

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Workshop Meeting held August 9, 2011

A workshop meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman William B. Hawk, on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present in addition to Mr. Hawk were: William C. Seeds, Sr., William L. Hornung, and Gary A. Crissman.

Also in attendance were George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steven Stine, Township Solicitor; Mike Kraska, President, Linglestown Fire Company; Sam Robbins, Jeff Kline, Matt Miller, Public Works Department; and Ted Robertson and Watson Fisher, SWAN.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Crissman led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Tyler Milakovic, 2307 Forest Hills Drive, explained that he wanted to discuss the flooding that occurred this past weekend between his property and 2309 Forest Hills Drive. He noted that there is a Township-owned wetland that rose significantly as a result of the rain that occurred in April also. He noted that he called the Township in April and reported the problem. He explained that he had six to seven feet of water in front of his house within an hour, and an officer was dispatched to his house. He explained this is the third time that his basement was flooded this year and there is no place for his sump pumps to drain because the water was coming back up from down the hill and behind Toftree Drive. He noted that he wanted to know what the Township plans to do about it.

Mr. Hawk noted that he was told that within a very short period of time, seven inches of rain fell in a very localized section of the Township. He noted that he will be sharing more information about this later in the meeting.

Mr. Wolfe noted that staff is making a list of problematic locations and they will inspect those locations, just as they did in the spring. He noted that staff never finished the spring list given that within three months another measurable event occurred. He noted that Mr. Robbins will show that the damage was significant and he will have his staff look at the areas that require maintenance and where it is the Township's responsibility, it will do what is needed to make the necessary repairs.

Ms. Cathy Wali, 2428 East Bayberry Drive noted that her basement was flooded three times since April. She noted that they have water coming from Continental Drive down to her house and she had tons of water coming down. She noted that it was a river coming down the mountain. She noted that the April event was the first time in 12 years that her basement was flooded and now it has been flooded three times this year. She noted that Continental Drive gets completely flooded and even the cars were flooded. She questioned what she could do as she can't finish her basement. She noted that something has changed in the development to cause this. Mr. Wolfe noted that what has changed is that at least two of the storms we had this year have been far greater than what we normally experience. He noted this past event was off the charts. Mr. Hawk noted that we have had more rain this year than he could ever remember.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Harrisburg area is setting records, but Lower Paxton Township is ahead of all the published numbers for the general Harrisburg area. He noted that the Township has been the unlucky recipient of the bull's-eye of several storms.

Karen Denver, 4115 Continental Drive noted that she can appreciate what Mr. Wolfe stated, but after three storms, they stayed outside for 2 to 3 hours cleaning out all the drains and she feels that the Boy Scout Trail on Continental Drive is a huge issue. She noted that the drainage is not working as it became a rapid river that was rolling down the road and the trail is gone. She noted that the drains are all covered with debris, and not functioning. She noted that someone needs to evaluate the drainage issue in the neighborhood. She explained that some work was done on that trail in the last couple of months. She explained that the people who live on Toftree Drive have problems with the water coming up through the drains and all the new asphalt is gone. She noted that she had pictures to show the Board. Mr. Hawk questioned how long Ms. Denver's has lived in her home. She answered that she has only lived in her home for two years. She explained that she tore out the carpet and when she moved it there was no evidence of water

damage to that carpet. She noted that her house is located in the lowest point in that street. She noted that the river from the Boy Scout Trail runs down and hits her house, fills up, runs down to Ms. Wali's house, and down to Toftree Drive where all the water is rushing up from the drains. Mr. Hawk noted that this year has been significantly different as compared to last year. Ms. Denver noted that everyone who lives close to the Boy Scout Trail noticed that there has been a lot of work going on. She noted that they have dug up the road and repaired it, but someone dug it all out. She noted that it is all mud and rocks rolling down the hill.

Mr. Conrad Six, 2316 Forest Hills Drive, stated that he had a similar problem, however it was sewer water. He explained that he has a finished basement, 1,600 square feet, and it is totally wiped out. He noted that water was coming out of the commode, shower, and sink two to three feet high. He noted that it just burst out. He noted that the crew that was at his home to clean up his house cost over \$10,000 and it will cost \$25,000 to replace what was damaged. He questioned if the Township has insurance coverage. Mr. Wolfe noted that it would not cover an "Act of God". Mr. Six stated that this was not an "Act of God". Mr. Wolfe noted that Mr. Six was welcome to provide his information to the Authority and file a claim, however, if it is determined that it was an "Act of God", they do not provide coverage. Mr. Six noted that the Supreme Court removed God from all municipal practices of government authority. He noted that God is not involved. He noted that he sends his payment to the Authority, and his bill does not come from God, he gets his bill from the Authority. He noted that God is not involved in this, the Authority is involved. Mr. Hawk noted that the Authority does not make it rain. Mrs. Six noted that it is an Authority issue too. Mr. Six noted that it is an enclosed sewer pipe, with no run off water. He noted that it is coming through the sewer.

Ms. Denver noted that the drainage system in her neighborhood was not working. She explained that she lived in a similar situation in a town that had houses built on top and below her, and living at the top of a hill, that town had no trouble draining water all the way down. She noted that it was exactly like Forest Hills and that town drained all their water down and out and there was plenty of torrential rain at that location also.

Mr. Six noted that he has lived in his home for 25 years and he has never had this experience. He never had any stormwater or sewage in his home.

Ms. Bernice Reidlinger, 2424 Melbourne Drive, noted that she is getting water from the home above and behind her yard. She noted that she called the Township and someone from the Codes Department came out in April and May and they stated that they would check for illegal shifting of water from one property to another. She explained that they stated that they would get back to her but she had not heard anything. She explained that she hired a landscape engineer and he came up with a plan but she is unable to do anything until he talks to the Township and no one has returned his phone calls. She noted that he also sent a letter, but has not received any response. She noted that her engineer suggested that she come to the meeting to see what can be done. She questioned if people can run water anywhere they want to. Mr. Stine explained that the Township enacted a recent storm water management ordinance; however, many of the homes were built before the changes were made to the ordinance. He noted that regulations were a lot different when many of the homes were built.

Mr. Hornung explained that every so often, the ordinances are amended to provide more restriction concerning water runoff, however, those who are grandfathered in do not need to update to the current ordinance; however, if they have changed their landscaping to cause more additional runoff to a certain area, that is a different matter. He suggested if a recent change has been made then there may be something the Township can do. Ms. Reidlinger noted that someone from the Township stated that they would walk the neighborhood and get back to her and that was couple of months ago. She noted that no one can do anything until she hears from the Township. She noted all she wants to know is what she can do. She noted that the water levels got dangerously close to the pool this time and it was worse than in the past. She explained that there are two areas of concern, one behind the fence that has a swale that could trickle down towards the street as there are no houses. She noted that there are trees and grass in that area and it leads to the street and a cul-de-sac. She noted that there are two houses that are higher than her, and on the side of her home, and the water comes fast and furiously, and it is getting into the basement. She noted that she needs to know what the regulations are so the engineer can move forward. Mr. Wolfe noted that he would follow up on that complaint.

