

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The regular monthly 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. President Linn called for the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence.

Roll call was then taken with the following officials in attendance:

- Frank Linn, Sr., President
- William L. Leonard, Jr., Vice President
- Thomas R. Clark, Commissioner
- Robert L. Loych, Commissioner
- Thomas L. Mehaffie III, Commissioner
- Ronald J. Paul, Manager/Secretary
- Peter R. Henninger, Township Solicitor
- Charles Smith, HRG, Township Engineer
- Steven Anderson, Public Works Director
- Richard Wiley, Police Chief
- Alan Knoche, EMA Coordinator
- Jean R. Arroyo, Recording Secretary

Residents and visitors in attendance:

- Jed Yingst (Greylag Corporation)
- Brenda Wick
- Harry Krot
- Mike Davies
- Daryl Peck (Concord Public Finance)
- John Gaiski (107 Bradford Ave.)
- Theresa Fink (99 Bradford Ave.)
- Jim Policino and Wanda Demmitt (83 Bradford Ave.)
- Al Krebs (440 Lumber St.)
- Mark Will (Fulling Road LLC)
- T. Craig (Bradford Ave.)
- Paul Navarro (Navarro & Wright)
- Tom Williams, Mike Williams (Bryn Gweled Subdivision)
- Steve & Linda Hickoff (102 Bradford Ave.)
- Ed & Olga O'Connor (76 Lake Dr.)
- Charles & Connie Honeycutt (1296 Fries Grove Ln.)

- Phyllis Zimmerman (Patriot-News)
- Dane Scheidt (15 Hummel Ln.)
- Penny Shaud (67 Lake Dr.)
- Mark Moore (69 Lake Dr.)
- John & Dee Pankake

President Linn opened the floor for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Alan Krebs, 440 Lumber Street, stated that he has been before the Board in the past concerning sewer back-up into his home. Although the Township did make some improvements, the problem is still there, and not just due to the flooding. The flooding, however, was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Charles Honeycutt, 1296 Fryes Grove Lane, stated that both his home and his mother's home were destroyed as a result of the flooding. He had spoken to FEMA representatives, who had told him there were funds available to rebuild or destroy. Apparently there are funds from the state that will be brought down to the local levels, but municipalities have to get things in place to make it happen. Mr. Honeycutt stated that he is aware of six families that want to leave, and he is here tonight to put something in the Township's ear to get the ball rolling.

Mr. Knoche responded that there are a number of programs out there for buyouts. In 2004, the Township was able to use the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to help residents impacted by Hurricane Ivan. This type of program is approved by the federal government for a specific disaster. Mr. Knoche stated that he had talked to the County today, which is the Township's liaison to the state, and nothing is concrete yet regarding grant programs. Mr. Knoche added that the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is a 75/25 match. The federal government pays 75%, and the local government must pick up the other 25%. Quite honestly, the Township doesn't have the resources available to absorb this 25%. During Ivan, the Commonwealth agreed to put up the 25%, so pursuing this grant program was a no-brainer. The Township attempted to have seven properties bought-out under that program. Four of these properties did not qualify and of the three that did, two were purchased and demolished and used as open space. Mr. Knoche stated that if this program becomes available, the Township will see if the state can again kick in the 25%. Mr. Honeycutt stated that the residents were told that they need to come together as a group to get this process

started. Mr. Knoche explained that if the program and funding becomes available, the Township will visit the flooded areas and see who is interested in participation. Participation would be totally voluntary. Other programs are available for buyouts, but these are based on repetitive loss and dollars and cents. If a resident puts in a \$40,000 claim every time it floods, it is just cheaper for them to buy out the property. The trouble with this is there must be a record of repetitive loss on the property. At this time, there are no such properties in Lower Swatara Township, because by the time the deductible is figured in, it doesn't meet the threshold.

Mr. Honeycutt also stated that the residents are naturally under a lot of stress from this disaster, and they don't need more of it. It seems like the Township is working against them in some ways. After speaking to the Township about the possibility of rebuilding, he was told he would need to hook up to sewer. Mr. Honeycutt stated his septic system works just fine, and it would cost him \$32,000 to hook up plus the cost of a pump. He stated that he just can't think about these types of expenses right now. He suggested that in a disaster situation, the Township should put certain things on hold and have the residents address them later, perhaps through a contract signed by the Township and resident.

