

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Board Meeting held November 3, 2014

The business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 7:40 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, Gary A. Crissman, and Robin L. Lindsey.

Also in attendance was George Wolfe, Township Manager; and Watson Fisher, SWAN.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Hawk suspended the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance as it was recited during the previously held Budget Workshop meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2014 and October 7, 2014 business meetings. Mr. Hornung seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

**Public Comment**

Mr. John Trish, 600 Prince Street, explained that he had no idea that for this Monday, not Tuesday, there was a business meeting to discuss Lower Paxton's budget. He noted that there was nothing in The Patriot-News, nothing anywhere. He questioned how the average person is supposed to know what you guys are discussing and what you guys are spending on our behalf. He questioned if the Friendship Center is self-supporting. He questioned if that is some of the fees that the Board is supposed to discuss this evening, when he flipped the channel to record the meeting, there was something about the Compost Facility. He noted that he is not understanding

something. He noted that we have a lot of things that we have to pay for and a lot of things we don't have to pay for, but he doesn't understand why is it so hard if this is to be in the public's eye and he can see what is scrolling on the screen, why isn't what you were talking about an hour ago on TV. He noted with all respect to Ms. Lindsey, you are a new member of this Board; as a member of this community he would think that she would, as well as the other gentlemen who have been here; Mr. Seeds for almost 20 years, Mr. Hornung over 16 years, Mr. Crissman over eight years, and Mr. Hawk over 20 years, he does not understand why it is so difficult, we are paying for the channel, we have the access, you have the citizens, just inform us of what you are doing and why you are doing it.

Mr. Hawk noted that Mr. Trish's objection was that there was no information with regard to the budget, he noted that the regular meeting is always made available... Mr. Trish questioned what day, Tuesday. Mr. Wolfe noted that the Board's agendas are posted on the website the Friday before the meeting. Mr. Trish noted that the average citizen who walks the street, all he is saying. Mr. Wolfe noted that we can agree to disagree but there is a large following of people who go to our website every Friday to see our agenda. He noted that a legal notice for the workshop meeting at 6 p.m. was advertised in The Paxton Herald. He apologized for not being on the air at 6 p.m. noting that your confusion would not have occurred if we would have been on time, which is the Township's fault. He noted that the Board had a pressing matter that had to be addressed and it did not start on time and created some of the confusion that you see on your TV at home as you were expecting to see the Board meeting and for that he apologized. He noted that it was unavoidable and there was no way to announce it.

Mr. Trish noted that is not his problem. He noted that his problem is that the Board is talking about the budget and what the taxpayers of Lower Paxton Township are paying and the

thing is scrolling and it is not scrolling for what is being discussed and he does not understand what was being discussed before 7:30 p.m. that could not have been discussed through the airways. Mr. Hornung answered that it was not budget. Mr. Trish questioned if the gentleman who was talking at 6:45 p.m. was not talking about the FC budget. Mr. Hornung noted today he was, but that is what was scheduled to occur. Mr. Trish noted that he was sitting at home and he turned on Channel 22 and he saw a scroll that said what you were going to discuss at 7:30 p.m. He noted that meanwhile the Board was discussing all the money that we are spending and why you are spending it. Mr. Seeds noted that they were showing the agenda for the 7:30 p.m. meeting. Mr. Trish questioned if anything was discussed at 7 p.m. that could have been broadcast because you were scrolling it, in control of the channel. Mr. Wolfe noted that the Board was in Executive Session at 7 p.m. He noted that the meeting did not start on time, the Board has been in Executive Session since 5 p.m. Mr. Trish questioned if there is anything that the gentlemen from the FC was talking about that was not public knowledge. Mr. Wolfe noted that everything that the gentleman from the FC discussed was public knowledge and was on TV this evening. Mr. Trish answered no. He noted that he walked in when he was talking... Mr. Wolfe answered that is when he started his budget discussion. Mr. Trish questioned if he was the only gentleman talking. Mr. Wolfe answered yes.

