

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Board Meeting held May 7, 2013

The business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 7:32 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: David B. Blain, William C. Seeds, Sr., William L. Hornung, and Gary A. Crissman.

Also in attendance were George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steve Stine, Township Solicitor; and Ted Robertson and Watson Fisher, SWAN.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mr. Hawk called a recess to allow Chairman Seeds to conduct a special Sewer Authority Meeting.

Mr. Hawk reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2013 workshop meeting and April 16, 2013 business meeting. Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

Public Comment

No comments were provided.

Chairman and Board Member's Comments

Mr. Hawk reported that this past Saturday morning, South Central Emergency Medical Services (SCEMS) dedicated their new facility located on Popular Street in the Township. He noted that tours of the new facility were conducted. Mr. Seeds noted that although he was unable to attend the event, he had toured the building before and it is a beautiful facility. Mr. Hawk noted that there are three bays on one side of the building and two bays on the other side. He noted that the upstairs is nicely furnished with computer equipment and other items. Mr. Seeds noted that two of the bays were built for transport vehicles and since SCEMS no longer provides that service, they are housing the older ambulances.

Manager's Report

Mr. Wolfe explained that the Memorial Day Parade in Linglestown will again be held on Memorial Day. He noted that the parade will begin at 1 p.m. and start at the fire station on Linglestown Road and turn south on Balthaser Street to make its way to the pavilion at Koons Park for the Memorial Day ceremonies. He noted that the parade is coordinated by American Legion Post 272. He noted that the Township will provide traffic control measures and the Board members are invited to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

Action on a proposal from RSR Appraisers and Analysts to provide appraisal services

Mr. Wolfe explained, per the Board's direction, that he issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) and received a response from RSR Realtors to provide services in accordance with the request at a cost of \$3,750, with work to be completed in accordance to the proposal within 30 to 45 days. He noted that staff recommends the Board accept the proposal from RSR to allow them to begin the work in accordance with the RFP.

Mr. Blain made a motion to approve the proposal from RSR Appraisers and Analysts to provide appraisal services for the Friendship Center in the amount of \$3,750. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion. Mr. Blain noted that it was a very good price for the scope of work for a property appraisal. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation 13-02; Declaration of National Police Week

Mr. Hawk explained that the week of May 12 has been designated as National Police Week with Wednesday, May 15 specifically designated as Police Officer's Memorial Day in the Township. He proceeded to read the Proclamation in its entirety.

Appointment of an individual to serve on the Greenway Committee

Mr. Hawk noted that the Greenway Committee conducted an interview and has set forth the name of Luisa Lasso to fill a vacancy on the Committee, with a term to expire on December 31, 2013.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Luisa Lasso to fill the vacancy on the Greenway Committee. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Resolution 13-15; authorizing the Township's participation in PennDOT's Adaptive Traffic Signalization project for U.S. Route 22 corridor

Mr. Hawk noted that Resolution 13-15 authorizes the Township's participation in PennDOT's Adaptive Traffic Signalization Project for the U.S. Route 22 corridor.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Department of Transportation is undertaking two significant projects, one in Dauphin County on Route 22 from the City of Harrisburg to the end of Lower Paxton Township and the other in Cumberland County on the Carlisle Pike. He noted that both involve the Adaptive Traffic Signal System which is an intuitive traffic signal system that will

take platoons of vehicles as they start in the City and provide them with as much free movement on the corridor as is practically possible. He noted that the signals will communicate with each other from intersection to intersection and part of that will be enabled through video traffic signal detection. He noted that PennDOT plans to install the equipment, at no cost to the Township, with the caveat that after a five year period of time in which the warranty has been provided, the Township will then maintain the equipment which will include an annual software maintenance agreement.

Mr. Wolfe noted that staff has reviewed this matter with PennDOT in significant detail but not all issues have been finalized or memorialized. He requested that the Board indicate, by resolution, that it supports the project and is willing to participate in the project. He noted by choosing to adopt this resolution it will provide the endorsement of the Board members for the project in the Township subject to it being done in a proper and timely fashion involving Township staff.

