

MINUTES

NON-LEGISLATIVE MEETING

MARCH 7, 2012

The Non-Legislative Meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners, held at the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Frank Linn, Sr.

Roll call was taken with the following officials in attendance:

- Frank Linn, Sr., President
- William L. Leonard, Vice President
- Michael J. Davies, Secretary
- Thomas L. Mehaffie III, Commissioner
- Jon G. Wilt, Commissioner
- Harry N. Krot, Manager
- Peter R. Henninger, Solicitor
- Richard T. Wiley, Police Chief
- Steven W. Anderson, Public Works Director
- Jean R. Arroyo, Recording Secretary

Excused:

- HRG, Township Engineer

Residents and visitors in attendance:

- Chris DeHart (Lower Swatara Fire Dept.)
- Daniel Wagner (Public Works Dept.)
- Daryl Peck (Concord Public Finance)
- Jim Lewis (Press & Journal)

DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL BOND REFINANCE

Mr Krot reported that he recently met with Daryl Peck, Concord Public Finance, and during this meeting, there was discussion on the series of bonds for the Municipal Authority and the

possibility of saving some money by a refinance. He noted that Mr. Peck is here this evening to discuss this possibility with the Board.

Mr. Peck reminded the Board that last year, it refinanced its Series 2006 bonds at a nice savings. Since then, rates have dropped even more. Due to this situation, the Board should give consideration to refinancing the two bonds for the Municipal Authority's sewer projects (upgrades to the Middletown Borough treatment plant and the Highspire Borough treatment plant). Mr. Peck noted that the bonds are not callable yet, which is why he is just asking the Board's consideration on this refinance. He provided the Board with a hand-out detailing several scenarios, including a graph of interest rates over the last ten years. The graph shows that interest rates can rise quickly, but when they do fall, they tend to fall slowly. Refinancing the aggregate of both bonds, in the amount of \$6,120,000, would save the Township \$330,000, or 5.4% of the funded principal. He explained that it usually makes sense to pursue a refinancing if a 3% savings threshold is met. Because the bonds are not callable for two years, in waiting, and if rates do not go up, the Township would actually save more. For example, if the Township waits one year and rates do not rise, it could save \$560,000. If, however, the Township waits and rates go up by at least .35%, the savings would fall back to the \$330,000. Another scenario is that if the Township waits 2 ½ years to the bonds' call date of December 2013, and rates do not rise, it could save \$840,000. If the Township waits those 2 ½ years and rates increase by more than .85%, it would be worse off than what is available today. Mr. Peck explained that it is a basically a gamble on whether or not interest rates will rise.

Vice President Leonard inquired if there would be a penalty since the bonds are not yet callable. Mr. Peck explained that while there isn't a so-called penalty, the Township cannot pay off these bonds, so it would be need to satisfy the old bonds. The disadvantage here is that the proceeds today will be invested at a lower interest rate – less than ½%. The Township would be borrowing today at 3% and reinvesting at .5%. This is the imbedded penalty.

Mr. Peck suggested the Board set a target or threshold at which it would like him to move forward. He stated that it will take approximately a month for the process after he is given authorization to proceed.

Commissioner Davies agreed that there is no way to know if the markets will fall, but added the issue with Greece is a concern right now. Mr. Peck agreed, and added that rates are at an all time low right now. Vice President Leonard stated that he feels the savings that can be realized today, as opposed to the uncertainty of future savings, seems like a pretty good deal. Commissioner

Davies also questioned if the savings from the refinance would benefit the Township this calendar year. Mr. Peck explained that \$163,000 would be saved in 2012, \$90,000 saved in 2013, \$50,000 in 2014, etc. However, if the Board so directed, he could structure it so that more of the savings is realized this current year. Mr. Peck noted that this savings would be realized to the Municipal Authority budget.

Commissioner Mehaffie referenced the handout provided, and asked if the Township would be taking out 7 million dollars, or \$880,000 in additional borrowing. Mr. Peck agreed this is correct. Payments would be lower, since there is a higher principal but less interest. This is due to the fact that the bonds are not yet callable, and the Township would need to borrow more today to reinvest. However, interest would be lower and there would be no change to the terms.

Commissioner Mehaffie also requested that Mr. Peck provide an itemized list of the closing costs.