Public Works Department status report on  
Stormwater Management issues and concerns

Mr. Wolfe noted as of today, staff has declared an emergency in regards to the storm event this past weekend. He explained that the Declaration of Emergency allows the Township to waive certain requirements, such as purchasing and procurement service requirements. He noted that the Township needs to invoke its emergency powers in order to get contractors to fix roads and storm sewers in an immediate fashion due to the danger to the public health, safety and welfare as well as the immediate need of the public to be able to travel certain streets.

Mr. Wolfe noted that he prepared the Emergency Declaration to be effective this date, by the Township's Codified Ordinances, and as such, he needs to inform the Chairman of the Board within 24 hours and provide notice to all Board members of it. He noted that the Board of Supervisors will need to ratify the Declaration at its next meeting. He requested Mr. Stine to review the process. Mr. Stine explained that he had nothing more to add, noting that the process is following the Emergency Management Services Code. Mr. Wolfe explained that he hesitated to declare an emergency notice earlier because he was waiting to see if Dauphin County or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania would declare an emergency condition in our local areas. He noted that this event was so localized, that at this point, it does not appear that the County or State are going to act, so he felt that it was in the Township's best interest to act and begin to move forward with the process. He noted that it is unknown if the County or State will act before the Tuesday Board meeting.

Mr. Hawk noted that it empowers the Township to take necessary action to respond to the events. Mr. Wolfe explained that it will allow the Township to retain a contractor to do work and eliminate the bid process. He noted that staff will continue to get prices before making any purchases. He noted that Mr. Robbins will show the Board that it does not have the equipment or expertise to do the repairs, noting that a contractor will have to be hired, and the repairs cannot wait 30 to 60 days in order to go through the bid process. He noted if Pennsylvania Emergency Management Association (PEMA) or the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) would make disaster relief funding available, an emergency declaration is necessary to qualify for the funding. He noted that he did not know if this would occur, but if it does, the Township

would have adopted one of the steps necessary to do this. He noted that it would be an agenda item for Tuesday night's meeting.

Mr. Robbins noted on Saturday night between 11 p.m. and Sunday morning at 2 a.m., the Township received roughly 7 inches of rain. He noted that the roads that are still closed are: Beaver Road between Kenwood and Cricket Lanes, Goose Valley Road between Fairway Lane and Janelle Drive, and Old Colonial Road, north of Goose Valley Road. He noted that the damaged roads were: Wenrich Street, Geraldine Drive, Fairmont Drive, Earl Drive, and Devonshire Heights Road. He noted that he only listed the major damaged roads as many other roads sustain minor damage as well. He noted, as staff assesses the damage, more roads will be identified. He noted that damaged was sustained to roadways at 314 Mollie Drive, Laraby Drive, Creek Drive, and Devonshire Road.

Mr. Robbins noted that emergency work needs to be done at 314 Mollie Drive and Laraby Road. He noted that it will cost roughly \$12,000 to repair 314 Mollie Drive as there is a huge hole in the yard that is roughly 15 feet deep and 14 feet in diameter. He noted that it is a very unsafe situation, and although it is not in the cartway, it is in the right-of-way for a storm water easement. He noted that Laraby Drive has the same issue, as it is behind the curb and tied to a system that conveys drainage from within the development to a pond or downstream to the Township's stormwater outlet.

Mr. Robbins noted that it is his intention that Public Works would provide all materials to the site, such as pipe and stone, and would do the restoration to keep the costs to the minimum with the contractor providing the necessary labor and equipment to do the work. He noted that many of the problems are deep and big, some 12 to 14 feet in depth using a 36-inch to 40-inch diameter pipe. He noted that Wenrich Street has been repaired and Goose Valley and Geraldine Drive should be completed this week. He explained that high volumes of water got under the asphalt and picked up the wearing course from the base course and the road has buckled. He explained that he will have to remove the top course, prepare the base road and repave it.

Mr. Robbins noted that Devonshire Road has a 48-inch corrugated pipe coming from the culvert box that has reached its useful life and the storm took the earth above it and sent it down the pipe into the stream. He noted that he would like to contract someone to set a new structure

along the edge of the road and replace the pipe to the stream. He noted that the sediment must be removed from the stream as it is a violation of the MS4 requirements.

Mr. Robbins noted on Beaver Road between Cricket and Kenwood Roads, there is a very large pipe that runs along the side of the road, roughly 50 to 60 inches wide, and 46 inches high. He noted that the pipe could not handle the flow of water and it washed out the brick above the inlet box and water got under the road and damaged it. He noted that it picked the road up and when it stopped raining it set it back down. He noted that various sections will have to be excavated and replaced and Public Works will do this work over the next few days. He noted that water gets under the macadam and it pushed up large stones and aggregate through the blacktop. He noted that the roadway will have to be replaced and he will make some type of provision to get the water off the roadway when the repairs are made.

Mr. Robbins noted for Mollie Drive, water left the pipe via the bottom of the structure, eroded the material away, and caused a large sinkhole behind the curb. He stated that he would like to hire a contractor to excavate the pipe, install a ten to 20 foot section of pipe, and backfill the area. He noted that this would not correct the entire problem. He noted that this section of pipe was slated for a lining project, and based on this damage he did not think that he would be able to line the facility in the future. He noted that the downstream end of the pipe needs to be cleaned and televised to determine how much damage has occurred.

Mr. Robbins noted on Earl Drive between Top View and Loop Drives, there was minor road damage; however, he wanted to show how high the water was. He noted that the water level rose to between the silver car and the sign. He noted that it was roughly 3.5 feet to 4 feet over the roadway and it move someone's fire wood against the guiderail.

Mr. Robbins noted at Creek Drive, the bottom of the pipe is in very poor condition, however, the second pipe on top had a 20 foot section that was extended out to almost the full length of the large pipe and it washed out and ended up downstream. He noted that staff will backfill the area and put a section of pipe in for a temporary fix. Mr. Kline noted that this is what caused the previous pictures as it empties into a stream that meanders down through Earl Drive. He noted that the upstream part of the pipe was blocked by debris and the water topped the road and that is what caused the flooding over the top of the road. He noted that Curvin Drive, south of Creek Drive had a section of pedestrian railing where all the supports were

loosen by the water flow. He noted for Old Colonial Road, the repair was just completed several weeks ago, but now there is \$20,000 to \$30,000 worth of damage to the guiderail. He noted that that the road will have to be repaved, and it should be opened later in the week, with the guiderail damage to be completed at a later date. He explained that all the posts must be removed, and the edge of the road must be re-built and stabilized before the posts can be reinstalled.

