

**Minutes
North Lebanon Township Municipal Authority
March 10, 2005**

The meeting of the North Lebanon Township Municipal Authority was held on Thursday, March 10, 2005, at 7:00 PM at the North Lebanon Township Municipal Building, 725 Kimmerlings Road Lebanon, PA with the following Board members present:

Wynanne Demler	Chairman
Richard Miller	Vice Chairman
Tod Dissinger	Treasurer
Ronald Ensminger	Secretary
Susan Switzer Pierce	Asst. Secretary
Sheila Wartluft	Asst. Mgr.
Fred Wolf	Henry & Beaver
Scott Rights	Steckbeck Engineering

Also in attendance were Wastewater Foreman Mike Kneasel and 4 Township residents.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Martin Barondick – Ebenezer

Mr. Barondick said he is here this evening to see if there is any new information on the manhole situation on West Long Lane. Tod responded by stating, he told him at the last meeting that he would go out and drive the area that he is concerned about. He has done this and he doesn't feel that anything should be done about them. He doesn't think that they are that bad that they need work done on them. He drove the stretch of road he is concerned about twice; both ways and both times, he did not have a problem. Mr. Barondick said since the last meeting, there have been 2 accidents where the manholes are. He does not know if the manholes were the cause of the accident or not. He said he talked to the one guy that rolled his car there and he said that his wife was driving and he feels she just lost control of the car. Tod asked if the road was wet or had some snow cover. Barondick said there was a little bit of snow on the road when it happened. So in other words, Barondick asked, we are not going to do anything about these manholes? Ron said he drives it weekly and doesn't find it any worse than any other area in the Township. Barondick told him that is a bad "attitude". What do you mean it is no worse than any other place? Ron said he has no problem when driving this area. Barondick said, "Well, I do!" That is why he is here. Vice Chairman Miller asked if on the Police report, it states the cause of the accident or makes mention of the manholes? Barondick said he did not see a Police report, so he has no idea. He just talked to the one victim of the accident and he said he really didn't know that happened. All he knew is that his wife lost control of the car and ended up on the

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roof. He really can't say it was the manholes that caused the accident. But he is saying that this stretch of Long Lane is bad and something needs to be done about it. With the bridge being closed in Cleona, this road is traveled very heavily. The speed limit is 40 MPH on this road, and that is a joke, because they fly on this road. He said his theory is that this is a dangerous stretch of road and the manholes are contributing to the problem. But you are saying you are not going to fix it. Tod said maybe the Township might, and he is only speaking for himself, but he drove it and did not have a problem. Barondick asked, what do you mean the Township might? Tod said he is not speaking on behalf of the Township; he is speaking for the Authority. Barondick said for the past year, he has been coming to the Supervisors meetings about this, and then they tell me to come to see the Authority. Now I come to you and you say, I have to go to the Supervisors. He feels he is getting the run-around. He said, just give me a final answer. Ron said we are not going to fix them. The rest of the Board concurred with Ron. Well, said Barondick, I do have a "plan B". He will guarantee that these manholes will be fixed and fixed right. When you put this sewer in Ebenezer, in the alley, you put grindings back in there. That lasted one winter until they went to nothing. He said it is not his alley, but he saw it and came over and said we need to fix this alley from New Street to the fire hall. He was told here that Townships don't fix alleys anymore. He told them, yes; you are responsible for that one. Let me in your files and I can show you back in the 60's where that alley really wasn't taken over, but that alley was paved so the kids in Ebenezer can walk to school without walking along Rt 72. We took care of that alley for 21 years and once you take care of it for 21 years, it is basically yours forever. It took him three years, but he got his supervisor elected and then the alley was fixed. He **will** get these manholes fixed too. When he got the alley fixed he just felt good that he got it done for his own satisfaction. But when he gets these manholes fixed, ***Due to the nature of this comment, the actual comment will not be printed.*** He told them he will see them again and left the meeting.

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He asked if the reason they are not fixing the manholes is because of the cost factor? Tod said he drove it and doesn't see anything wrong with it. Mr. Schwab said when you drive it you have to weave around the manholes, how can you say there is nothing wrong with it? Don't you care if your car bounces in the manholes and damages your car? Don't you care if you fly up in the air after hitting one of these? How do you drive your vehicles? Don't you care about your vehicles? Tod said he is driving a pick up truck with bigger tires on it. Maybe that is why he doesn't have a problem with it. Schwab said that is what he drives and he does have a problem with it. Tod said he purposely hit the manholes to see what would happen and nothing did. Is it someone that is driving a car the size of a Volkswagen or what that is having these problems? He is not. He said if he felt they needed to be fixed, he would say so. But he doesn't think they are bad at all. Ron added that

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he drove all four of his vehicles to see if that made a difference, but it did not. At this time, Mr. Barondick came back into the meeting.