Vice President Leonard asked if the savings would be an actual cash refund. Mr. Peck explained that the savings would be realized through a reduction in payments, not a creation of money at settlement.

Commissioner Davies stated that he doesn't feel the need to make a hard and fast decision this evening, but would like to mull over the information between now and the next Board meeting. In response to a question from Solicitor Henninger, Mr. Peck stated that the Board's last bond refinance saved the Township 5%, or about \$250,000.

Commissioner Wilt asked why the Board would want to delay action on this item, since there is the potential to lose money. President Linn asked if the Board would like to act on this item tonight, or wait until the March 21 legislative meeting. He noted that even if the Board does vote to provide Mr. Peck authorization to proceed, it can turn down any offer. Commissioner Davies stated that he would like to hear the recommendation from the Board's former Budget & Finance Chairman, Vice President Leonard. Vice President Leonard stated that since this is money in the hand, he would like to see the Board move forward this evening. Commissioner Mehaffie agreed that while he would like more information down the road, he would be agreeable to allowing Mr. Peck to move forward since there is no obligation. A motion was made by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Wilt, to give authorization to Concord Public Finance to move ahead with refinancing of the two sewer bonds when a minimum savings threshold of \$250,000 is realized. The motion was unanimously approved.

Solicitor Henninger suggested Mr. Krot and Mr. Peck take a look at the Municipal Authority budget to determine what capital projects may need done. Mr. Peck agreed, and added that any other projects may be included with this borrowing. Commissioner Mehaffie questioned if capital projects outside of the sewer authority may be included in this refinance. Solicitor Henninger explained that Township projects may also be included as long as the borrowing ordinance is clear about how these funds will be used. He added that while the bonds being refinanced are Municipal Authority bonds, the Township actually does the borrowing since it is a taxing authority and is therefore able to get a better rate.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chris DeHart, 1st Assistant Chief, reported that there were 49 calls for the month of February. The Fire Department did meet with Commissioner Mehaffie and Commissioner Wilt to review its budget. The new engine will be here at the end of the month. Department representatives traveled south last month to do the final inspection; the company is finishing up a few items that were added. The Rescue process is moving ahead through use of the state's COSTARS Program, and vendors were selected to provide proposals. A pork dinner is scheduled for March 18, and the summer breakfast series starts April 22 and runs through September 23. The Fire Department will actually be raffling away a motorcycle this year. A safety officer class will be held this month. Chief DeHart also reported that the old fire engine is up for sale.

Commissioner Wilt stated that the budget meeting with the Fire Department went very well, and he was able to get a better understanding of the Department's procedures. He thanked the Department for the meeting, and for its service. Commissioner Mehaffie agreed, and stated the Fire Department's budget is tight and in order. He congratulated the Department for doing a nice job with keeping costs down. He stated that he will have some additional items to address at the next meeting. He also noted that the Department has a new social hall rental contract, which is much improved over the previous contract. Commissioner Mehaffie thanked the Fire Department for the opportunity to come in and meet.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Richard Wiley, Police Chief, provided call statistics for the month of February: 14 Part 1 Crimes, 34 Part II Crimes, 626 service calls, 33 total cases, 12 arrests, 6 suspects, 25 victims, 92 traffic citations, 4 non-traffic citations, 47 warnings, 139 car stops. He also reported the following statistics year-to-date: 28 Part 1, 107 Part II Crimes, 1344 service calls, 87 total cases, 40 arrests, 12 suspects, 74 victims, 4 DUI's, 173 traffic citations, 17 non-traffic citations, 96 warnings, 269 car stops.

The School Resource Officer continues to be busy. Incidents at the High School last month included a juvenile who brought a razor blade into school and was displaying it. The blade was confiscated and the juvenile arrested. Another arrest was made of a juvenile entering the High School and making threats regarding killing teachers and other students.

While making an arrest during a domestic dispute, one of the Township's officers was assaulted and suffered a bruised thigh bone. The officer is now out on workers compensation. The individual was arrested for assault on a police officer and for also having illegal substances on him. President Linn suggested the Township look into pursuing a lawsuit against this individual, since the officer's injury will end up costing the Township money. Solicitor Henninger stated the Township may want to wait and see what the amount of the loss is, since the workers compensation carrier will expect to get reimbursed first. Commissioner Mehaffie agreed that while workers compensation does pay for the time off work, the claim also means the Township's insurance rates will likely go up. Solicitor Henninger stated that while he has never heard of a municipality pursuing it, there is a Crime Victims Compensation imposed as part of sentencing. This may need to be looked into.