Mr. Robbins noted that the damage to Goose Valley Road was a repeat of what occurred in the April storm. He noted that a four-inch gas line was exposed, that was buried four feet deep, and the stone was carried into the stream. Mr. Wolfe noted that the car shown in the picture was stranded in the water as someone tried to drive through the deep waters. Mr. Robbins explained that a woman tried to drive her car through the water and got stuck. He noted the man in the car behind her tried to help her and was washed away to a tree downstream resulting in a swift-water rescue. Mr. Wolfe noted that was not the only swift-water rescued that occurred that night as there were three other events. He explained that the gas line has been restored.

Mr. Robbins noted that road must be saw cut, removed, repacked and repaved. He noted that the bridge on Geraldine Drive had a lot of debris stuck in the guiderail but the bridge was fine. He suggested that the water level was at least a foot over the guiderail.

Mr. Robbins noted that Laraby Drive off of Crums Mill Road has a section of pipe that failed and it needs to be replaced. He noted that he needs to replace the pipe that runs across the road, to the point where it reached a good structure. He noted that the weight of the fill dropped down and crushed the pipe and it restricts the carrying capacity of the pipe. He noted that the repairs have been made on Wenrich Street, south of Blue Ridge Avenue; however, the downstream area of culvert end of the pipe is exposed. He noted for the April storm some culvert pipes actually floated.

Mr. Robbins noted for Devonshire Road between Care Street and Bristol Road, an inlet pipe had to be cut and a new transition must be tied into the pipe. He explained that he expects to get more calls over the week that people have found holes in their yards. He noted, on Compton Drive, there is a large culvert driveway facility outside the right-of-way. He noted when the water recedes from that area, he will try to get into the waterway that runs from one side of the road to the other and make sure there are no obstructions. He noted that the water was about a

foot below the West Hanover Township sign. He noted that the road is closed and it will have to be washed down before it could be opened.

Mr. Seeds noted that he had some observations obviously. He explained that he did some visiting today and he had some flooding at his home, but nothing near to match what he saw today. He noted that you can call it an act of God, but it has been occurring far too often. He stated that he thinks that the Township's storm sewer system, just like the sanitary sewer system, obviously needs a lot of maintenance. He noted that it has been let go for a lot of years, things have gotten worse every year, and he thinks that we need to embark on a project similar to our sewer project. He stated the he thinks that the Township needs to get HRG, or another engineer, to do a thorough study of the Township, come back, and report by early fall, and we need to get a plan together to fix a lot of these problems because he didn't think it was going to quit. He stated that he did not think that this was an especially unusual year and that it will happen again, and he has seen too much damage and the Township's infrastructure, just like its sewer system needs repaired. He noted that he thinks that somehow we need to do it, whether we need to float bonds, as we've done with the sewer system under the direction from the Department of Environmental Protection. Never-the-less, he thinks that the Board has a mandate from the residents that it has gotten worse; we have had three or four severe storms this year. He noted that we are seeing a lot of damage to a lot of people's homes and noted that he looked at homes today with probably \$20,000 to \$30,000 worth of damage. He noted that people have dumpsters out on the streets, with crews of people hauling furniture. He noted that they have to rebuild their basements; some of them had three, four foot of water, and have lost computer systems, televisions, carpeting, and we've got to find a way to fix it.

Mr. Seeds noted that, in past years, there was money in the budget to put a new culvert in for an area on Earl Drive, but we never did it. He noted that we did do some work there, but apparently it's not good enough, and so he was suggesting to this Board that we embark, start by getting HRG to identify, from taking our files from all the calls we've had this storm and other storms this year, and let them do a thorough inventory of the whole Township, identify our problem areas, prioritize them by Fall, and this Board needs to look at how we're going to finance it. He noted that never-the-less, we need to do it, whether it's through a bond issue, hopefully not more taxes, but he thinks it needs to be fixed like our sewer system. He stated that

he thought that the Township was on the right track with our highways as we have a plan this year to rebuild a lot of them, but a lot of infrastructure needs done, and he thinks it's time to do it. He stated that he was suggesting to the rest of his Board members that we embark by starting by directing HRG, because they are our Township Engineer, to do a thorough study of the Township, identifying areas, identifying what is the responsibility of the Township, and what is the responsibility of the homeowners, but never-the-less, we need to do something.

Mr. Six noted that he appreciated the comments and questioned if the Sewer Authority is separate from this Board. Mr. Seeds answered that it has the same board members, but funded by a different operation. Mr. Hawk noted that it is a different entity but the same people. Mr. Six questioned who he should address his claim to. Mr. Seeds noted if it is a sewer issue it should be addressed to the Sewer Authority. Mr. Crissman noted that it is a different body with a different function.

A question was asked if the Township Engineer was present at the meeting. Mr. Crissman answered no.

Mrs. Six noted that they called a plumber today and was told that there is a valve that they could install that would allow the sewer water to flow out but not permit it to reenter the house. She questioned if they would have to have permission to install this valve. Mr. Wolfe noted that if Mrs. Six would want to call to get a recommendation about a check valve, the Sewer Authority would be happy to comment, but she would not have to get permission to install one. He noted that the sewer line from the house to the street is own and maintained by the property owner, and if they wanted to install a check valve they could do it. Mr. Six questioned where you would install it. Mr. Wolfe noted that Mr. Six would have to contact the Sewer Authority to get that information.

Mrs. Six noted that she has lived in her home for 25 years and never had any water in the basement. Mr. Crissman noted that he could sympathize with her as he never had any water, even during Hurricane Agnes, but he had water this time. Mrs. Six noted that she could understand water, but not sewer water. Mr. Wolfe explained that sewer water is not in a completely closed system. He noted that the Township's Paxton Creek system is not a completely closed system, noting that part of it runs through the Township and Susquehanna Township into a borough and the City of Harrisburg. He noted for the older sections of that

system, it is a combined system where storm water and sanitary sewer flow through the same pipes. He noted that those pipes that are downstream surcharge, meaning they fill up with water and it backs up upstream because of that. Mr. Six noted that it occurred at his home without impacting anyone in between.

Mr. Hawk noted that he and Mr. Crissman both lived through Hurricane Agnes in 1972 and he had 4 feet of water in his basement and he has since had it waterproofed and he has not had a drop of water since that time. Mrs. Six noted that the Township needs to do an assessment because they had someone from the Township come to their house on Sunday morning and he stated that the Township had a problem but it didn't know where it was.