Steve Hickoff, 102 Bradford Avenue, stated that three months ago, he was here before the Board again asking for some improvements from Penn DOT and the Airport on maintenance to their land. Commissioner Mehaffie had promised to check with Penn DOT and get back to him. It was suggested that Mr. Paul would send a letter to HIA and get back to him. It has been three months, and he hasn't heard a thing. Mr. Hickoff stated that he is aware that these maintenance improvements wouldn't have prevented this flooding disaster. However, every time the forecast calls for heavy rains, the residents are placed under a lot of stress. These maintenance improvements could help control some of these heavy rains. Mr. Hickoff stated he doesn't feel the Township has done enough to help, and he is very discouraged. Mr. Paul stated that doesn't remember the letter in question. However, he did report that SARAA is going through the permit process to move ahead with the maintenance improvement work. He cautioned that it won't be resolved in a matter of months. Commissioner Mehaffie has been speaking to Penn DOT, and he can expand on this. Mr. Paul added that there have been drainage improvements in this general area as a result of the Township working with developers and contractors. The Township cannot control SARAA and Penn DOT. Mr. Hickoff stated that he is also frustrated that the Board tells him to go speak to these agencies about the issue, and these agencies in turn tell him to go back to this Board

for assistance. Mr. Hickoff also stated that his neighborhood stinks of oil, and asked if DEP should be called out to take soil samples, especially since there are wells in this area. Mr. Knoche stated that he hates to be the bad guy again, but the state's position is that oil on a residential property is the responsibility of the property owner. He noted, however, that information is lying on the table in the hallway regarding well recovery.

Commissioner Mehaffie informed Mr. Hickoff that as promised, he had contacted Representative Holden's office the next day. On September 6, he had received an email from Tim Smith, Representative Holden's Chief of Staff out of the Harrisburg office. Unfortunately, there is a new project manager for this area. This has been a long process, but strides are being made to get things done. Commissioner Mehaffie stressed that the Board is not here to work against the residents. Local government is held to the standards of the state and federal government. He added that he was informed that more answers should be available within a month.

Hank Harrison, 8 Bradford Avenue, asked how the Airport can be allowed to shut the flood gates and flood out the residents. He suggested a lawsuit be pursued against HIA. President Linn stated he can't answer this question, but it is being investigated.

Theresa Fink, 99 Bradford Avenue, agreed with Mr. Harrison. She stated that the floodgates were shut much earlier than the Airport claimed, and shut prior to the heavy raining. Ms. Fink added that at a previous meeting she had attended, HIA had promised not to shut the floodgates until the water got to eleven feet. She noted that the water was not at eleven feet when the gates were shut. Ms. Fink stated that this is the Board's responsibility too, since the Airport is located in Lower Swatara Township.

Mr. Craig, 78 Bradford Avenue, asked when the Township had stopped picking up trash from the residents in the flooded areas, and why the residents weren't notified. Steve Anderson, Public Works Director, responded the Township didn't stop. The dumpsters are again full and the haulers are backlogged and can't move them fast enough. Once they have been emptied by the hauler, two more will be available. He noted that Mr. Yingst also provided at least four other dumpsters, which were filled and hauled out. The Township will, however, cease collecting items on September 26. Mr. Anderson clarified that only items such as household debris and furniture are being collected. Construction or remodeling materials will not be collected; this includes drywall and insulation. Residents with these types of items can pick up a portable bag/dumpster that can be purchased from places like Home Depot. Mr. Craig stated that he has a mobile home and has been

taking out damaged insulation and drywall every day and placing it out at the road for collection. He stated that he wished he had known this before, especially since the Public Works employees had seen him putting these items out and never said anything to him. Mr. Craig explained that he is not capable of moving everything back in off the street. Mr. Anderson responded that if the Township would allow this and everyone took advantage of it, the department would never get done with the collection. He added that notes had been left with the residents, and personal contact made. Mr. Craig stated that he must have been missed. Mr. Hickoff suggested a flyer explaining these restrictions should have been distributed to every resident. Mr. Craig agreed, and stated that since he wasn't provided this information, his items should be collected. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to pick up these items until Friday. Mr. Anderson stated that he will attempt to get Mr. Craig's items tomorrow, and then put informational notices on the doors of the impacted areas. Vice President Leonard asked the residents if they could help out too by spreading the word to their neighbors.