Mr. Trish questioned why all the meetings aren't televised as you have access to the channel, and it is not costing us anything. Mr. Wolfe answered that all of the Board's meetings are televised, except Executive Sessions. He noted that there was an Executive Session this evening, prior to the Budget Workshop that you wanted to attend. He noted that the Executive Session ran long and the members were late. He noted when you walked in, the gentleman from the FC had just started and it was the first budget discussion of the evening.

Mr. Trish questioned if the FC is self-supporting. He noted when it was proposed it was supposed to be self-supporting, pay for itself, no tax dollars included and what do seniors have to pay to go to the FC, if anything. Mr. Hornung answered yes, it is self-supporting. He noted that there are some things we have done, we have loaned the FC some money which is to be paid back so that they could do some programs to help increase the membership and revenues. He noted that he does not know how much the senior citizen's pay.

Mr. Trish noted that he is hearing from senior citizens that are his neighbors that they won't go there because they have to pay when they go there. Mr. Wolfe noted if the Senior Center has a charge it is separate from Lower Paxton Township. He explained that the Senior Center is a tenant in the facility and if they have a fee... Mrs. Lindsey stated that there is \$10 a year fee to join the Senior Center. Mr. Wolfe noted that it is a fee that is established separate from this Board of Supervisors. Mr. Trish noted that amazes him that the Senior Center is a tenant in the FC. He noted that Lower Paxton, other than being a tenant, doesn't have a Senior Center. Mr. Wolfe responded the Lower Paxton Township has never had its own official Senior Center. He explained that the senior centers in our community are operated by the Dauphin County Area Office of Aging and they contract with local governments or churches to offer senior citizen facilities. He noted that the facility that exists is under an agreement between, the Dauphin County Area Office of Aging, the seniors and the Township for the daily use of the facility.

Ms. Lindsey noted that Mr. Trish could pay \$10 a year to join the Senior Center and can go every day during the week as they offer classes which are free, such as Tai Chi, line dancing, or play cards. She noted that is all part of the senior center.

Mr. Trish noted that he wished there were more announcements for people to know what is going on here as there is an awful lot of money coming in here and a lot more going out. Ms. Lindsey noted that the budget meeting was advertised in The Paxton Herald. Mr. Trish noted that he gets The Patriot-News but he does not get The Paxton Herald. He questioned if there if any requirement for the amount of publication that the Township residents... he noted that he does not know how many residents in Lower Paxton Township get The Paxton Herald. Mr. Hornung noted that it is free in many places. Mr. Trish questioned how many people get The Patriot News but it would be interested to see those numbers. He noted that there might be more people at the meeting, noting that he is the spokesman for the people that he talks to and for what he is going through. He noted that a Township of this class... Ms. Lindsey questioned if it is possible on Friday afternoon to have copies of the agenda for the following week that could be put on the table for people who don't have the internet or get the newspapers to come in and pick up an agenda to know what time the meeting starts. Mr. Wolfe noted that the agenda is posted on the wall in the main lobby on Fridays. Mr. Hornung told Mr. Trish that he could stop over on Friday to look at the agenda.

Mr. Seeds noted that there is a small amount of subsidy that is given to help the Senior Center in the amount of \$25,000.

Mr. Trish noted what you people are doing is supposed to be for everybody and for some reason not everyone is being included.

### **Board Members Comments**

Mr. Hawk noted that the Board used to televise the first and third business meetings every month and now televises the workshop and budget meetings. Mr. Hornung noted that we are creating a greater transparency for the citizens of Lower Paxton Township. Mr. Hawk noted