Sol Wolf said what happened here is that the Authority did the sewer line first before the road was paved. What happened in this case, the Authority anticipated that there would be no manhole risers needed. They asked the Road department where they wanted the manholes at finished grade so they did not have to use manhole risers. Whoever did the paving did not blend it down to meet the manholes, which is why you have the depression in the road. When the Authority looked at this the first time, this is what they were looking at. They set the manholes where the Township wanted them to be. Mr. Barondick said, well then, Handwerk out of Hummelstown did the paving. So you are saying they did a sloppy job of paving. Why don't you go back to Handwerk and say they need to fix it? Didn't anyone inspect this? If anyone did inspect it, they didn't have to knowledge to know what they were looking at. Tod said he is not saying anyone did or did not do anything wrong. What he is saying is that he drove it and doesn't 't feel there is anything wrong with it. He made a point of telling them that he was not on the Board when this whole job was done. He is not trying to sweep this under the carpet. Mr. Schwab again asked if it is a money factor that they will not fix this? Tod said we never even discussed the matter of money when this came up. When he brought it to our attention at the last meeting, Tod told him that he would go out and drive the stretch and give him his opinion. Everyone on the Board also went out and drove it. If we all drove it and we all think there is nothing wrong, then what do you want us to do? He said, so this is unanimous? Everyone is in agreement that there is nothing wrong? The Board all concurred that this is true. Mr. Barondick then asked if any of the Board members live on Long Lane? Do any of you people in Ebenezer? No, none of you even live over here. I live in Ebenezer, I use Long Lane all the time, so does my wife. So if you live here or there or wherever, you don't care about this. It doesn't affect you, so why should you care? Tod again said, we all drove it, granted, not every day, but we all drove this stretch of road and none of us felt it was a problem. Vice Chairman Miller asked Mr. Barondick if he is comparing these manholes to other manholes in the Township? He said he is not. Miller said, so you are singling out Long Lane as a hazard with the manholes? Barondick said he is singling out Long Lane because, first of all it was a sloppy job, the bills should have never been paid on it. Number two; as far as he is concerned, it is a safety issue. He is not comparing it to another road in the Township. Vice Chairman Miller said he travels Sandhill Road back and forth, every day to work. If you want to talk about unsafe manholes, those risers are getting beat up and down that the manholes are actually sinking over time, due to the traffic. That road is used heavily by large trucks and small vehicles as well. But then again, the manholes are basically not in line with each other and if you want to weave in and out to avoid the manholes, you have to cross over to the other lane, which makes them unsafe as well. But you don't have anybody complaining about this road. Barondick clarified that Sandhill Road is a state road and he has nothing to do with that. Long Lane is a Township road. He agrees that Sandhill Road is a bad road; it has been a bad road ever since

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they paved it. It has been bad for years. How much luck do you think he will have fighting the State to get that road fixed when it has taken him 1-1/2 years to get this fixed? Vice Chairman Miller asked if he is this concerned because Long Lane is his main avenue to get from his home to where he needs to go? He said no it is not, but he lives in Ebenezer and he uses it a lot. Since the bridge is closed in Cleona it almost forces his wife to use Long Lane to get to her job in Harrisburg. Miller asked Mr. Barondick if this situation only cropped up since the bridge is out in Cleona and his wife is forced to use this route in order to get to work? This only cropped up since she is using Long Lane? Barondick said this problem cropped up since the day after they paved it. Miller asked how long that is? He said he asked Ed Brensinger if they are going to put risers in there? Ed told Barondick that they were going to put risers in the manholes. Ed then told him, quote, "Somebody screwed up, and we're going to have to put risers in there". He said time went on and nothing was done, so he asked Ed when they were going to do something? Ed said he had to go see the sewer authority; it's their problem. Vice Chairman Miller said he has another question about the paver. Apparently the paver did not meet the road specs as far as the risers around the manholes. What makes Mr. Barondick think that the Township or the Authority is liable for some else's work? Barondick said he is not saying they are liable, he is saying that the Township should not have paid the bill. We have a problem here, it goes back to Handwerk. But you can't go back after the bill is paid. Miller asked if there would be a statute of limitations on that work? Scott interjected at this time. He said the paving was not part of the contract for the Authority in the sewer project. The Township contracted it, so we have nothing to go back on. Miller then said, it makes this Authority null and void of the situation as far as the paving goes and that is where the problem lies. He said Barondick has made his point to this Board and they are telling him, this is out of their hands. So I have to go back to the Supervisors, is what you are telling me? That is correct. Sol Wolf then said that he could vouch for Marty that he has been at the Township meetings for some time about this. The reason he was sent to this Board is because Ed said the Township might be willing to put the risers in but they didn't want to do it without the Authorities' approval. Barondick said this is scary because this is only local government and it is already out of hand. What happens when something like this happens with federal government? I come to one department, they send me to another department and then they send me back again. What's going on? It's out of hand. He said his problem is with his age. He worked here with Frank Strack and when you came in here with a problem, Frank said we will fix it or we won't fix it. End of story. Now you have to go through how many different departments and still don't get anything done. Tod asked him if he doesn't think we gave him a fair answer to the question he asked? He said he feels he is pushed off by everybody. Tod said he doesn't think we are pushing him off at all. If the Township thinks the road isn't right, then let them fix it. We did what we had to do. Barondick said he thinks the problem with government is that there are too many departments. If someone comes in with a good "gripe", we'll just jerk them around from department to department. After a while they will get sick of it