Mr. Hawk noted that Harrisburg had a tornado come through in May, but this event had a tremendous volume of water with high intensity that occurred while most people were sleeping and many were oblivious to the extent of the storm. He questioned if it was the intensity along with the volume that caused most of the damage. Mr. Robbins answered, from what he has shown the Board that would be correct. He noted for the storms that occurred in 2005 or 2007 there were several storms that occurred during the summer in July and August with 2 or 3 events that had 4 to 5 inches of rain that fell, but we never saw this kind of damage and the reason was that the duration of that rainfall was over a 6 to 8 hour period. He noted that duration is a key factor in what results. He noted when you have 7 inches of rain fall within a three-hour period, nothing soaks in, and it just picks up everything in its path. He noted that it is an enormous amount of water, but if it would have occurred over a seven hour period, we would not be sitting her tonight. He noted that York and Lebanon had intense weather cells over their municipalities in the spring, and they were nailed with those storms.

Mr. Seeds noted that there are certain areas within the Township that get hit every year, and he noted those are the areas that he was talking about that we need to do something with because it will happen again.

A woman questioned if there is anything that can be done, noting that a neighbor put a drain in but it didn't help. She questioned if she should hire someone to put in a drain or a swale. Mrs. Wali explained that she put a \$5,000 drain in her backyard and the amount of water coming down the mountain from Continental Drive was far too much for it to handle. She noted that she does not know what to do. She explained that she has \$20,000 of damage to her finished

basement, and spent \$5,000 on her backyard last month and she was flooded again. She noted that she does not know what to do.

Mr. Hornung noted that no one can design for this type of event. He noted that PENNDOT does not design roads for rush hours, but they design for something different. He noted that they can't design for rush hours or there would be huge roads everywhere you go. He noted that this is a one in 500-year storm. He noted that the other storms that occurred in the spring were one in 100-year storms. He noted that every one hundred years you should see a storm like the one that occurred in the spring. He noted that no engineering company would design for those types of events because it would be an astronomical cost. Ms. Reidlinger questioned if there is anything a person can do to stop the water or contain it when your house is at the lowest point of two properties above you. Mr. Hornung explained that he is 60-years old and he has never seen a storm like what occurred on Saturday night. Ms. Wali noted that there was so much water that the drains could not take it therefore, there are not enough drains. Mr. Hornung suggested that some of the issue could be solved but the Township can't design for seven inches of rain in a three-hour period. He noted that there are other areas in the Township that have been flooded with a lot less rainfall and those areas will receive the priority, however, some of those areas are not the Township's responsibility. He noted that staff will look at the areas where sewer water is getting into basements and the homes that have a higher frequency of basement flooding and other than the last two storms which were 100-year storms, those issues will get a higher rating. He noted that staff will work its way through the list and try to tie as many together as possible, looking at the areas where the Township may have exasperated the situation, and try to rectify them. He suggested that the Township does not have to hire an engineering firm, as he would much rather put that money into the ground instead of engineering. He noted that Mr. Robbins and Mr. Miller know where the problems are; however, staff may need engineering help to design a solution. He noted that the people in the trenches know where the problems are. He suggested that the engineer will help to solve the problems, but we don't need a study to tell us where they are. He explained that staff will not design for 100-year storms, but we will fix what we can. Ms. Reidlinger questioned what she should do since she received no response from the Township. Mr. Hornung replied that she will get a

response. Mr. Miller noted that he would contact Mr. Black. Ms. Reidlinger noted that she has been waiting since May and nothing has been done.

Mr. Hornung noted that the Board meets three Tuesday's a month and he welcomes people to come to the meeting, and if citizens don't get results, then they should come to a meeting.

Mr. Seeds noted that he does not care if we hire HRG; he just wants to get it done. He noted that we need to start a major program to fix our storm sewer system, and obviously staff knows where the problems are. He noted if we need HRG to assist in the design that is fine. Mr. Hornung reminded Mr. Seeds that we are very limited in our revenues. Mr. Crissman agreed. Mr. Seeds noted that we have to do it.

Mr. Mike Roberts, 1470 Vesta Drive noted that his house was flooded for the third time this year and he had 30 inches of water in his basement. He questioned who he should call or talk to about this. Mr. Wolfe took Mr. Roberts phone number and said that he would have someone contact him.

Presentation regarding the Federal Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant program and the potential for funding traffic signal improvements for the U.S. Route 22 corridor

Mr. Robbins explained that the grant application would be to purchase new controllers for the Route 22 corridor. He noted that the controllers are the brains in the control cabinet. He noted that the Township currently uses an older controller and he would like to install a newer and more sophisticated controller that would provide many more functions than the current controller does. He explained that he is hoping to secure grant funds to make it happen. He noted that he would like to control the traffic in the most efficient way, however, one of the problems is when a preemption device is triggered by a fire, police or EMS vehicle, it can take the current controller as long as 20 to 30 minutes to go through the cycle to reset. He noted, if there are multiple preemptions on the corridor in high volume peak flow, the traffic flow will be very poor. He noted that there is nothing he can do to improve the traffic flow until new controllers are installed. He noted that it is more and more difficult to locate parts for the current controllers. He explained that he would like to purchase the Econolite ASC/3 Controller that would provide

video to a computer or lap top in real time in order to view the traffic flow, versus having to drive to the intersection to view it on-site. He noted that it would provide a radio link.

Mr. Robbins explained that there are 13 controllers on the Route 22 corridor and three master controllers. He noted that the grant funds would provide for new controllers, one in each cabinet, a radio link to connect one master to the other end of the corridor, and allow for better communications for better traffic flow. He noted that it would allow the Township to control the east/west traffic with West Hanover Township. He noted after the new controllers are installed, the corridor would be re-timed. He noted that the intent of the grant is to improve traffic flow and safety, and this would touch on both of these items. He noted that the grant application is in the amount of \$90,000 and the project could be completed in three months without any construction. He noted that HRG would administer it, but it would have to be bid.

Mr. Crissman questioned if this was a 100% grant or if it was a 50/50 match. Mr. Robbins answered that the grant would be for 100% of the project. Mr. Crissman questioned, with the Township's ability to control the lights as traffic moves into the city would there be any coordination with Susquehanna Township or would the traffic back up into the Township. Mr. Robbins noted that Susquehanna Township has similar technology to the proposed technology. He noted, in the future, he would like to be able to provide for an uninterrupted power supply, so when major electrical malfunctions occur, the police officers would not have to risk their lives in directing traffic at the intersections.

Mr. Crissman questioned what the time frame was for submitting applications for review to receiving notification of a grant award. Mr. Robbins suggested that the notification would be made around January 1st, noting that the grant application has already been submitted. He explained that the funds must be spent within 2012. Mr. Hawk questioned if there was a ranking system. Mr. Robbins answered yes, noting that this grant submission fits very well into that ranking system. He noted that many of the items found in the goals for the grant fit very well for this project.