Theresa Fink reported that the Township had inspected her home, and asked how long it would take to know if it is condemned for structural damage. Mr. Knoche stated that in Ms. Fink's case, there are two owners for one piece of property. One wants the home condemned and the other doesn't. The Township is taking a hands-off approach until both parties come into agreement. Ms. Fink stated that her father had told her that Mr. Snavelly had called and indicated the home was condemned and being made into a wetland area. Mr. Knoche explained that Mr. Snavelly has not condemned any properties as of yet. Ms. Fink stated that her attorney needs a letter from the Township stating this. Solicitor Henninger asked that Ms. Fink's attorney submit this request in writing to the Township.

John Gaiski, 107 Bradford Avenue, echoed Mr. Honeycutt's comments. FEMA had also told him that there is a buy-out program in effect, but it will have to start with the neighbors requesting it. He noted that he is tired of the constant water issues here, and is definitely interested in a buy-out. Mr. Gaiski also agreed that Penn DOT needs to clean out the area by the ramps.

Ed O'Connor, 76 Lake Drive, stated that he suffered a total loss from the flooding. His wife is from the former Soviet Union, and many of the items they lost, such as her papers and birth certificate simply cannot be replaced. Since he did not have flood insurance, Mr. O'Connor explained he will basically be starting over again at age 65. Mr. Connor added that what upsets him the most is what the Airport did. He can't understand how it could save itself by ruining others.

Mr. O'Connor also inquired as to the process to condemn a home. Solicitor Henninger explained that there are specific provisions in the International Property Maintenance Code, which the Township has adopted, setting forth details by which the Code Enforcement Office can condemn a property.

Mr. Gaiski inquired if a property must be condemned in order to be offered a buy out. Solicitor Henninger clarified that a condemnation means the home can not be moved back into. A buy-out in the situation Mr. Knoche is referring to is whether or not the flood waters were so high that the property would qualify to be bought out under a federal program. Mr. Gaiski stated that he had 52 inches of water on his first floor, so he should certainly qualify. Mr. Gaiski also addressed the repetitive flooding program. He explained that every time water backs up in the Jednota Flats area, he has to hire a plumber. Since he has a \$2,000 deductible, it doesn't make sense to file a claim. This sure seems like repetitive flooding to him. Solicitor Henninger explained that the reality is that repetitive flooding focus on the extent of the damage. There are different programs with different definitions, and the Township must wait to see what is offered. A lot of this depends on the flood assessments, which will take time.

Commissioner Loych asked how many in attendance this evening would entertain a buyout if funds are available. He suggested this could be used as leverage. Mr. Knoche explained that the Township will do all it can to assist the residents, but again stated that it can't start anything until the program exists. Mr. Honeycutt stated this is the confusing part: FEMA told him that he and the impacted residents should come to the Township and state their interest in a buy-out. The Township is now telling them that they must wait on word from FEMA. Mr. Knoche explained that the damage assessment team from the County is expected to be here tomorrow or Friday to begin the process. The public assistance declaration from the President hasn't even been submitted by the state to the President yet. Individual assistance has been approved, but not public assistance. This is because the damage assessments have not been done yet. President Linn added that the residents are very welcome to use the Township Building to meet and discuss their situations and determine how many of them are interested in a potential buy-out.

Hank Harrison asked when spraying for mosquitoes would be done in his neighborhood, since the mosquitoes are unbelievable due to the amount of stagnant water. President Linn reported that the area was actually sprayed Thursday night. Mr. Paul agreed to put in another request. Linda Rafael, 62 Wayne Avenue, stated that she did observe the spraying, but stated it needs to be done

again because of the amount of toxic water down there. Mr. Honeycutt stated that he is fairly certain that his area was missed. Mr. Paul agreed that this could be true, and will also check into this.

President Linn thanked the residents for coming out tonight, and asked that they contact the Township's EMA (Emergency Management Agency) with any questions or concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Loych, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to approve the Minutes of the August 17, 2001 Legislative Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mehaffie, seconded by Commissioner Loych, to approve the Minutes of the September 7, 2011 Workshop Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Loych, to approve the Payment of Bills as presented on Warrant No. 2011-8. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Loych, to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Charles Smith, HRG, provided a status report on the Meade Avenue construction project which is close to completion; the contractor is currently completing the punch-list items. Meade Avenue is anticipated to be open after Penn State has finished completion of its lighting project, which is in approximately two weeks.