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and go away. Guess what? He is not going away. He has been here forever and will be here forever. Vice Chairman Miller asked the rest of the Board, if there is any way we can help Mr. Barondick out here as far as information is concerned to direct him to the proper authority? Barondick said he doesn't need any of that, he knows where to go. He is going back to the Supervisors. Sol Wolf told Mr. Barondick that the Authority did look at this to see if this would be their responsibility and they should do something to correct this. If the Township does decide to correct it, then it is going to take the cooperation between the Authority and the Road crew personnel. The Authority would still get involved with the project, but it is not their responsibility to see that it gets corrected. Mr. Barondick said the other thing that bothers him with this whole thing is that it was a sloppy job to begin with. It's screwed up. When someone does a job that the public is going to see, you want to make sure that it is done right. That out there is a joke. Tod interjected with a question for Mr. Barondick. He asked him if he is correct in saying that he first went to the Supervisors a year and a half ago. Is that correct? Barondick said that's right. Tod asked how long it was paved before he started to complain about it? He said maybe about 2002. He said he really couldn't do anything about it before a year and a half ago because he was still on the road. He only retired a year and a half ago and has been able to attend the meetings. He said he did approach Ed about this right after it was paved and told him that it was not paved properly and there would be problems. He said that Ed agreed with him that it was screwed up and we would have to do something about it. Tod said it is a shame that it was not corrected at the time that it was brought up instead of waiting until now. That is when it should have been fixed. Sol Wolf said when Mr. Barondick goes back to the Supervisors now, he, Sol Wolf, will tell them that the Authority Board looked at it and felt as far as they are concerned, it is not their responsibility to repair. Plus they don't think it is necessary for the safety of the sewer system or the safety of the traveling public to change the way it is. If the Board of Supervisors feels that they want to change the manholes, the Authority will cooperate with them to make sure the appropriate manhole risers are acquired and installed correctly. You would basically have the Authority personnel assisting the Supervisors in the repair. Barondick again repeated that he hopes until that time comes, no one gets hurt there. He can guarantee that if someone does get injured there, where these manholes are, he will be on the phone right away and then maybe someone will listen to him. He then said he would attend the Supervisors meeting on the 21st to re-address this problem.

Tod had a few questions about this yet before the Board went on to other business. He said when the sewer project was done; we did have the manholes placed properly, didn't we? He was told we did. So why were the manholes and the paving done by two separate departments? Wouldn't it have been better to have them both done by the same department? Scott said the Township had plans to mill and overlay this section of Long Lane and told the Authority that they did not have to pave it after the project. We asked them what elevations they wanted for the

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manholes in preparation of the paving so that everything would be the way they wanted it prior to paving. In fact, prior to the paving, after the manholes were dropped in, there was a bit of a “lump” in the road where the asphalt was feathered up around the manholes. When the Township came back with the paving project in 2002, they were to mesh this all in. The only other thing that could be done at this point to avoid having to put risers in the manholes would be to re-mill the road and re-pave this stretch of road. Sol Wolf said the only problem with that is that this is a special type of paving that if it were to be milled out, it would ruin the integrity of the original paving. It has a special non-skid surface. If it weren't for this, it would be the answer to the problem. Tod said he can understand Mr. Barondicks frustration going back and forth between the two Boards, but unfortunately this is the way it was done. He knows he has the same problem with his job. Sol Wolf said it is common with most municipalities when the sewer projects are done, they check with the Township to see if they have plans to pave the area. If they do and they did in this case, there is no sense in the Authority planning on doing any paving as part of the project. Otherwise, if they had said they are not going to be doing any paving, then we would have done it as part of the project. In this particular project, we placed the manholes where we were told they needed to be, but then when the paving was done, it did not mesh. Tod asked if the inspector of the paving would have been the road foreman? Sol Wolf said he is not sure who would have inspected it. Scott said it would be hard for us to say who did the inspecting since this Authority did not contract it. Tod asked what the next step is. Sol Wolf said he would inform the Supervisors that Mr. Barondick would be attending their next meeting to address this problem so they are not surprised by his questions. Again, Ed sent Marty here because he felt it was the Authorities responsibility since it was their project and he did not want to mess around with the integrity of the manholes by installing risers.

SOLICITORS REPORT**Water Project Update**

The water project is finished and we are working on the cleaning up some loose ends that don't have to do with the construction, but do have to do with the connections. At this point we have approximately, 60 people that have not connected and have various reasons for not connecting. Some people have not responded at all, some have responded, but have not connected because of the financing. Some people are coordinating their plumber's schedule, some because of the winter; there are various different reasons for them not connecting. We are now at the point, because of spring fast approaching, that we can get back in contact with these people that are going to be connecting. If there are people that say they are not going to connect, no matter what, then we will have to bring that list back to the Authority and take any action necessary. We have a tapping fee of \$1,000 for the residents as part of this project. This also Authority also knows, that it