Mr. Seeds noted that the Township submitted grants for improvements to Mountain Road and Blue Ridge Avenue. Mr. Robbins noted that grant was submitted at the same time. Mr. Seeds questioned if the traffic lights on Union Deposit Road are synchronized with Susquehanna Township. Mr. Robbins answered that there is no synchronization for any lights in any other

corridor in the Township except for Route 22. Mr. Seeds questioned if Susquehanna Township applied for a grant. Mr. Robbins answered that he did not know. Mr. Hawk questioned if the grant would be awarded in January or announced in January. Mr. Robbins answered that the grant should be awarded in January. He noted once the grant is awarded, the Board could authorize the engineer to put the plans and specifications out for bid. Mr. Seeds noted that there is nothing to lose in submitting this grant. Mr. Robbins noted that staff prepared the grant and asked HRG to do the submission.

Mr. Seeds questioned if the improvements to State Drive held up during the weekend storm. Mr. Robbins answered that it did. He explained that it was a very aggressive effort to get that project done, noting that the Township paid a contractor to install 300 feet of pipe. Mr. Kline noted if that would not have been done, it would have been a very bad situation. Mr. Seeds noted that the project was done a few years ago but it did not hold. Mr. Robbins noted that he would have a contractor address the other two barrels of pipe where there are joints and deflections in the pipe as part of next year's maintenance work.

Mr. Hawk noted that the Township probably has not received all the complaints and more will come in over the next week or so but he wanted to compliment the Public Works Department for getting a good solid handle on the problems and the extent of those problems.

Mr. Seeds question if declaring an emergency disaster would assist the residents in getting more help. He noted that many people don't have flood insurance, and he questioned if it would provide any help to the victims. Mr. Wolfe answered that he did not know. Mr. Seeds noted that many people had extensive damage to their homes.

Mr. Robbins noted as the Board approaches the 2012 budget year, storm water is an area that must be funded as best it can. He noted that there is a lot of work that needs to be done. Mr. Seeds noted that we need to do it whether we get it in our budget or do bond issues. He noted that we need to prioritize it and do it as these incidents are going to happen again. Mr. Robbins explained that the Public Works Department has done an enormous amount of work this year. He noted that he would like to meet with the Board quarterly to provide an update on what his Department is doing. He explained that they have installed 700 to 800 feet of pipe this year and will install another 400 feet before the end of the year. He noted that it is a lot of work for the Department considering all the other things that needs to be done, such as mowing 150 acres of

grass per week and sweeping streets. He noted that these projects are the ones that his Department is finishing to prevent problems on certain streets, however, it takes a lot of manpower, effort, equipment, and money. Mr. Crissman noted that it must play havoc with the normal schedule of work and will continue to do so until much of this storm damage work is completed. Mr. Robbins noted that Mr. Kline is able to keep multiple crews working to complete flood and restoration projects. Mr. Miller noted that staff is still catching up on items that occurred earlier in the year but they are getting their hands wrapped around it. Mr. Robbins noted that he had 20 locations from the previous storm to fix, but nothing to this magnitude. He noted that he will address them all but it takes time.

#### Review of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2011 Key Indicator Report

Mr. Wolfe explained that the Township's financial situation is in a significant state at this time, and it has been ever since the economic down turn began in 2009.

Mr. Wolfe explained that the first budget preparation meeting for the 2012 budget will be held Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. He noted that the Key Indicator Report (KIR) will be a quick introduction to that process.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the General Fund (GF) including State Aid for road improvements is balanced at \$19,146,040. He noted of that amount, \$571,000 was a transfer to the General Improvement Fund (GIF) for capital projects. He noted that the GF balance was \$3,644,662 in the beginning of 2011 which was below the Board's approved threshold. He noted that the GIF budget for capital projects is \$1,519,500; Fire Equipment Capital Fund, \$564,179; and Length In Service Awards Program (LOSAP) was \$180,766.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Friendship Center (FC), an enterprise fund that operates on its own accord, has revenues of \$2,096,990 and expenses of \$2,116,344. He noted that FC Capital Fund has a beginning balance of \$320,000 with a capital projects budget of \$32,950.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Township Authority has revenues of \$13,795,262 and expenditures of \$13,200,987. He noted that capital projects for 2011 are expected to be \$14,047,400. He noted that cash-on-hand at the beginning of the year was \$46,373,090. He explained that the Board has borrowed a significant amount of money to undertake a very

comprehensive infiltration and inflow project in Paxton, Beaver and Spring Creeks. He noted that several multi-million projects are ongoing at this time for the replacement of sanitary sewers.

Mr. Wolfe noted that prior to 2009; revenues were not keeping up with expenditures partly because the Board authorized expanded municipal services to address growth in the community. He noted that it was addressed through development revenues and utilizing a significant fund balance for capital projects. He noted in 2009, this Board was force to significantly adjust revenues and expenditures due to the national recession, and since that time, all non-essential spending has been put on hold. He noted that the 2011 budget is less than the 2010 budget and the municipal payroll and full time employees is 10% less than what it was two years ago. He noted that these practices have been carried through for the 2011 and 2012 budgets. He noted that it resulted in a real estate tax increase of 10% for 2011, the first one in a significant time period.

Mr. Wolfe noted that it is the Board's policy to maintain 25% of the operating funds for the fiscal year on account. He noted for the past year, for the first time, the Board fell below that threshold based upon GF operations of \$18,000,000. He noted that the GF balance should be \$4.5 million however the fund balance was \$3.6 million. He noted that \$3.6 million sounds like a significant amount of money, but from a cash flow basis, before the real estate tax revenues came in after March 31st, the Township was almost at a point where it needed to secure a tax anticipation loan. He noted in 2012, there will be a transition in the tax collectors and it could provide for delayed returns of Earned Income Tax (EIT) revenues and it may result in the need of a tax anticipation loan. He noted this would be the first time that this has been done in 30 years.

Mr. Wolfe noted that GF budget was \$18,165,600, with an additional \$1 million in State Aid for road maintenance bringing the total operating expenses to \$19,146,040. He noted that halfway through the year the revenues were ahead of expenditures by \$879,188. He noted, in the past that amount was much higher. He noted that real estate taxes were 10% ahead of 2010 but that is due to the 10% real estate tax increase. He noted that the real estates transfer tax was significantly ahead of 2010 due to sale of the Colonial Commons Mall netting \$250,000 in taxes. He noted that EIT is 13% higher then 2010 because of the extreme state of flux in the collection

process. He noted that tax payers are used to paying on estimate but are now paying the past year funds. He noted that Codes Enforcement issued several large building permits, one for Holy Name of Jesus Church and the other for the Bishop McDevitt High School. He noted that unfortunately they are un-taxables for real estate. He noted that residential and commercial construction continues to be down. He noted that there are some minor revenues shortfalls, but nothing of major significance. He noted that compared to last year, the GF operating revenues were 9% higher than they were in 2010. He noted that there is nothing of any significance to report for expenditures, noting that all the percentages are less than 50% for the year even though it is more than 50% through the year, except for debt service that has its own payment schedule.