Mr. Seeds noted that the Board looked at this on the Road Tour and noted that the Township must do this, as PennDOT is going to do it and maintain it for five years. He questioned what would happen if the Board did not vote for the resolution. Mr. Wolfe answered, if the Township does not indicate its support, PENNDOT wants to do the project; however, the Township is ultimately responsible for the maintenance of traffic signals and if we are not going to support it, it would mean that we would not maintain it and PennDOT wouldn't do it. Mr. Seeds noted that the Township pays the electric to run the signals; however, he is not saying that he is opposed to it. He noted that Mr. Robbins stated that there may be some difficulty down the road with getting parts. Mr. Wolfe noted that his concern was the one item not worked out with PennDOT in that there are six traffic signal cabinets on the corridor that staff believes to be

marginal in size to accept the new equipment and would like PennDOT to replace those cabinets in total. He noted that PennDOT is looking at that as well as other options but they haven't said yes or no to that portion of the request. He noted since the Road Tour, he, Mr. Fleming and Mr. Robbins have met with PennDOT on this matter and received a complete demonstration on the adaptive system which is very impressive and have also discussed the issues concerning the cabinets with PennDOT. He noted that PennDOT is looking into the matter. He noted that they are cooperating with the Township but not providing any commitment at this time that they will be able to replace all the cabinets that we would like, but overall, the technology that they want to install on the corridor is necessary and would be a significant improvement to traffic mobility in the Township. Mr. Seeds questioned if it is looking better than it was in April. Mr. Wolfe answered yes.

Mr. Seeds questioned if there would be cameras at every intersection. Mr. Wolfe answered yes. Mr. Seeds questioned if they are there now. Mr. Wolfe answered that we have no video detection along the Route 22 corridor, only at Locust Lane and Nyes Road and Page Road at Spring Creek Road. He noted that they are our newest signals. He explained that the new technology has video detection and what is being proposed will use the video detection in conjunction with the in-pavement loops. He noted that it will provide for a redundancy in the detection which is good as if there is an issue with a camera, the in-pavement loop would still provide detection; however the adaptive system runs off historic data so if there is no detection for any reason it reverts to history as it has a programmed movement for traffic.

Mr. Seeds questioned if the camera views the traffic and the backups. Mr. Wolfe answered yes. Mr. Seeds questioned if all the intersections will have the equipment for emergency vehicles. Mr. Wolfe noted that they are not adding any additional preemptors. Mr.

Seeds questioned if almost all of the intersections have them now. Mr. Wolfe noted that almost all of them do.

Mr. Crissman questioned if there is any interfacing with emergency vehicles to interface with this system. Mr. Wolfe noted that it is a separate matter and it will not interface with this system.

Mr. Hornung questioned what the cost for the software is. Mr. Wolfe answered that the annual maintenance cost for the software depends upon the chosen option and it would be between \$250 and \$750 per intersection. He noted that there are 14 intersections with a maximum cost of \$10,000 per year. Mr. Hornung questioned if we should look at doing anything with the other corridors that intersect with Route 22 to have them in-sink with the main corridor. Mr. Wolfe noted that he would wait to see how this new system works as the additional cost per intersection is \$25,000. He noted before the Township would spend that type of money, he would wait to see how it works. Mr. Hornung noted that it would help to make the Route 22 corridor more effective but he agreed to wait to see how the system works. Mr. Wolfe noted that it will provide for a completely new traffic pattern on Route 22 to the point that it is recommended that the Township and PENNDOT provide press releases to the community to notify them that when they drive the corridor from this day it will be different because of the new system. He noted that people will notice the difference. He noted that he wants to see how it works before he would do anything more.

Mr. Seeds noted on a Friday nights when there is a football game at Landis Field, the traffic backs on Route 22. He noted that it may take three or four changes of the light for the people to get through, and he questioned if the camera will catch it and let the green arrow stay on longer. Mr. Wolfe answered yes. Mr. Seeds questioned, if you have a funeral procession

and the line of cars goes on for a long period of time, noting that the police very often assist with traffic for long funerals, would it pick up on something of that nature. Mr. Wolfe answered that it will see that traffic that is in the field and within parameters set within the program additional time for large platoons of traffic. He noted that he is not going to say that it will allow a mile long funeral procession to move with no red lights, but it will intuitively see large platoons and guide them through the corridor.