Chief Wiley reported that the multi-jurisdictional information sharing project has been implemented and seems to be working. Lower Allen is one of the test departments using it. Vendors are cooperating, and things appear to be moving smoothly. Work on the records management system for Dauphin County also continues. There will be a meeting with District Attorney Ed Marsico on March 12 relative to this county wide system.

Chief Wiley thanked the Police Committee – Vice President Leonard and Commissioner Wilt – for meeting with him before the meetings and offering good suggestions. He noted that both commissioners also attended the recent staff meeting, which was much appreciated by the officers.

They will be participating in some police ride-alongs, in the near future. This invitation was extended to all Commissioners wishing to do so.

President Linn referenced a letter from the American Legion regarding its award ceremony on March 25, at which time the Township's Police Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year will be honored. He noted that both the Police Department and Fire Department have been asked to select their honorees. Chief Wiley added that the American Legion has been extremely good to the Police Department and has made donations towards equipment such as tasers, cameras, etc. In addition, this award means a lot to the officers. President Linn agreed, and added that any Commissioner wishing to attend the ceremony should notify Chief Wiley so he can provide the Legion with a head count.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Krot reminded the Board that he will not be at the March legislative meeting since he will be attending a PELRAS conference at State College. He also informed the Board that the sewer authority employees are working with HRG, which has a crew out at Blacklatch Lane doing some preparatory work for the sewer lateral replacement project. Notices were sent to homeowners in that area advising them that HRG crews will be doing wetlands delineation and survey work. Mr. Krot reported that the ad for the administrative assistant for the Code Department has been advertised twice, and approximately 60 resumes have been submitted thus far.

Commissioner Mehaffie questioned the letter to the residents on Blacklatch Lane area, and asked if they were told why this work is being done. Mr. Krot stated he believes the letter indicates that the surveys are being done for future improvements. He agreed, however, to provide a copy of this letter to Commissioner Mehaffie.

President Linn referenced a letter from the pastor of Day Spring Ministries regarding a request by the church to alleviate parking on one side of the road. President Linn stated that he is not in favor of the request, but did tell the pastor that he is welcome to come to the next meeting to present the request to the Board.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Steve Anderson, Public Works Director, reported that he just got out of meeting with the Recreation Board. He has been meeting with the various recreation boards and athletic associations

to better understand their needs and move forward with any projects that need addressed. He added that the Recreation Board would like to set up a meeting next month that both Mr. Krot and Commissioner Mehaffie can attend in order to discuss the needs at the Township parks.

Mr. Anderson presented the monthly report. The Greenwood circle project is 95% complete. There are two items left; road repair around the inlet and final landscaping for four properties. The Department has televised storm water drains at several locations to determine cause of sinking ground over the pipes. Work on storm sewer pipe, inlets, and manholes are being done in preparation for the Shopes Garden Paving Project. The portable wood chipper from the Woody waste complex was used to clean up brush and shrubbery at Woodridge Park. Completion of the FEMA paperwork for flood related expenses continues, as does vehicle maintenance and repair work. A 12,000 lb. utility trailer has been ordered to replace the Department's 10,000 lb. trailer. This trailer was purchased for less money than the 10,000 trailer, and the Department was also given twice the anticipated amount for the trade-in on its current trailer. Mr. Anderson reported that the Municipal Authority's camera recently broke, but was able to be fixed for under \$800. The Department had a crack sealer machine demonstration in anticipation of summer crack sealing, and also had a ball field groomer demonstration at Woodridge Park. A truck route sign was installed on Meade Avenue/Hunter Lane and Meade Avenue street sign. The Department collected litter along Turnpike Industrial Drive, Whitehouse Lane, Fulling Mill Road, and portions of Route 441. It also applied a test compost treatment to three fields in the Greenfield Park. A stump grinder was rented to remove stumps at Market Street Park and Little Hollywood Park. All members of the Department will attend LTAP training for work site management and flagging on March 16 at Middletown. The dumpster will be open on Saturday, April 7 from 8:00 A.M. to Noon for use by Township residents.