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is required by law and has been worked on by the engineer and Sheila to do the required study that has to be done by June 30th, for the Authority to look at both the water and the sewer tapping fees. Based on the new formula that went into effect 18 months ago, a new tapping fee will be established for both water and sewer. Once that is adopted, if people do not pay their tapping fee, then they will have to pay the fee at the current time, the new tapping fee, not the one as given by the project. Everybody will be told that and this will be done at the meeting in June. We will be notifying everyone now, so that the people are prepared when the time comes. As far as those people not paying any tapping fee, we have about 17 that have not paid anything. Five of those were for financial reasons, 2 for health reasons, and 9 with no explanation at all and one that is buying a property under an installment type deal and it hasn't been worked out yet. Then we have another scenario, that we have offered everyone the opportunity to pay the tapping fee in three installments, if they were not able to make the payment all at once. The first installment was due last year at the time that they were notified to connect, the second by the end of January, this year and the third and final payment by the end of January 2006. We had some people that did not pay initially on the due date, so Sheila sent a letter out to them reminding them of the payment. That resulted in some of the people paying. We are now down to about 12 people that have not paid. There are a couple of these that have contacted the Authority explaining that they are having some financial difficulties at this time. The agreement that everyone signed, states if the second payment is not paid on time and no other arrangements have been made with the Authority, and then the entire balance is due. Hopefully, we can work with these people and get their payments made. We still have about 20 of those people that have not paid their bill to the City for their debt service portion of the water bill. There is something else that we noticed has happened with these customers. If the people were on wells before, they were billed for 15,000 gallons per quarter. Now they are billed for what their meter says they used, as soon as they connect onto the water system. So in other words, if they used 6,000 gallons of water, their sewer bill will reflect the same amount of usage. The City is checking on a couple of properties where people did connect, but the water meter reading was zero. The City is going back to these properties and is checking to make sure that they are still connected. One of several things could have occurred in this. One could be that the meter is faulty, which is possible. Tina knows of a couple of properties where the people are away for the winter and the property is vacant. There is one other property that is vacant because it is a rental, but the City is going to check all of these zero reads to make sure that the people have not disconnected from the water system and re-connected to their well. This has more to do with sewer billing rather than water billing because if they connected and then disconnected and then re-connected to their well, then as far as the City is concerned, you have to pay for that sewer treatment and that is based on the 15,000 gallons, since they don't know the exact amount. They will be looking through a lot of the reads that were low to see if they could have possibly been tampered with and the like. Sheila and Tina have also reviewed these reads to see if

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they could see anything that looked suspicious. There were a lot that had one or two people living in the home and a low read is pretty common. The City is checking on those people that they feel are using strictly from the well and will be basing their sewer bill on 15,000 gallons versus the meter read if there is one. Sheila asked to interject at this time. She said that she and Tina did meet with the City and they have actually have gone out and visited with these people and the people gave them permission to go inside and check the connection. They found out that the low numbers were legitimate numbers as we had said. They did have one property that they were denied access to. But the ones they did check were reasonable. Vice Chairman Miller asked who is responsible for prosecution of those individuals that connected, then disconnected, and then re-connected to their wells? Sol Wolf said there isn't any examination for prosecution at this point. We are trying to examine what did happen, if people did do what he just talked about, then we are first conversing with everyone to find out why. At this point, it becomes the Township and the Authority's responsibility, because we have the mandatory connection ordinance in place and we are collecting the tapping fee money for the purpose of making the connection. We are not assuming that someone is doing something wrong at this point. The way it affects us now is with the sewer billing. If the City goes and checks and finds out somebody is sending well water into the sewer system, then they are telling us up front that they will be billing us for the 15,000 gallons of consumption. If that happens, then it is up to us to tell the customer that they are going to be being billed for the 15,000 gallons.

State Mandate – On-lot Management Systems

Sol Wolf reported that they have talked numerous times about the state mandated program for on-lot management systems with in the Township. The septic systems would have to be emptied periodically and in this case, it happens to be every 3 years. There is going to be a public hearing on the Township considering this ordinance on March 21st at the Union Canal Elementary School on Narrows Drive at 7 PM. The Authority is not involved in the adoption of the ordinance, but the Authority handles all the responsibilities in the Township for municipal sewers and on-lot sewer systems. This Authority has not had to do very much with on-lot sewage because the County SEO handles it for us through County Planning. Laws have been in place in the event a property owner has a malfunctioning septic system, where DEP has regulations that have to be followed. This part is not changing. Previously, people were not required to empty their septic systems and now they are. This is a requirement that was mandated by DEP about 10 years ago and is not just North Lebanon Township. It is every municipality in the state. If the municipality decides not to adopt an ordinance, then DEP has a right to stop all sewer permits being issued in that municipality for any new municipal sewer services, as well as private on-lot systems. This public hearing will be March 21st at 7Pm with a representative here from DEP that will explain their part of it and the reasons for the mandate. They are basically trying to get people to empty their

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tanks once every three years so the systems last longer and do not have the malfunctions. The haulers will be involved in filing the reports with County Planning, who will be administering the program. They will be funding any costs that will be involved through County Planning up to 85%; the other costs will be raised by County Planning. There will be representatives from County Planning, including Gordie Sheetz, the SEO for the County, he will explain how this will work, Earl Meyer, the Director of County Planning and also, the two people who will actually be working with Gordie Sheetz and doing all of the paperwork. The meeting with the haulers has already been held here at the Township. It was fairly well attended and some of the haulers have already been doing this with some other municipalities. The purpose of the public hearing is to explain what is going on to the residents that may be affected by this and try to answer any questions they may have. Then at some point in time, whether it is the 21st or another date, it will have to be adopted. When it is adopted the actual administering of the program will have to take place through County Planning. The way that either the Township or the Authority could be involved in the program, when people do get a ruling from County Planning on an on-lot sewage issue, they are allowed to have an appeal process, which will then go to either the Township Supervisors or the Authority Board. It is more likely it will come to the Authority. The person would file their appeal and submit what was decided and why they think it was wrong. They would then come before the Board of Supervisors or the Authority Board to have their case heard and explain their side of the story. County Planning would also be able to present their side of the story as well. Whoever the deciding body would be, would make the ruling on the case. The property owners would have the right to appeal that decision as well in the courts. A couple of important things that have to be considered are, we have 800-1,000 properties have on-lot sewer systems within the Township. There was some discussion that they would break this number up into thirds, doing 1/3 one year, another third the next and so on. But because County Planning is going to be doing this for other municipalities as well as ours, and because they have someone they specifically hired for this program, they feel it is better to notify all property owners at the same time that they need to have their systems cleaned and provide them with the list of haulers so they can pick whom they want to clean their systems. Tod asked if we are the first municipality to implement this program in the County? Sol Wolf said North Cornwall has been using this program for several years and are very comparable to our Township in size. They have had no problems or complaints with it to date. He is not sure if they have someone to administer the program or not. The other thing that is important as well is that people will be told that if they have had their septic systems pumped within the past year and they submit proof of that to County Planning, they will be exempt from having it done again this period. They would not have to have it done for another three years. Another thing that is provided for in the ordinance is that you will have people on on-lot sewage systems where you have just one person living in the household or are not there for a good part of the year, they will have the right to file a request for the SEO to come out and inspect their tank so they do