Mr. Hawk noted that he attended a seminar conducted by the Secretary of Transportation, Barry Schoch, and he stated that this is one of many items that the Department is going to undertake and he is very concerned with things being citizen friendly, and at the same time Township friendly and cost sensitive. He noted that there will be changes in how the bridges are inspected and other things. He suggested that we will see many innovative things being implemented by the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Resolution 13-15; authorizing the Township's participation in PennDOT's Adaptive Traffic Signalization Project for U.S. Route 22 corridor. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on lease agreement with Real Lease for four police vehicles

Mr. Hawk noted that the lease agreement will be with M&T Bank for four police vehicles.

Mr. Wolfe noted that contrary to the printed agenda, he received a second proposal today from Real Lease, a subsidiary of M&T Bank that provides for a lease of four Township police vehicles for 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$105,175. He noted that the actual amount would be \$102,166 plus \$175 cost of issuance for a three year lease and a one dollar buy out at the end

of the lease with an interest rate of 3.61%. He noted that he wanted to thank Mr. Blain and Mr. Seeds, both who notice the high interest rate with the Ford Motor Credit Lease. He noted that both Supervisors suggested checking with a local bank to see if the Township could get a better rate and M&T Bank was able to accommodate the Township. He noted that staff requests that the Board approve the lease with Real Lease through M&T Bank for four police vehicles.

Mr. Crissman noted that the agenda calls for four police vehicles but the lease only listed three vehicles. Mr. Wolfe noted that the lease is for four vehicles as it was an error on the lease. Mr. Seeds noted that three vehicles are sedans and one is a sport utility vehicle.

Mr. Blain wanted to thank Mr. Wolfe for looking into the lease as the reduction in the interest rate which was almost 2.5% saved the Township \$3,000. He noted that it is a big number to save

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the lease agreement with Real Lease through M&T Bank for four Ford police vehicles in a not-to-exceed amount of \$105,175.00 with an interest rate of 3.61%. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Change Order No. 1 to the 2013 bridge maintenance contract with
Redrock Construction, Inc.

Mr. Hawk noted that the original contract price with Redrock Construction was for \$69,745; however, the change order will increase that price to \$70,421. He noted that the Township Engineer has recommended the change order in the amount of \$676.00.

Mr. Wolfe noted that this change order provides for the replacement of 26 feet of damaged guiderail at Bridge #9, located at Nyes and Red Top Roads. Mr. Blain noted that the guiderail at that location is damaged very often. Mr. Hornung questioned if the damage occurred since the contract was signed. Mr. Wolfe answered yes, since the specifications for the contract

were put together. Mr. Seeds noted that they did not catch the person who did the damage to the guiderail. Mr. Blain noted that the roadway across the bridge is not very wide and people who are trying to make a left will cut the corner short and damage the guiderail.

Mr. Hornung questioned if there was anything that could be done to prevent this from happening. He suggested that reflective tape could be put on the guiderail. Mr. Wolfe noted that he could look into this or additional signage.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 to the 2013 Bridge Maintenance contract with Redrock Construction, Inc. for an increase in the amount of the overall contract from \$69,745 to \$70,421. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Improvement Guarantee

Mr. Hawk noted that there were five improvement guarantees.

Sheetz Store – Briarsdale Road

A new bond with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, in the amount of \$592,292.69 with an expiration date of May 7, 2014.

4200 Union Deposit Road

A new letter of credit with M&T Bank, in the amount of \$13,500.00 with an expiration date of May 7, 2014.

Grove Road Property

A new letter of credit with Fulton Bank, in the amount of \$126,298.98, with an expiration date of May 7, 2014.

6291 Stable Court Stormwater Management Plan

A release of an escrow with Lower Paxton Township in the amount of \$3,200.00

6450 McCormick Lane Stormwater Management Plan

A new escrow with Lower Paxton Township in the amount of \$1,243.00 with an expiration date of May 7, 2014.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the five improvement guarantees. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

Payment of Bills

Mr. Seeds made a motion to pay the bills of Lower Paxton Township and Lower Paxton Township Authority. 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. Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Gary A. Crissman
Township Secretary