Mr. Smith reported that the Township had suffered storm damage at two locations. Greenwood Circle had some damage to the storm sewer facilities and three sinkholes have resulted from that. Also, part of the roadway embankment has washed away on Rosedale Avenue at the

section where it crosses Stoner Run. In order to fix these locations as soon as possible, these projects went out for bid. Two contractors submitted bids on both projects, and the low bidder, JVH Excavating, is poised to start as soon as the utility coordination is completed, which will probably be by Monday. The Board will, however, need to first formally award the contract. Mr. Smith summarized the bid submission. JVH Excavating submitted a bid in the amount of \$30,815 for repairs to Greenwood Circle and a bid in the amount of \$44,930 for repairs to Rosedale Avenue (for a total bid amount of \$75,745). Able Construction submitted a bid in the amount of \$35,410 for repairs to Greenwood Circle and a bid in the amount of \$53,023 for repairs to Rosedale Avenue (for a total bid amount of \$88,433). A motion was made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to accept the low bid of \$75,745, as submitted by JVH Excavating, for both projects. The motion was unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Peter Henninger, Township Solicitor, reported that he has been working closely with the Manager on these flood issues including the flood damage suffered by the Jamesway Pumping Station. Mr. Paul reported that the price of the equipment alone is in the area of \$44,000. He asked for authorization tonight to order the equipment, since the turn around time is 12 – 14 weeks. In the interim, the pump station is being pumped out with a portable pump. The Municipal Authority has a meeting on Monday, but Solicitor Henninger agreed taking action on this now would be appropriate due to the emergency situation. A motion was made by Commissioner Loych, seconded by Commissioner Clark, to approve the ordering of equipment necessary for the Jamesway Pump Station. The motion was unanimously approved.

Solicitor Henninger also noted that Daryl Peck, Concord Public Finance, is here this evening to discuss a possible opportunity to refinance the 2006 bond issue. Mr. Peck distributed a savings analysis report to the Board, and called attention to the executive summary. Right now, the Township owes about 4.6 million dollars at interest rates ranging from 3.550% - 4.125%. With the low rates today, it could borrow at an average rate of 3.4%. The total savings in the current year would be approximately \$127,775 which is just under 3%, which is usually the acceptable threshold. If the Board so desires, the goal would be to move as quickly as possible to sell bonds and lock interest rates for action at the October 19 legislative meeting. Vice President Leonard stated the Board has taken this approach before, and it makes sense to refinance. A motion was

made by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Clark, to allow Concord Public Finance to move forward with the refinancing of the General Obligation Bonds of 2006 when a 2 – 3% threshold is met. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Peck stated that he doesn't have all the details on this yet, but the Township also has a 1999 building loan, which sits at approximately \$750,000. It would not be cost effective to refinance on its own, but it could be added to the above refinancing. There is a prepayment penalty which needs to be looked into. The savings would equate to about \$10,000 - \$20,000. Mr. Peck asked if the Board would also like to add this loan in the refinance. The Board directed Mr. Peck to get more details on this, and report back at the October workshop meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Paul requested an executive session at the conclusion of this evening's meeting in order to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Paul reported that dumpster fees are being waived as a result of the flood. Fees will be reinstated again come October. Mr. Paul commended those residents who were not in the flood zones but who did suffer some flooding. They did a great job of transporting these items on their own to the dumpsters.

President Linn reported that the Medicare seminar scheduled at the Township Building this month has been cancelled.

Solicitor Henninger added that the Township did make a disaster declaration which has been submitted for extension until December 1. This date can be extended if need be. The Board should, however, make a motion stating this. A motion was made by Commissioner Mehaffie, seconded by Commissioner Loych, to declare a disaster in Lower Swatara Township until December 1, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved. President Linn commended the staff and all agencies for being on top of everything during the flooding. While residents are upset at the Township, it is doing everything it can.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Committee – Commissioner Clark -- no report

Public Safety – Commissioner Mehaffie – noted that items from his report regarding the flood issue have already been covered. He congratulated Mr. Knoche and the staff on its combined efforts to deal with this situation.

Public Works – Commissioner Loych – thanked the Public Works Department for its diligent service throughout the flooding. He thanked Dick Myers and Glenn Snavely for stepping up to the plate while Mr. Knoche was out of the office and also thanked Mr. Knoche for laying the groundwork. Commissioner Loych noted that the Recreation Board Meeting has been cancelled due to the flooding.

