artz reminded everyone that tomorrow night is the night established for observing "National Night Out" activities. North Leb Twp is not participating with any activities this year due to a lack of interest from the Police Dept. This particular event is a Police sponsored event as it highlights the Police Dept and their services to the community. However, there was a lack of volunteers for participation this year. Suv Artz said he is sorry to announce this fact.

There being no more business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa L. George
Recording Secretary