Vice President Leonard referenced a significant fire south of the fire house a few weeks ago and thanked Public Works employee Dan Wagner for showing up and utilizing the backhoe to help put out the second fire.

Commissioner Mehaffie reported that he and President Linn recently met with Mr. Anderson and the Public Works Department. During this meeting, Mr. Anderson informed them that the Township has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to purchase a used sprayer from a golf course. The sprayer is six years old but practically brand new, and could be purchased for \$2500. This piece of equipment costs \$15,000 when purchased new. Commissioner Mehaffie referenced a

memo from Mr. Anderson regarding the Turf Runner 300 and how this unbudgeted purchase would be paid for. Commissioner Mehaffie stated that less manpower would be used, and the cost savings would be huge, since the savings by using liquid compared to granular are astronomical. The memo shows that the purchase would be paid for as follows: savings realized from parks -- \$1,500.00, savings realized on the trailer purchase -- \$800.00, and funds from Highway Advertising & Printing -- \$200.00. President Linn stated that funds can't be used from snow removal, since October, November and December could potentially bring snow. Commissioner Mehaffie clarified that snow removal funds aren't being requested for this particular piece of equipment and again called attention to the memo. President Linn stated that just a few months ago, Commissioner Mehaffie and two of the previous Board members took this item out of the budget. He questioned why this was being put back in now. Vice President Leonard stated the memo indicates there are two pieces of equipment are being proposed for purchase. Mr. Anderson agreed that is correct, and added that the sprayer was never budgeted for but just came up when the opportunity arose. In the past, the Township has only sprayed Greenfield Park. If the Township could switch to using this liquid fertilizer, it would save at least \$1500 and be able to do all the Township parks. Commissioner Mehaffie added that liquid fertilizer also dries immediately. He stressed that the purchase is not changing the amount of the Department's budget. Mr. Anderson agreed that he is proposing to pay for it through cost savings of the liquid fertilizer, through the generous trade-in realized from the sale of the other trailer, and the fact that no advertising is anticipated.

President Linn again stated that he is opposed to this purchase, especially since three of the Commissioners stripped down the 2012 budget. He stated that the Board should not spend any money until it sees what funds come in. He cautioned that equipment could go down and need repairs, resulting in more unforeseen expenses. Any savings that can be realized should be put back in the reserves for these types of emergencies. The proposed purchases are simply not necessities.

Vice President Leonard thanked Mr. Anderson for providing the details on the first item proposed for purchase, but again stated it appears he is requesting the purchase of two unbudgeted items, at a collective price of \$5500. Mr. Anderson reported that the second piece of equipment referenced is a ball field groomer. This would be a new piece of equipment to properly groom and maintain the diamond-tex infields. This would provide a safer, more professional playing surface, and reduce the amount of product as well as maintenance and labor costs. The Township can purchase this piece of equipment for \$3,000.00. This item would be paid for as follows: savings

realized from Contracted Services -- \$1,000, savings realized from Snow & Ice Materials Overtime -- \$1,500, and funds from Small Tools & Minor Equipment -- \$500.00 He noted this item was originally included in the 2012 budget, but was taken out. The Olmsted Regional Soccer Association and Athletic Association are willing to contribute towards this purchase, but it is felt that it would be best for the Township to make the purchase and instead have these organizations contribute towards materials for the parks. Mr. Anderson explained that part of the purchase would be realized through the savings in the contracted services category, since the Township is doing more and more of its own work. In addition, there are funds from the snow and ice materials overtime category, since this has been a mild winter and the material bins are full. Mr. Anderson noted that historically, October November and December are not snowy months.

Commissioner Mehaffie stated that these two pieces of equipment would show immediate savings and would pay for themselves in the first year. He stressed that no money will come out of the General Fund for these items; Mr. Anderson has found ways to make the purchases utilizing funds from his current budget.

President Linn stated that things that were necessary were removed from the 2012 budget, and he cannot vote for these purchases.