Budget and Finance – Vice President Leonard --- referenced the email from the Finance Department about the upcoming budget process and also about the controlling of expenses for the remainder of 2011. Cash receipts for the month of August totaled \$978,046.13. The major sources of revenues were from Act 511 Taxes—most significant of which were the receipts for the quarterly distribution of the Earned Income and Local Services Taxes, the monthly receipts for the Meade Avenue Project, Real Estate Taxes, and other miscellaneous receipts. Cash expenditures totaled \$930,679.00 and were comprised of the three transfers to the payroll account, the payments for the Meade Avenue Project, the transfers to the miscellaneous funds for taxes collected, and all invoices due and payable. Investments totaled \$521,526.07 with an average annual yield of 0.5%. Vice President Leonard added that the Fire Department has also been extremely busy during the flood emergency. He also thanked these volunteers for their efforts.

Community and Economic Development – President Linn -- -- reported that he met with Penn State regarding Meade Heights. He also reminded department heads that the fall/winter newsletter is being drafted, and information should be forwarded to Ms. Arroyo within the next three weeks. President Linn asked that Vice President Leonard also convey this to the Fire Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Paul stated that there are representatives present tonight to update the Board on the status of the upgrade to the sanitary sewer system as it pertains to the first two plans under Unfinished Business. Paul Navarro, representing Navarro & Wright (for the Residential Retirement Community Plan) reported that the E & S submission for the plan has been returned to the Dauphin County Conservation District. There is still difficulty in meeting with Mr. Flynn to obtain signatures on the necessary agreements. Mark Will, Fulling Road LLC, agreed that communication

with Mr. Flynn has been difficult. Mr. Flynn's secretary was supposed to meet him here tonight with the executed memo of understanding, but she never showed. He stated that he doesn't feel Highspire is going to do anything until this memo of understanding between the three parties is executed. Mike Williams, BW Partners, representing the Bryn Gweled Subdivision Plan, stated that they haven't gotten their attorney to comment on the memo yet, which is why they didn't sign it. He inquired about the possibility of Highspire and Lower Swatara undertaking the improvements themselves through the pursuit of some type of PennVest grant or low-interest loan. The money would come back to the municipalities as these connections are made. Mr. Navarro agreed that there is a lot of need out there as far as infrastructure, and dollars are available via various programs. Mr. Paul responded that this has never been done before, and added that it would be unlikely that PennVest would provide funding for this type of project due to the Township's economic base. Mr. Navarro suggested that this would help the Township Authority meet its CAP (Corrective Action Plan). Mr. Paul explained that Lower Swatara Township has already met the criteria for its CAP; that process is over. He added that he cannot speak on behalf of the Township Municipal Authority, but suggested the developers attend the Authority's meeting this Monday night to discuss this personally. Solicitor Henninger stated that the Municipal Authority is dealing with its own issues right now, including major flood damage to the Jamesway Pump Station that probably won't be entirely covered by insurance. He stated that he would be very surprised if it was receptive to the idea of taking over the sewer improvement project, since these improvements will only be necessary if these proposed projects are undertaken.

Mr. Will suggested the possibility of withdrawing his plan. He explained that the Board had told him everything must be in order for approval at the October 20 legislative meeting, and he simply doesn't know if this is possible now. Mr. Paul stated the Board was frustrated due to the lack of movement or updates on the plan. Now that the developers are attending Board meetings to provide updates, the Board may have a different view on this matter.

Commissioner Loych suggested it might be beneficial for Mr. Navarro to entertain legal council to discuss Mr. Flynn's lack of cooperation. Mr. Paul stated that he can also attempt to contact Mr. Flynn. Mr. Will responded that this would be very much appreciated.

Vice President Leonard stated the Board does want to see these projects go through, and agreed that there have been a lot of extenuating circumstances that required time extensions. The Township has been very lenient with the developers. Based on the fact that the capacity that exists

there now handles the current environment, he is not in favor of the Township pursuing a low interest loan. If the Township did this, it would take on the responsibility of paying the loan back, with the assumption that the sewer hook-ups would fund payment of the loan. Vice President Leonard stated that this hasn't been done before, and he is not in favor of the Township acting as a bank. President Linn agreed, and stated that there are other urgent financial needs, like helping the flood victims.