that every meeting, with the exception of the Executive Sessions, are televised. Ms. Lindsey noted that we also televise the Sewer Authority meetings as well.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Wolfe noted that on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, PennDOT will conduct a community meeting starting at 5 p.m. at the Best Western Premier located at 800 East Park Drive. He noted that it will concern the future widening of I-83 as it runs through Lower Paxton Township. He noted that they are calling the project the I-83 East Shore Section 1 Project which is in final design. He noted that it extends from I-81 to south of the Union Deposit Road interchange. He noted that preliminary engineering has been completed and the alignment of the expansion project has been established. He explained that there will be three travel lanes in each direction on the widened I-83 with a fourth lane between the interchanges to facilitate traffic entering and exiting the highway. He noted that the meeting will extend until 8 p.m. with public officials invited to attend at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the overall project will be built in two phases with the first phase to start in 2016 replacing the three overhead bridges with improvements to the Jonestown Road/Route 22 interchange. He noted that the second phase of the project, which will encompass the widening of I-83, will start in 2018.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Action on an agreement between the Township and South Central Emergency Medical Services

Mr. Wolfe noted that the agreement remains unchanged for what was in effect for the past two years except that the Township's contribution will increase to \$50,000 per year. He noted that the current contribution is \$27,500. He explained that there are no other changes, and Chief Jason Campbell has signed the agreement document.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve a two year agreement with South Central Emergency Medical Services for \$50,000. Mr. Seeds seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on an equipment lease agreement for a material screener and windrow turner to be used at the Compost Facility

Mr. Wolfe explained that the lease is with DeLage Landen Public Finance, LLC, providing for the purchase of a material screener and windrow turner for five lease payments. He noted that the total purchase price to include the lease servicing fees is \$418,750 over a period beginning in 2016 and extending until 2020. He noted that the Township has applied for a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to fund part of the purchase of this equipment. He noted that this was discussed in workshop sessions and the Board visited the site to confirm that it is necessary to improve the processing capabilities of the Public Works Department as it operates the Compost Facility based upon the volume of material that we receive at that site. He noted that it will improve the quality of the product that is produce, and this item is complete for action this evening.

Mr. Hawk noted that the Board has visited the Compost Facility and it has been explained what these two pieces of equipment will do at that site.

Mr. John Trish, 600 Prince Street, questioned if the amount that these two items will cost will be funded by the fee the residents and commercial haulers pay in fees. Mr. Seeds noted that the Township is hoping to get a grant to pay for the entire lease. Mr. Trish noted if you get a grant and are charging residents and commercial haulers, how it fits. Mr. Wolfe answered the facility is not self-sufficient, never has been, and it was never intended to be. He noted that the Township operates the facility because it is mandated to do so to comply with State law.

Mr. Hawk explained that it will allow the Township to produce a compost of a better quality so that it can be put on the public market for sale.

Mr. Trish noted that he was totally confused. He noted that ten years ago it was a benefit to live in Lower Paxton Township to take your waste to the Compost Facility, drop it off, and if you wanted what they shredded, you could pick it up. He noted now, you pay \$30 a year if you are a resident and if you are a commercial hauler you pay whatever you pay, \$500 or \$600, and all of a sudden we are giving them whatever the cost of the equipment is, the revenue that it brings in and no one knows the difference. Mr. Wolfe noted that we have run those figures in the past but he did not recall what the revenues were, but he noted that the facility is not self-sufficient, never has been and wasn't designed to be self-sufficient. He noted that it is operated to comply with State law.

Mr. Hawk noted that much of the expenditure is being funded by a grant.

Ms. Lindsey questioned if the Township has issues at one time with people from other townships dumping their stuff there. Mr. Wolfe answered yes.

Mr. Crissman questioned if it is a five-year lease. Mr. Wolfe answered yes, with ownership transferred at the completion of the lease.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the lease agreement between the Township and DeLage Laden Public Finance, LLC, for a material screener and windrow turner to be used at the Compost Facility in the amount of \$83,750 per year payment for a five-year agreement. Mr. Hornung seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Proclamation 14092; recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Soroptimist International of Harrisburg East

Mr. Hawk noted that Sue Boyle, President of the Soroptimist International of Harrisburg East and Shirley Clever are present to receive a proclamation from the Board. He explained that since his wife is a member of this organization but a different club, he is very familiar with this organization. He requested Ms. Boyle to come to the podium to accept the proclamation.