Vice President Leonard noted that the previous Board went through months of intensive budget review and cuts. The budget was balanced in part by the expectation that the Township will be receiving a refund of \$116,000 from Benacon. Commissioner Mehaffie clarified that he just found out this refund will actually be \$163,000. Vice President Leonard stated that some of this will go back to the Municipal Authority. Commissioner Mehaffie agreed that a very small portion of this amount will go to the Municipal Authority. Vice President Leonard added that reserves will also be used to balance the budget, as well as anticipated funds from FEMA for flood damage reimbursement. The Board doesn't know what the police arbitration will bring. He also noted that the Board decided not to give employees raises in this budget, which he does not like. He added that he also doesn't like the fact that the budget takes reserves down to a level below what three or four professional organizations recommended. If there is any savings realized from a category, this money should be put back in to the general fund or reduce the amount to be taken out of the reserves. He stressed that there is a principle behind his vote.

Commissioner Mehaffie again stated that the first piece of equipment doesn't impact the Public Works budget. The purchase of this sprayer would allow the Township to keep all the fields

in better shape at a lesser cost. He stated that rejecting this particular piece of equipment would be cutting off our nose to spite our face.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mehaffie, seconded by Commissioner Wilt, to approve the purchase of a used sprayer. A roll call vote was taken with the following ballot tabulation: Commissioner Wilt – aye, Commissioner Mehaffie – aye, Commissioner Davies – nay, Vice President Leonard – nay, President Linn – nay. With a 2 – 3 vote, the motion failed to carry. Commissioner Davies commented that he shares the deep concern expressed about this year’s budget. He noted that he had spent some time talking to residents during the last few months on some political work unrelated to the Township; spending more money on unbudgeted equipment is really not a good idea.

Commissioner Mehaffie also reported that the Olmsted Regional Recreation Board will be holding its Easter Egg Hunt on March 24, at 10:00 A.M. at the High School. Pool passes to the Middletown Community Pool for the 2012 season are available at the Main Street Gym School District Offices (\$225 for a family pass of 2 adults/2 children, and \$150 for a single). Commissioner Mehaffie stated that he was advised that the Township will see a decrease of \$619.16 for its payment to the Olmsted Recreation Board due a decrease in the Township’s 2010 population, which is at 8,149 residents. He stated that this is bittersweet, since this means the Township is no longer a growing and thriving municipality. President Linn asked if Middletown Borough’s population has also decreased. Commissioner Mehaffie stated that the Borough has actually seen an increase. Chief DeHart noted that the 8,149 figure is the same one he’s been using for years for his paperwork.

President Linn reported that the Lions Club will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 7.

Mr. Krot asked that the Board address several items which require formal action tonight.

A motion was made by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Davies, to approve Ordinance No. 539. This ordinance amends the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Lower Swatara, No. 1982-3, as amended, Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Part 2, Traffic Regulations, Section 201, Maximum Speed Limits Established on Certain Streets, to add maximum speed limits for Meade Avenue; Section 202, Traffic Signs at Certain Locations, revise and add traffic signal locations for Meade Avenue; and Section 210, Stop Intersections Established, delete and add stop intersections for Meade Avenue. A roll call vote was taken with the following ballot tabulation: Commissioner Wilt – aye, Commissioner Mehaffie – aye, Commissioner Davies – aye,

Vice President Leonard – aye, President Linn – aye. Ordinance No. 539 was approved by a 5 – 0 margin.

A motion was made by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Davies, to approve the placement of a directional sign on the north side of Meade Avenue to direct south-bound trucks to proceed straight to the light at SR 230. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to approve the preparation and advertisement of an ordinance setting forth the application, review, and approval process for construction and development within areas of the Township subject to flooding; certain minimum requirements for construction and development within those areas; and establishing penalties for any persons who fail or refuse to comply with the requirements of this ordinance. *(Background: In October, 2009, FEMA issued Preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Study report and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for Lower Swatara Township. Beginning at that time Alan Knoche worked with the Dauphin County Conservation District and the Department of Community & Economic Development to prepare a stand-alone ordinance to meet FEMA's requirements. All parties reviewed the ordinance until it met the standards from FEMA. Until recently, FEMA had not determined the date that their FIRMs would be final. The Township was notified in February that the new date for the FIRMs will be August 2, 2012. The Township needs to adopt the ordinance, and send the adopted document to the DCCD. They will do a final review and forward the ordinance to DCED. Finally, DCED will send the ordinance to FEMA, who will notify us that they approve the adopted ordinance. The entire process needs to be complete prior to August 2, 2012).* Solicitor Henninger added that this is a FEMA requirement, and has been in the works for the last two years. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Davies, to approve authorization for Peter Henninger, Township Solicitor, to prepare an Agreement between Lower Swatara Township and the Lower Swatara Township Volunteer Fire Department, outlining payment responsibilities for the pending purchase of a New Heavy Rescue Truck. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to approve Change Order #2, in the amount of \$6,500, to JVH Excavating, for work associated with the Greenwood Circle project. Due to the pipe being deeper than anticipated, the construction required additional excavation, a deeper inlet box, a second trench box, and additional time that