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not have to empty their tank every three years. At that time, the SEO has the right to extend their period of time past the three years. There may be some people that have not had their tanks emptied for years and years and may be older systems and may be difficult for the haulers to go in and clean the systems out. There is also a provision in there with the spec of what has to be installed in order to permanently be able to go in there and open it and empty the tank. The haulers are filling out the report so that we can detect a malfunction and they have to provide a copy of this report to the property owner and County planning. If there is something in this report that indicates a possible malfunction, then Gordie Sheetz will inform the property owner as well as the Township and investigates the problem, and comes up with a plan to correct the malfunction. The Authority is invited to attend the hearing, not as a participant, rather an observer. He then asked if anyone has any questions concerning this new program? Member Switzer Pierce asked what exactly are we going to be expected to do with the on-lots? Are we just an appeal board? Sol Wolf said that is the only obligation that the Authority Board has at this time. There may be certain resolutions that will need to be approved that only the Authority Board can approve. Just like any other new program, there will be some "growing" pains and we may find that we need to implement other tools in order to take full advantage of the program. Tod said one thing that sticks in his mind, is that one day, the County might decide to cut costs and this will be the program that gets cut. Then we are the ones that are going to be responsible for the management of this program. This is why he feels that we should attend the meeting; learn as much as we can about the program in the event that this does happen. Sheila will receive a report quarterly about what is going on in that quarter with any malfunctions, etc. In the event the we would ever need to take the program over, they would be our records and would be turned over to us. As long we know what they are doing as they go along, what residents are having problems and how those problems are being addressed, those reports are going to be filed with Sheila which will stay in the Township Office. Sue asked which reports he is referring to? Sol Wolf said the reports from the haulers and also from County Planning. Sheila stated that we are going to be fairly removed from this program, only to administratively do things and she wants to be involved so that she knows where we are in the event that we would have to take over the program. She feels that the meeting we had with the haulers was a very good one and very productive. They got some input from some of the haulers since they are already doing this program in some of the other municipalities. Our participation in this program was to provide the names and addresses of those properties that would be involved in this new program. County Planning is going to administer this, provide the paperwork, and if anyone has any questions, they will be providing the answers to those questions, since we will not have the information here at our disposal. County Planning will be having a management coordinator that will be running the program and when someone calls here for information, we will refer them to County. One of the things that was discussed at the Supervisors meeting,

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was the concern about the fact that we have so many properties in our Township that have on-lot systems, that there might not be a waste facility big enough to accept them. This was brought up with the haulers and they didn't think this was going to be a problem. They said they have plenty of facilities to take the waste. Sol Wolf said he thinks the bigger concern is, are these facilities going to take all of this waste, when we have, 800 – 1,000 properties emptying in one year? Scott and Sheila mentioned that Manheim and Derry Township have very large facilities, along with Klines', which have their own facility. These were some of the places that the haulers mentioned at the meeting. Vice Chairman Miller asked if it is the haulers discretion as to where they dispose of the waste once they have it? Sol Wolf said as long as they are certified by DEP, they can. Back to the question about the records, are we going to have a record of when the property was serviced or is that all going to County planning? Sheila said she thinks we will know in general. In our Township, we have gone by voting districts, to make things easier. They plan to do this in cycles, based on these voting districts, so we should have an idea when a particular area is being serviced. We can get the information if we need it, but as a rule, it will stay at County. They will take care of the letters going out to the residents about when they are scheduled to be serviced, reminder letters to those that may have forgotten to respond or just decided not to. Sol Wolf said based on his discussions with County, they are expecting to do all of ours in one year, hopefully. Then we would not have a lot going on in the next two years, unless there are some malfunctions. We will be getting a report from them quarterly, stating how many people they have contacted and sent letters to and how many of them have had their tanks emptied, etc. Just like with our water project, when we get to the end of the cycle, we will give a list of those who have not done anything and they could not get anywhere with and then work on that list and proceed with enforcement. What happens now, is if someone has a malfunction with their system, Gordie takes care of it and then sends us a report. Tod asked if there has been a lot of talk about this from our residents, has it been advertised in the papers, etc? Sheila said in the past 4 or 5 months, she has had one phone call about it. Sol Wolf said this has been in the Township newsletter twice already and on the website this year, so we have been trying to inform the residents that it is coming. Again, the Township has no choice in the matter; it is mandated and has to be done. Scott jumped in and said that this is something that the Township will want to get involved in because, according to the Act 537 Plan, you have to have implementation of an on-lot management program in order for the plan to be approved. If you don't implement this program, then the State can put a moratorium on permits for the Township. They can do this by saying that we are not adhering to the terms of the Act 537 Plan and are thereby in violation. If that were to happen, there is a possibility that we would not be able to get anymore on-lot permits. There is another thing that we have to remember and that is, when one department has a problem with a municipality, it seems all of the other departments find out as well and sometimes, you will see grants disappearing. Sol Wolf said in theory, as long as it is being enforced reasonably, whether that is 3