Mr. Navarro briefly reviewed the plans for the residential retirement community plan, and noted that due to some paving changes, an amended HOP (highway occupancy permit) needs to be submitted with Penn DOT. Mr. Navarro informed the Board that his own building, which is located in New Cumberland, had been flooded and he has a personal interest in putting his business in this community. Mr. Wills reminded the Board that his company had made a commitment to the Township from the very beginning that once this project was started, they would build a commercial building upfront. He inquired if Mr. Navarro building here would meet this obligation. President Linn suggested the developers get the issues with Mr. Flynn ironed out, and then this can possibility can be discussed with the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to table the Final Subdivision Plan for Bryn Gweled East (26 lots), located along Lumber Street, immediately south of PA 283, prepared by Dauphin Engineering Co. and submitted by BW Partnership. The plan was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on May 24, 2007. 90-day time extensions were granted by the Board on July 18, 2007, November 21, 2007, February 20, 2008, May 21, 2008, August 20, 2008, November 19, 2008, February 18, 2009, May 20, 2009, August 19, 2009, November 18, 2009, February 17, 2010, May 19, 2010, July 21, 2010, and November 17, 2010, February 16, 2011, and May 18, 2011. The Board granted an additional time extension on August 17, 2011, with an expiration date of October 20, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to table the Final Land Development Plan of Residential Retirement Community, Phase 1, located along Fulling Mill Road at the intersection of Nissley Drive, prepared by Navarro & Wright, Inc. and submitted by Fulling Road LLC. The plan was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on November 15, 2007 with stipulations. The plan was due to expire on February 20, 2008. 90-day time extensions were granted by the Board on February 20, 2008, May 21, 2008,

August 20, 2008, November 19, 2008, February 18, 2009, May 20, 2009, August 19, 2009, November 18, 2009, February 17, 2010, May 19, 2010, August 18, 2010, and November 17, 2010, February 16, 2011, and May 18, 2011. The Board granted an additional time extension on August 17, 2011, with an expiration date of October 20, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to table the Final Subdivision Plan of Old Reliance Farms, Section 18-B (9 lots) prepared by Dauphin Engineering, Inc. and submitted by Old Reliance Partnership. The plan was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on May 27, 2010. A 90-day time extension was granted by the Board on April 21, 2010. A one-year time extension was granted by the Board on July 21, 2010. The plan is due to expire on August 25, 2011. An additional 90-day time extension was granted by the Board on July 20, 2011. The plan is due to expire on November 23, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Loych, to table the Revised Five Oaks Village (Mobile Home Park) Plans located on Swatara Park Road, prepared by Dauphin Engineering Co. and submitted by Thomas A. Farr on behalf of Shirley J. Farr, owner. The plan was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on June 23, 2011 with stipulations. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Loych, seconded by Commissioner Mehaffie, to approve Resolution No. 2011-R-10. This resolution reduces member contributions to the Police Pension Plan for year 2011. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Loych, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to approve the low bid for the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement to Telco, in the amount of \$7,965.00. Mr. Paul noted that a bid had also been submitted by the Township's current vendor, Republic, in the amount of \$9,180.00. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Loych, to approve the Proposal for Engineering Services, Supplement No. 5, in the amount of \$8,500.00 to HRG, Inc. for construction phase services relative to the Meade Avenue Project. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mehaffie, seconded by Vice President Leonard, to approve the payment of \$8,907.29 to HRG, Inc. for services rendered for the period August 1, 2011 through September 4, 2011 for construction phase services relative to the Meade Avenue Project. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mehaffie, seconded by Commissioner Loych, to approve the Application for Payment #18 in the amount of \$208,648.90 to Leon E. Wintermeyer, for construction phase services relative to the Meade Avenue Project. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Loych, seconded by Commissioner Clark, to acknowledge receipt of the 2011 Minimum Municipal Obligation. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Loych, to acknowledge the hiring of Brenda K. Wick, P.E., as Township Planning and Zoning Director. Ms. Wick's starting date will be September 27, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Wick, who was in the audience, was congratulated by the Board.

A motion was made by Vice President Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Mehaffie, to acknowledge the hiring of Harry N. Krot as Township Manager. Mr. Krot's starting date will be October 3, 2011. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Krot, who was in the audience, was congratulated by the Board.

FINAL COMMENTS:

Commissioner Clark agreed with his fellow Board members that Mr. Knoche and his staff have been doing an outstanding job during the last two weeks dealing with the flooding issues.

ADJOURN AND CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Hearing no other business, a motion was made by Commissioner Loych, seconded by Commissioner Mehaffie, to adjourn the meeting and convene into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

ATTEST:

Ronald J. Paul, Manager/Secretary