Mr. Hawk read the following from the Proclamation:

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PROCLAIMS ITS RECOGNITION OF THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF HARRIABURG EAST.

WHEREAS, Soroptimists, meaning “best for women,” have been serving the Harrisburg area, including Lower Paxton Township, for the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Soroptimist International of Harrisburg East was chartered by the Soroptimist Club of Harrisburg in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Soroptimist International of Harrisburg East has been very active over these years, contributing money, time, energy, and personal resources to educational endeavors; to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer; to centers for pregnant women, women’s shelters, and nursing homes in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township *desires to recognize* Soroptimist International of Harrisburg East in the observance of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania hereby *recognizes* Soroptimist International of Harrisburg East in the observance of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors hereby extends its sincere appreciation to the Soroptimist International of Harrisburg East for the good work that its members perform throughout our community.

ADOPTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to accept Proclamation 2014-02 recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Soroptimist International of Harrisburg East. Ms. Lindsey seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a roll call vote: Ms. Lindsey, aye; Mr. Crissman, aye; Mr. Hornung, aye; Mr. Seeds, aye; and Mr. Hawk, aye.

Mr. Hawk was joined at the podium by the Board members in order to present the proclamation to Ms. Boyle and Ms. Cleaver.

Ms. Boyle noted as the current president of the Soroptimist Club of Harrisburg East and representative member, she wanted to express her gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for honoring the club on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She noted that much has changed in 50 years, yet the mission remains the same: to improve the lives of women and children through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. She explained that these programs are carried out at the local, district, national and international level. She noted that Soroptimist is even represented at the United Nations to deal with women's issues.

Ms. Boyle explained in 1921, 80 women from Oakland California, formed the first Soroptimist Club. She noted that they wanted to participate in service projects in their community but were not permitted to join any of the male service organizations. She noted that today there are over 1,300 clubs in 20 countries and territories. She noted that it continues to be a service club, a group of women eager to volunteer to provide service in their community. She noted that the club has served local food banks, Keystone Services, women's shelters, programs dealing with domestic abuse and sex trafficking, power pact programs to feed hungry children in our local school district, Santa's Shop, providing gift for children to give to family members, and Patriot Camp and many others. She noted, additionally, they have provided each year several scholarship awards. She explained that one is the Violet Richardson award to girls who exhibit

service in their community and academic achievement. She noted that another scholarship is the Women's Opportunity Award now referred to as the Live Your Dream Award to women who desire to improve their lives and the lives of their children by obtaining a higher education. She noted that the Soroptimist is from the Latin and loosely translates, the best of women. She noted in 50 years she believes that they have had some of the best women as members.

Resolution 14-33; setting a fee for the sale of single  
grind woody waste from the Compost Facility

Mr. Seeds suggested that it is pretty self-explanatory. He noted that this is the first time we would be able to provide this service and that is due to the leasing of new equipment in the near future. He noted that the Township will be able to sell some of the material to help recuperate the cost for the equipment.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Resolution 14-33; setting the fee of \$30 per scoop which is approximately 3 cubic yards, for the sale of single grind woody waste from the Compost Facility. Mr. Hornung 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. Mrs. Lindsey had a question regarding the bills for the traffic signals, if it was for once a year maintenance. Mr. Wolfe answered that there are two types of maintenance for traffic signals, noting that the 12-month cycle includes everything and the six-month cycle includes a portion of the lights. He noted that Pennsylvania Perc's will go out twice a year and do a complete maintenance review of all the traffic signals.

Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

**Announcements**

Mr. Hawk noted that the next Board business meeting is November 18<sup>th</sup> with the workshop meeting being held on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Seeds noted that the Sewer Authority will meet next Monday night, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Mr. Hawk noted that tomorrow is Election Day, so requested that citizens to get out to vote.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mrs. Lindsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle  
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

William L. Hornung  
Township Secretary