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years or more, because of special circumstances, it will help people keep their on-lot sewer systems in better condition.

Sol Wolf reported that we received a check for engineering and inspection invoices from the LVEDC. We were getting a little concerned about this since it was quite a large amount, but we have now received payment. There is an agreement that was authorized by the Authority that has certain conditions on it. We will not take over the sewer system until the bond is in place, and also, we want the sewer line extended to the end of the property, so we can take the Hillside Drive pump station out of service. We are getting down to the end of the project and the inspections and he has been in conversations with the attorney for the business park. So between now and next months meeting, these things should be resolved and signed.

Tod asked a question about the inspections that were done at the Business Park. He wanted to know if they were done by the engineers or by the Authority personnel? Scott mentioned that Brian Hockley's Office inspected this project. Sol Wolf we are not finished with the inspections yet on the sewer line. Tod said his concern is the 600' of sewer line that is in the fill area. He thought they were going to shoot a laser through the pipe to make sure that the pipe was straight and did not have any dips in it. How can he find out if this was done? Scott said that Mike is the one that he should talk to because he was out there during this time. He wants to make sure that the line is right, now. If it's wrong now, it needs to be fixed before we take it over. Scott assured Tod that Mike would not let a line slip through that is not the way it is supposed to be. He then went on to explain the procedure that is used to make sure there are no dips or obstructions in the line. He said there is a tool that is put in the line and dragged through. The tool is a ball type object that if there is a dip or obstruction in the line, will not be able to be pulled out. If it is free of dips, etc., the ball will pull straight through. Tod asked if the ball is the same size as the line? Scott said it is. Tod said he would like to relate a story to this. He said when he stands out behind his office at Leshner Mack and watches the trains, he said the ground rumbles and shakes like you would not believe. How is that going to affect this line in years to come? This really concerns him. Sol Wolf told him that even after the line is turned over to us, they have to post a 5 year bond on the line to insure it's integrity.

8th Avenue Pump Station Upgrade

Scott has circulated specifications to Mike and Sheila for this upgrade. Sol Wolf and Scott have been working on the bid documents. They are hoping to start advertising in April and have a pre-bid meeting as well in April. The bid opening is tentatively scheduled for the end of April or the very beginning of May. We are in the process of finalizing the documents and specs for this project. There will be two separate bids. The one bid will be for the pumps, because they are very

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specific requirements that we want the pump manufacturer to meet. The other part of the bid will be for the general construction of the building and the electrical. We want to have direct contact with the pump manufacturer, which is why we are bidding them separately. The main concern this evening is to review with the Authority what the Authority expects to receive from the engineer on this project. As we are going ahead with the project, the developer of the Sanger tract is committed to making cash contribution towards the upgrade of that pump station. Sol Wolf has put him on notice that the payment will be due in the spring and will be in the amount of \$218,000. Also, there is a new development being processed right in the same area where this sewer is flowing and into the same pump station. We have done a draft of that agreement and it is in the review process for sewer with Scott. They will be finalizing that agreement which will require a contribution from that developer as well. The agreement calls for \$2,000 per lot to connect to the sewer line, in addition to the sewer permit-tapping fee. In Briar Lake, there are 109 lots and in this new one, there are 71 lots. This is only in the planning stage at this time.

Countryside Mobile Home Park (Piazza)

After a lot work, hopefully this plan will be approved by the Planning Commission on Monday night and then move on to the Board of Supervisors at their meeting. They are connecting to and utilizing the municipal water system. He has signed the agreement with us and paid us the required fees. There was an issue that was raised with the Authority, which we asked Scott to take a look at. Just as with sewer, we are paying for the water extension from the lateral up to his park and then he is paying to put the meter in on his property. He will be billed bulk for the water that is used by his residents. He is also adding on 18 more units to his park that will be connected to the water and the sewer. He is done everything that we have asked and paid all of the review fees. He has paid the City of Lebanon for the capacity fees. Our sewer tapping fees will be paid when he picks up the permits for the new part of the park. We had asked him if he could try to get a better price for what we are paying him to extend the sewer line from the sewer lateral up to his property. He has a contractor to do this and he tried to get another one to do it for a better price, but because it is such a small job, he cannot get a better price, no one wants to do it. Basically the price that he got is probably the best he is going to get at this point. So we are going to go ahead and reimburse him for this work when it is done. He has to have approvals for the water system from the City and he thinks we did receive the approval, but he is not sure if it is the final approval. As far as the Authority is concerned, he has done everything that we asked him to do. It will just be a question of County Planning and a question of approval from the Township. But that will not happen until he gets final clearance from the City on his water system within the park.