Mr. Seeds noted page seven states that Parks and Recreation Department was down \$5,000 for playground programs. He questioned if they dropped a program. Mr. Wolfe answered that he did not know but would get an answer for him. Mr. Seeds questioned, on page eight, the tower server had to be replaced. He questioned if it is listed twice, once for Parks and Recreation and once for the FC on page 21. Mr. Wolfe answered that it was listed twice.

Mr. Wolfe explained that the Board submitted an application to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) for a \$750,000 loan for road maintenance and improvement projects. He noted that the loan was to offset expenditures in the 2011 budget. He noted that the Township has received official notice of approval of that borrowing and the action to accept the borrowing by ordinance will be taken by the Board at its August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. He noted that a debt ordinance has been provided by Mr. Smida and reviewed by Mr. Stine. Mr. Stine stated that he had no comments to make on the documents. Mr. Wolfe noted that the interest rate for that PENNDOT PIB loan is a very favorable rate of 1.65%.

Mr. Wolfe noted that all line items, except the debt service, are below 50% for this time of the year, and the total GF expenses are only 2% higher as of the second quarter of 2011 as compared to 2010. He noted that revenues were 9% higher on a balanced budget and expenses are only 2% higher at this time. He noted that problematic areas are the Public Works overtime budget, noting that the severe winter and spring events resulted in overtime for Public Works employees. He noted that the Fund Balance on June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$4.7 million.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Township receives roughly \$1 million from the State to maintain roadways. He noted that this account is zeroed out each year through budgeted

expenditures and currently \$293,625 had been spent to date. He noted that the PIB loan has been approved and will hopefully be accepted by the Board at its next meeting. .

Mr. Wolfe explained that the Fire Equipment Capital Fund has a balance of \$583,626. He noted that three phases of this plan have been completed with the purchase of nine pieces of equipment since the mid 1990's. He noted that those three phases have totaled nearly \$4 million in fire equipment operated by the three fire companies. He noted that the Public Safety Committee and Fire Companies are working on plans for Phase Four resulting in the purchase of three additional pieces of fire apparatus.

Mr. Wolfe noted that a new item to the KIR is the addition of the LOSAP fund. He explained that it is an awards program for volunteer fire fighters that was started three years ago and funds on account as of June 30<sup>th</sup> are \$240,856. He noted that this is a fiduciary fund operated in a similar manner as a pension plan. He noted that the Township has not taken advantage of investment options outside those normally available to local governments and the funds are deposited in government protected notes. He noted that payments will commence to fire fighters in two years, and the amount available is relatively small. He noted that the current market rates have not affected this fund.

Mr. Seeds noted that the first payouts would be made January 2013. Mr. Hornung questioned if there would be any advantage in having an actuarial study completed to determine if the Township is putting too much into the fund. Mr. Wolfe answered that an actuarial study is being conducted at this time for the fund, and he suggested that it will show that the amount of funds are not sufficient given that the rosters have grown for the fire companies and that there are more members eligible to participate in the fund. He noted that this was the intended purpose of the fund. Mr. Seeds questioned if anyone has volunteered to be a fire fighter just because of the LOSAP. Mr. Wolfe suggested that could be part of it. Mr. Hawk noted that the study will be a critical part in funding the program. He noted if most pension funds are funded at 75% it is in good shape. He noted that we need to know where that number is.

Mr. Wolfe noted that Capital Fund for Township-wide non-sewer or FC improvements is \$1,519,500. He explained that the Township is completing its strategic plan and finishing projects that were identified in that plan. He noted that \$432,408 has been spent to date and \$831,800 has been budgeted as a transfer from the GF Balance. He noted that the Township will receive a bill

from PENNDOT for its share of the Village of Linglestown Project. He explained that the Township has \$650,000 on account in an escrow for that project, noting that that shortfall of \$150,000 would be funded through the PIB loan. He noted that the capital funds include, storm water management improvements, signal improvements, road improvement program, and the Linglestown Square project. He noted that funding the Wolfersberger Park improvements has been put on hold, and everything else is fairly small. He noted that the Department of Conservation and Natural Resource (DCNR) grant was originally listed in this account but it was moved to the FC Capital Fund for energy improvements.

Mr. Hornung questioned when the road would be open to make a left turn onto Blue Mountain Parkway from Linglestown Road. Mr. Wolfe answered that he did not know, but he suggested that traffic signs or pavement markings may need to be installed. He noted that the driveway may need to be completed too. He explained that Wintermyer is very close to pulling out of the project and only has minor items to complete. He noted that they need to pave the Linglestown Fire Company parking lot in return for using that area to stage their equipment. He suggested, when Wintermyer paves the fire company parking lot, they are nearing completion. Mr. Hornung questioned when the flagpole would be installed. Mr. Wolfe answered that he asked that question yesterday and no one knows for sure when it will arrive. Mr. Seeds noted that the newsletter stated that it was already installed. Mr. Wolfe noted that he expected the flagpole to be installed by this time. Mr. Hornung questioned who is in charge of installing the flagpole. Mr. Wolfe answered that the contractor is.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Friendship Center is a stand alone enterprise fund for the Township and it must generate sufficient funds to meet its operating costs and debt service. He noted in 2010 the FC had a fund balance of \$50,000 and in 2011 it appears to have a deficit of \$47,237. He noted that the discrepancy is due to the timing of a payment for the overhead for the FC that is booked against the Township, noting that it was booked last year in July and this year it was booked in June. He explained that the amount booked for the first half of the year was \$111,196.00 He explained, if you factor in the timing of that into the equation the FC is actually a little better off this year then it was this time last year. He noted that there is continued revenue growth in programs. He noted that membership has had some minor growth since last year. He noted that the major concern is the loss of the PinnacleHealth lease after January 2012

and the revenue generated from that lease. He explained that staff is searching for someone to lease the west annex. He noted that the Township has received a DCNR grant for energy improvement projects and they will be ongoing during the FC shutdown week. He noted that the FC Capital Fund will fund the matching 50% to complete the work. He noted that there have already been some expenditures for that project. He explained that the FC is approaching 2,500 memberships for the second quarter, producing a slight upward trend.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Authority Operating Funds provide for the transmission and treatment of sanitary sewage. He noted that there was an increase in the sanitary sewer rate from \$116 per quarter to \$120 per quarter. He noted what is most important is the ongoing capital improvement projects. He noted that staff continues to negotiate with DEP a solution to the Beaver Creek basin, but an extensive mini-basin program similar to the one that is ongoing in the Paxton Creek basin is expected.