could not have been anticipated with the information that was available to the Township and the contractor. Mr. Krot noted that the payment is being recommended by Ms. Wick, Planning & Zoning Director, and is eligible for reimbursement through the flood grant program. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Wilt, to approve the payment of Estimate No. 19 in the amount of \$6,579.40 to Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers for construction phase services related to the Meade Avenue Project. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Krot informed the Board that Leon Wintermeyer, contractor for the Meade Avenue project, is behind on submission of invoices for the project and has recently submitted two sizeable ones. He has requested a meeting with Ryan Hostetter of HRG next Tuesday to get up to speed on these invoices, which will most likely appear on the March legislative agenda for formal action. President Linn advised the public that the Township is just custodian for the payment of these invoices; there are no Township funds involved. Solicitor Henninger agreed that it is a money in/money out arrangement with Penn DOT.

FINAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Krot requested a brief executive session immediately upon conclusion of this evening's meeting in order to discuss a personnel issue.

Commissioner Mehaffie reminded the Board that it recently approved the expenditure of \$4,000 for the purchase of an engine for a police car. There was no money in the 2012 police budget for minor and major vehicle repairs. He asked where this money is coming from. President Linn responded that this is why the Township has, and needs, capital reserves. Vice President Leonard stated that he feels it is more of an emergency to keep a patrol car on the road than put fertilizer on a ball field. It is not unusual for unforeseen emergency expenses to come up, and the Township will need to determine how to pay for these.

Commissioner Wilt stated that the Board had approved the purchase of the \$4,000 engine because it felt it would be less expensive than purchasing a new police vehicle. He commented, however, that it sounds like the purchase of the two pieces of equipment for the Public Works Department would have also netted a savings and would have been good purchases.

Solicitor Henninger reported that Mr. Knoche, EMA Director, has been working on the flood hazard mitigation paperwork and recently attended a review meeting pertinent to this. There

are appraisals required for the buy-outs, and Mr. Knoche had originally planned to estimate these and do the actual appraisals at a later time, after the application was submitted. This was the way it was handled during the last grant mitigation process, and the Township was permitted to request extra funds for appraisals that came in higher than anticipated. At the meeting, however, it was found out that there may not be additional money provided if these appraisals come in higher than estimated. Solicitor Henninger explained that he had spoken to Andy Doherty, a supervisor at Londonderry Township, who has already completed the appraisals for the Borough of Middletown. Mr. Doherty responded that he could turn these around for the Township in about two weeks. He estimated a charge of \$400.00 per appraisal for each of the 17 residential properties and \$2500 for the commercial property (a multi-unit apartment building). This charge is similar to the number that Mr. Knoche had anticipated. Solicitor Henninger noted that he has been unable to speak to Mr. Knoche about this, since he is in training. However, he requested the Board provide authorization tonight to move forward with these appraisals, if need be, so the Township doesn't get caught with an application that is underfunded because of not having appraisals done up-front. Commissioner Davies inquired how this will be funded. Solicitor Henninger stated that he isn't sure, but would think perhaps from the emergency reserves. The Township will be reimbursed for this, unless both FEMA and PEMA throw out the project, which is extremely unlikely. A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to authorize the expenditure, if necessary, of an amount not to exceed \$9,300 for appraisals for buy-outs for the flood hazard mitigation. A roll call vote was taken with the following ballot tabulation: Commissioner Wilt – aye, Commissioner Mehaffie – aye, Commissioner Davies – aye, Vice President Leonard — aye, President Linn – aye. The motion was approved by a 5 – 0 margin.

Vice President Leonard stated that the news of a Sheetz on Route 230 is very good news.

ADJOURN AND CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Hearing no other business, a motion was made by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Davies, to adjourn the meeting and convene into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

ATTEST:

Harry N. Krot, Jr.
Township Manager