ENGINEERS REPORT

North 8th Avenue Pump Station

Scott stated that Sol Wolf gave everyone a schedule for bidding the project. We did receive the permit from DEP on Friday. We are now working with PennDot to get the permits for the section that we have to connect to on East Maple Street. We are expecting this permit back in about a week or so. Scott feels it is best to bring a set of plans in here to let people see, if they are so inclined or does the Board want them mailed to homes? Sol Wolf asked if it would be more meaningful for the Board to see the actual Water Street station than to look at some plans? Scott said that would probably be a good idea. Mike said it would take a few minutes to take a look at Water Street; everyone would get the idea real quick as to what they are looking at. Scott said the new station is going to be pretty much the same thing as Water Street. The only difference between the two will be the size. This new station will be just a little smaller than the Water Street station. The building might be a little bigger, but the pumps are smaller. Scott said he would leave a set of plans here at the office in the event anyone wants to look over them. If anyone wants a set mailed to them, they shall let him know. They have targeted April 1st to advertise for bids for the project and then open them most likely, May 2nd, leaving 4 weeks in between, which is the norm. We are looking at having a pre-bid meeting somewhere in between, like April 8th or real close to that date.

Plan Reviews

Spring Creek

The plan review letter is complete, at least the technical part. Sol Wolf is trying to incorporate some comments into the letter concerning a forthcoming agreement and to be prepared for additional tapping fees and costs for this pump station. For the members that were not on the Board when this project first started, as Sol Wolf pointed out, Briar Lake and Spring Creek are paying extra fees for the pump station upgrade. This pump station was slated to be upgraded anyway and the design of the station is not much different than what it would have been, had these developments not come in the Township. Scott asked Mike when the existing 8th Avenue pump station was built? Mike said it was built in 1986. It is definitely in need of improvements and has seen its better days.

Tod asked what the actual cost of this station is slated to be? Scott said it is most likely going to be in the area of \$500,000. Tod then said if we are going to be getting fees from the two developments, 109 from one development and 70 + from the other, will this cover the costs? Sol Wolf said actually, we would be collecting the regular tapping fees for all of these lots as well to help contribute to the cost of the station. So basically, the station is not going to cost us anything. Tod

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asked how the denial of the re-zoning request, affects the Authority Board and the size of the line that we had discussed at the last meeting? Sol Wolf said unless they find someone that wants to develop the property as an industrial area; we don't have to worry about it. Another question that Tod had for Mike is, was the Valspar line televised yet? Mike said no, that is the last thing that will be done. It was already mandrel tested and passed that test. Even if the mandrel test was passed, the camera will tell the entire story as it passes through the line. Tod asked Mike if he would be there when the line is televised? Mike said most definitely and we will be getting a tape of it as well.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT**Onlot meeting-March 21st at Union Canal School**

Sheila said she thinks Sol Wolf covered everything she had on the On-lot hearing on Monday evening.

Water Project Update

The City has been providing us with a list of those people that have not made their debt service payment. Just so you are aware, for those people that have connected and have not made their debt service payment, the City can and will terminate their water service. We haven't encountered that yet, but that is coming soon. After the last billing, we have 30 people that have not paid their debt service. Vice Chairman Miller asked if they do not terminate water over the winter months? Sheila said no, but now we are in March now and they can terminate now. Miller then asked if the debt service is paid separately from the usage charges? Sheila said it is all paid to the City and then the City cuts a check to us for the debt service portion.

Zoning Amendment Request

Sheila has received another re-zoning request. This one is for the corner of 15th Avenue and East Cumberland Street for Eight E Limited Partnership. This would be for the old Repperts building. They want to go from R2 to Commercial zoning. The section that is going to be in North Lebanon Township is going to be the good portion of the building where their showroom will be located. There won't be any wash bays or oil bays in our Township, but Scott may want to look at it. Scott said he actually did look at the plan and it just looks like it is going to be a small business. It had been R2 and it is being requested to be re-zoned Commercial, and since R2 would have more density and would have more flows than this Commercial venture, it should be no problem. Miller asked if they are planning to change the structure of the building that is currently on the property? Sheila said they are planning on demolishing the current building to make way for the showroom. It

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will be a whole new structure. Miller then asked if there will be any "bird watching" to make sure that a repair garage or the like would not be incorporated into the new building? Sheila said they are planning for a "reconditioning" center at the new site, but that portion of the design is in South Lebanon Township. He then asked where the cut-off is for this building? Sheila said we are at the Township line, where it will be going right into the South Lebanon lines, with the exception of just a few feet, which will be in our Township. Miller then said, so any discharge leaving that building will be South Lebanon's problem, not ours? Sol Wolf said that is right. Scott said if the plans come in and there is to be a discharge into our lines, they have a Strong Waste Management Program and they will review what the plans are and then they will not issue a permit until they have all of the safeguards in place. Vice Chairman Miller said if the explanation is correct, that this will be a reconditioning shop, then it will depend on what type of chemicals they will be using in this operation, that may wind up in the sewage system. Sheila said from what she knows, all of the flow will be going into the other Township. This is just a conceptual thing right now, but what is being planned, and she doesn't even think anything is going into our line, it is just physically the building that will be located in our Township, period. The building that they are proposing is basically just a showroom with bathrooms facilities. She then announced that the public hearing for this project is scheduled for Monday, May 16th.