Mr. Wolfe noted for the Paxton Creek basin, the Township is expending \$75 million over a 20-year period and managing the following projects: Asylum Run-A at a cost of \$3,395,775; PC-4B/6C at a cost of \$7,990,989; PC-3B and BC-1A at a cost of \$1,808,637; and PC-1A/1C at a cost of \$3,910,422. He noted that there is nearly \$20 million of work in progress at this time, and more work is planned in a multi-year basis for various basins throughout the Township. He noted that \$46 million that has been borrowed to complete this work with additional borrowing to occur in the future.

Mr. Wolfe noted that there are no mid-year numbers for the pension plans at this time. He noted that the Township has roughly \$25 million invested in employee pension plans under management.

Review and ranking of proposed Dauphin County  
Local Share Grant applications

Mr. Wolfe explained that Dauphin County Local Share Municipal Grants (DCLSMG) can be used for infrastructure projects and staff has identified three potential projects as well as another submitted by the Linglestown Fire Company.

Mr. Wolfe explained that the first grant is for Lower Paxton and West Hanover Township's share of funds necessary to replace the bridge over Beaver Creek on Old Jonestown

Road, estimated to cost \$80,000. He explained that the second project is to pave Blackberry Alley east of Mountain Road. He noted that this section has not been paved and a petition was submitted to the Board by the property owners to have that section of the alley paved. He noted that the estimated cost to do that work is \$50,000. He noted that the last Township application is for the Township's municipal share of its Automated Red Light Enforcement grant application of \$90,000 to install a traffic signal at Blue Ridge Avenue and Mountain Road. He noted that the entire project is expected to cost \$450,000.

Mr. Wolfe noted that he met with the representatives who administer the grant program to inform them of the Board's intent. He noted that he also submitted letters to the Dauphin County Commissioners requesting their support for the three projects. He noted that Lower Paxton Township is not permitted to apply for funds, only through the Dauphin County Commissioners or a municipality that abuts East Hanover Township. He explained that he did not have to request support from Dauphin County for the Old Jonestown Bridge application as West Hanover Township abuts East Hanover Township and they can be a direct applicant. He noted that West Hanover Township has agreed to participate in the grant application process.

Mr. Wolfe noted that grant applications are due September 1, 2011, and after the Board has approved the proposed resolutions at its next meeting, he will complete and submit the applications.

Mr. Wolfe noted that yesterday he received a request from the Linglestown Fire Company for the Board to support a fourth application in the amount of \$180,000 to retire their debt for improvements to their fire station. He noted that any application coming from Lower Paxton Township must be sponsored by the Board of Supervisors; therefore, he has prepared a fourth resolution for the Linglestown Fire Company grant.

Mr. Wolfe explained that Dauphin County requires the Board to rank the applications in order of importance. He noted that this needs to be done tonight.

Mr. Seeds questioned what the chances are that the Township will secure the Red Light Enforcement Grant for the Mountain Road/Blue Ridge Avenue Traffic Signalization project. Mr. Wolfe answered that it is a 50/50 chance. Mr. Seeds questioned if it would occur this year. He noted that it is important to him to do the Blackberry Alley paving in order to complete the entire project. He noted that it is important to support the fire company, and the smallest application of

all four is the one for the Old Jonestown Bridge project that would be split between the Township and West Hanover Township. Mr. Wolfe noted that there is a commitment to fund the construction of the new bridge. He noted that the total project costs roughly \$1.2 million and he would like to move to the design stage next year.

Mr. Hornung explained to Mr. Kraska that when an entity agrees to spend funds and then requests help to pay for it, requesting contributions for debt service usually does not get approved. He noted that the Board needs to support the fire company.

Mr. Mike Kraska, President of the Linglestown Fire Company, explained that he was told by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) that since the fire company was awarded \$146,000 last year that covered a portion of the project that he should submit for the next phase of work. He noted that after installing a new roof and walls, garage doors are needed. He noted that the representative from DCED suggested that it could be shown as an on-going project, noting that this would be phase two to complete the project. Mr. Hornung suggested if it is written that way it would have a better chance of being approved.

Mr. Seeds noted that the roundabouts are working in the Village and it looks beautiful but he would like to see the alley paved to complete the project. He questioned when the alley would be torn up and the new sewer line placed. Mr. Wolfe noted that the sewer work would be the next contract to be bid and it is in the design stage at this time. Mr. Seeds questioned if it would be completed this year. Mr. Wolfe suggested that it would be completed within the time cycle for this grant. Mr. Wolfe noted that the applications are due September 1<sup>st</sup>, but the award and contracting would not occur until March of next year which becomes the starting date to expend the funds. He noted that the Township would have a year to spend the funds from the date of award. He noted that the Board is considering projects that would go through to March of 2013. He suggested that all are within that range. He noted that the Township is committed to replace the Old Jonestown Road Bridge.

Mr. Seeds questioned if Dauphin County would think that \$180,000 is too much for the fire company, and that it might be better to apply for smaller amounts over a period of years. Mr. Kraska noted that any funds received are a help to the fire company. He noted that they are planning some fund raisers to lower the debt, since they normally paid their bills off within a

couple years of the project. He noted that they want to keep up that tradition and anything that the fire company receives will be a big help.

Mr. Crissman noted the way the letter is written it appears to be a two-year project, noting that they may be receptive to having you finish your project. Mr. Kraska noted if the fire company project is four on the list he will not cry about it because the Board already supported the fire company for the this year's grant. He noted that there are other issues that the Township needs to take care of; however, if free money is available they will apply for it. He noted that he would rather keep his guys busy on the fire trucks and not with fund raisers. Mr. Hawk noted that it goes back to the old story that if you don't ask you don't get. Mr. Hawk noted that they may decide to provide funds for three projects and if the Mountain Road project only has a 50/50 chance, they may defer it at this time. Mr. Kraska noted that he was told that the number of applications does not have an impact on the awarding process.

Mr. Hornung noted if you rate the projects for safety issues, he would have to question what the traffic accident rate was at Mountain Road and Blue Ridge Avenue. Mr. Wolfe answered that he had no idea what that would be, however he would have to compute that for the application. Mr. Hornung questioned if it really is a problem. Mr. Wolfe noted that it must have an accident history as the intersection has a sight distance issue and signalization will help. He noted that he was not crazy about the project because the proposal does not include multiple internal lanes and that is what that intersection truly needs. He noted that PENNDOT is also looking at significant improvements to North Mountain Road at Blue Ridge Avenue and Lockwillow Avenue. He noted that it could result in a significant corridor improvement. Mr. Hornung questioned if there is a timing schedule for this project. Mr. Wolfe answered that the projects are in the discussion stage at PENNDOT on different levels. Mr. Seeds suggested what would help at that intersection is a no left turn sign. Mr. Wolfe explained that the project for that location is signalization that will protect left turns. Mr. Hornung noted that it would help to alleviate some of the safety concerns. Mr. Wolfe noted that he could understand this project being a low priority, but if it could all fall together, and no local share grants are available, the Township would owe \$90,000 and that is affordable. Mr. Hornung agreed with that.

Mr. Hornung noted that he is trying to come up with a basis to rank the four projects and safety would be one main issue. Mr. Wolfe noted that the Old Jonestown Road Bridge will fall

into the river. Mr. Hornung noted that it has to be number one project on the list. He noted that a second consideration would be the greatest good for the population, such as an increase in traffic movement, or efficiency. He questioned if the Board prioritizes the project, and its top choice is not chosen, would the County then cut everything below it. Mr. Wolfe answered that they did not do that last time. He noted that there are two levels of review and approval, the first is the Gaming Advisory Board and then there is the Dauphin County Commissioners. He noted that they do not always agree but he noted that the Gaming Advisory Board was very upset with the Board's choice of ranking for the last submission. He noted that they did not like that a multi-year project was rank below two new projects. He noted that they felt that the Board was playing games with them, noting that they wanted a fair representation of what the Board's priorities are. Mr. Wolfe noted that he will support whatever choices the Board makes

Mr. Crissman suggested that each Board member should ranks the project and have Mr. Stine tally the results. Mr. Stine noted that the final tally for the prioritization was the Old Jonestown Road Bridge (3-1's; 1-2), Linglestown Fire Company (2-2's; 2-3's), Blackberry Alley repaving (2-4's; 1-1; 1-2) and Mountain Road at Blue Ridge Avenue (2-3's; 2-4's).

Mr. Kraska requested a letter from the Board of Supervisors addressed to the Dauphin County Commissioners noting that the Board will support the application. Mr. Wolfe noted that the Board would be adopting separate resolutions for each application next Tuesday night, but in the meantime, he would write a letter to Dauphin County Commissioners tomorrow. Mr. Wolfe noted that he would need the completed application as soon as possible.

Discussion of a ribbon cutting/dedication ceremony  
for the Village of Linglestown Project

Mr. Wolfe explained that he needs a decision for when the ribbon cutting event should be held for the Village of Linglestown Improvements project. He explained that the Linglestown Merchants Association (LMA) has proposed doing it as part of their fall festival to be held October 21 through 23<sup>rd</sup>. He noted that they would like to conduct the ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, October 21 at 11 a.m. He explained that this was discussed during the most recent Village of Linglestown Committee meeting and the Committee did not support or oppose that

date, however, they suggested doing it earlier. He noted that they checked with Representative Ron Marsico's office and he provided optional dates of September 12, 13 or 14.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Village of Linglestown Committee, LMA, PENNDOT, large number of property owners, Representative Ron Marsico, Senator Jeff Piccola, Dauphin County Commissioners, a United States Senator and Congressman, all of whom have had input into this project, should be invited. He noted that no one has stepped forward to take over the ribbon cutting ceremony, and he suggested that the Boards of Supervisors should take charge of this, especially before someone else tries to.

Mr. Crissman noted that he likes the ideas of doing it during the fall festival with the LMA as they are planning something for the community as a marketing tool to bring people into the Village. He noted that the ribbon cutting needs to help them since they experienced such a difficult time during the construction process. He noted that he did not care about the politicians who may need to get their picture in the newspaper, noting that he is more concerned about the people who will benefit the most.

Mr. Hornung noted that it would be good to have the flagpole installed before the ribbon cutting event. Mr. Wolfe noted that it should be installed by the end of August.

Mr. Seeds questioned when the project deadline is. Mr. Wolfe noted that Wintermyer has a contract deadline; however, the Board can sponsor the event whenever it wants to. Mr. Wolfe suggested that Wintermyer should be done with the majority of the project by the end of August. Mr. Seeds suggested that the LMA and the Village Committee should get together to plan this. Mr. Wolfe noted that they have done this. Mr. Seeds questioned if the Village Committee is against the fall festival date. Mr. Wolfe answered that he did not think so but it was his impression that there is no formal ability between the two groups to make a decision as they are independent groups and one can't tell the other what to do. He noted that the only body that can officially take charge is the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Seeds noted that the Village Committee has worked very hard all these years putting the project together and he would not want to slight them, however, he also sides with the merchants. Mr. Crissman noted that the merchants have been the most inconvenienced group of people during the entire process and they are the ones who have experience financial impacts. He noted that he would support their date. He noted that the date should not be predicated on

whether Representative Marsico can be there, or Congressman Holden, or anyone else. He noted that it is about the people who live, work and play there. He noted that we need to accommodate them. Mr. Hawk agreed. Mr. Seeds noted that he like the LMA date as long as the Village Committee doesn't have a problem with it. Mr. Hawk noted that the Village Committee designed the project, so let the LMA have a shot at planning the ribbon cutting.

Mr. Wolfe explained that the Board does not have to jump into this decision making process but the Board does have the authority to do so. Mr. Crissman noted that since no one entity has stepped up to the plate, the Board should recommend the fall festival Friday date. Mr. Hawk and Mr. Seeds agreed.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the LMA has put together a flyer listing the ribbon cutting on Friday at 11 a.m., as well as historic walking tours, wine-tasting events, and live music at the St. Thomas Roasters for that day. He noted on Saturday, the Fire Company has a pancake breakfast at 7a.m., with an Apple Dumpling sale at the Church of God, more walking tours, pumpkin decorating for children, lunch at CBC Cabinetry & Flooring, trivia for kids sponsored by the Sylvan Learning Center at St. Thomas Roasters, and a Wenrich Cemetery Historic Talk, and for Sunday other items are scheduled. Mr. Crissman noted that it is most appropriate to fit the ground breaking into those activities. Mr. Wolfe requested Mr. Kraska to inquire if the Fire Company would sponsor coffee and donuts after the ribbon cutting ceremony in their hall.

#### “Otta Know” Presentation: Nothing Scheduled

#### Improvement Guarantee

#### New Hope Brethren in Christ Church

A release in a letter of credit with Commerce Bank in the amount of \$7,250.00

Mr. Seeds made a motion to approve the Improvement Guarantee. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Crissman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle  
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Gary A. Crissman  
Township Secretary