College Hill Sulfide Charges

Sheila reported that we did receive the check from College Hill for the high sulfide reads.

Green Acres Mobile Home Park

Sheila spoke with the environmentalist associated with the Green Acres Mobile Home Park. He wasn't happy to get our letter and had a few comments for her on the letter. She thinks that he is straightened out and understands the program and what we are trying to accomplish. We will be sharing information with him and also, reviewing their property quarterly. The main problem that we have had with this property is that we cannot find a contact. They continue to have different addresses and we can never find them and communication is extremely difficult. This person now has given us all the necessary information that we need; such as fax number, phone numbers, etc. She told him that our goal is to clean this area up and not to make life miserable for them, but they have to do their part as well as the Authority. She mentioned that Tom K has this program running pretty well and seems to have everything in order so far.

SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mike started by saying that Tom K also has the grease trap program going as well. He has sent out letters and forms to all of the commercial and industrial users in the Township. He is starting to get somewhere with this as he is getting some of

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the forms returned with the information that he requested. The users that did not mail their forms back are getting a personal visit from Tom K to get the information. He has plenty of the forms in the event that they say they have not received one in the mail and it can be completed at that time.

On Monday, they installed flow channels in a manhole that was placed in 1991. What was happening was that the debris was starting to get caught up on the bottom of the channel. It was close to becoming a back up. We had been watching and about 2-3 weeks ago, we washed it down. They tried a new product called "Reliner" which has been out on the market for about a year and is modular channels. We had taken a photograph of the manhole and sent it up to Connecticut. They laid a protractor on it and laid the whole thing out and figured out which modular pieces would be needed for this project. We picked this up last Thursday at LB Water in Ephrata and assembled it here in the shop. It was larger than it needed to be because, you don't know until it gets here how large it really needs to be. They installed it on Monday in a drop connection and got the flow going. We now have to go back and pour concrete in to make the bench. This is the second manhole that we have found like this in this particular project that is having some problems. Eventually all of the manholes in this project are going to need this type of repair.

Last Friday, when Mike was out at the Business Park, Swerp came up to fix the link seal in that manhole where they tied in along the railroad bed. When they were down in there, they noticed that some of the epoxy on the bench coming loose. This is about 9 years old. They patched this up, so now we have to go in all of the 27 other manholes and see if they are in the same condition and keep after it. When the weather gets nice, they will be going in and out of there checking for this. You don't want to let something like this get out of hand.

He finished the flush books and they are caught up now. He has the televising map started.

Sol Wolf reminded Mike at this time about the old force main. Mike asked Sol Wolf to start out and then he will finish. Sol Wolf said that the old force main is made out of ductile iron. In Cleona and North Cornwall, they have sister pump stations with force mains and then North Cornwall's' force main goes from their pump station into the Lebanon City Treatment Plant. Last summer, there was a break in the force main. They dug it up, cut the bad piece out, and took it to have it

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analyzed. It cost \$30,000 for the clean up, since it was a DEP clean up. About a week later, the same force main broke at another place. They went in and did the same thing there. So now they have \$50,000 invested in this old pipe. These force mains have been in the ground, in excess of 25 years. The engineers involved, Jeff Steckbeck for Cleona, and Gannett Fleming for North Cornwall, both confirmed that the useful life of those ductile iron pipes are around 25 years, so they have reached the end of their life. They have so much flow going through these force mains that there is no practical way of checking out how much is good and how much is bad and where. The members of their Authority were thinking should we come in and dig it up and cut sections out that we know could be going bad? But then, you could be cutting out good sections at the same time. This could also cause a problem for North Cornwall because they get all of Cleona's flow, a portion of theirs that flows through Cleona, Cornwall's flow, and all of West Cornwall's flow. This all flows into the North Cornwall pump station. The engineer said you might as well bite the bullet and figure you have reached the end of the useful life and install a parallel line that is plastic and will have a longer, more useful life. This would be better than taking a chance that this will happen again and maybe cause more of a problem. So North Cornwall is in the process of doing this and Cleona is looking at it. So Sol Wolf mentioned this to Mike in the event that we would have to do the same thing. Mike said that we have 4 of these old ductile iron lines in the Township. He asked Scott at this time to show the Board why this is occurring. Scott reported that years ago when contractors put lines in, if you have a high point in a force main, air would tend to gather in those high points and you would get air pockets in these high points. This then mixes with the hydrogen sulfide gases and eats away at the pipes. You will first start getting leaks in the force main and it will then start coming up to the surface. You can put a repair clamp on there and then 2-3 months later, about 5' away from there, you have another leak. This keeps on going down the line. You can see this when you start cutting away the line. Today, these things are avoided because air release valves are put on the line at the time of installation. Tod asked Mike where these 4 sections of pipe are in the Township? Mike said they are at Frances Ann Drive, Kochenderfer Road, 8th Avenue, and Water Street. Mike suggested "pipe bursting" which is a process of taking a pneumatic head and putting it in the old pipe, which will then travel up the old pipe, the path of least resistance, therefore, requiring little excavating except where there are elbows. One of the Board members asked how Mike knows about this process? Mike reported that he learned about this several years ago. It is very popular in Europe and the European nations. Mike told them that we need to look into the process to get more in depth information.

With no more business for the good of the Authority the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary