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LEGISLATIVE MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2015

The October 21, 2015 Legislative Meeting of the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Thomas L. Mehaffie III. President Mehaffie called for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Solicitor Henninger stated for the record that Vice President Wilt is participating by telephone this evening. He had phoned Vice President Wilt just prior to the opening of the meeting, and had confirmed the required password with him, as pursuant to Township resolution.

Roll call was taken with the following officials in attendance:

- Thomas L. Mehaffie III, President
- Jon G. Wilt, Vice President (via telephone)
- Laddie J. Springer, Secretary
- Michael J. Davies , Assistant Secretary
- Dominic D. DiFrancesco, Commissioner
- Samuel D. Monticello, Manager
- Peter R. Henninger, Solicitor
- Erin G. Letavic, HRG, Engineer
- Richard Brandt, Police Chief
- Robert S. Greene, Planning and Zoning Coordinator
- Daniel L. Wagner, Public Works Director
- Jean R. Arroyo, Recording Secretary

Residents and visitors in attendance: (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SIGN-IN SHEET)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Knerr, representing the Highspire First Church of God, explained that the church owns an old cemetery that lies within the borders of Lower Swatara Township. The cemetery is near the former Old Stone Inn, and is in very close proximity to Route 230. The limestone walls around the cemetery have been struck by vehicles over the past years and are in dire need of repair. The church has approached masons, retired masons, and student masons about doing this work, but has had no luck. Mr. Knerr recalled that the last grave is marked 1910, so no one has been buried here within the last 100 years. About 100 years ago, the cemetery was deeded over to the Highspire First Church of God with a small amount of money to maintain it. That money

is not even sufficient to have the law mowed. It would be a real financial burden to the church to do anything with it; the church is seeking the Township's help. Mr. Knerr added that that there was a suggestion made at the last church council meeting that perhaps a few of the Township's Public Works' crew could help to clean up and cart away some of the stones that had fallen outside the wall. Also, perhaps the Township could provide two sections of jersey barriers to make a front wall for the cemetery to avoid it from being continually struck by vehicles. Commissioner DiFrancesco asked if the masons contacted were from the local area. Mr. Knerr confirmed that they were. Commissioner DiFrancesco suggested that it may be possible to put a call out through the Church of God conference to round up a crew to help with this work. Mr. Knerr explained that the real stumbling block is that the cemetery is so close to Route 230. A section of the road would have to be taken from PennDOT which requires signage and procedures that the church simply is not prepared to handle. In response to a question from President Mehaffie, Mr. Knerr confirmed that the church is pursing insurance settlement money from some of the accidents. President Mehaffie explained that the Township's Public Works Department is already extremely busy, and he would be hesitant to put more pressure on them. He suggested contacting a historical society for help, as well as the other Churches of God. He also asked Mr. Wagner to speak to PennDOT District 8 to see if anything can be done here. Mr. Wagner explained that he had talked to District 8, and was told that one of the biggest obstacles will be the right of way issue, because it is very tight here. President Mehaffie and Commissioner DiFrancesco both agreed to reach out to their personal contacts who are part of the Church of God family. President Mehaffie will also speak to Representative Payne and Senator Folmer about what assistance can be provided here since it is a state road. Mr. Knerr thanked the Board for any assistance it can provide.

Frederick Wahl, 1325 North Union Street, referenced a letter and photos he had provided the Board a few weeks ago regarding a safety situation near his house. He noted that he cannot even allow his grandchildren to play in the front yard because of the history of vehicles ending up in his front yard. He has also had a tractor trailer stuck in his yard while attempting to turn around. Mr. Wahl asked if and when stop signs can be put in here. He added that if PennDOT claims it cannot be done, it should take down the stop signs on 696 which has the same type of intersection. If something is not done, somebody is eventually going to get hurt. Mr. Wahl noted that tractor trailers are not permitted on this road, but continue to drive here. This will

only get worse if the commercial rezoning application of the Dickerson property is approved. President Mehaffie explained that this Board is working diligently on increasing the safety on North Union Street. Police patrol has been increased here, and offenders are being cited. The Board is also pursuing a study to see if the road can be weight restricted to further stop these tractor trailers. He asked Chief Brandt about the suggestion of a stop sign. Chief Brandt reported that the closest intersection to Mr. Wahl's home is at Horseshoe Drive. This is on a curve, and would not be a good location for a stop sign since it could result in rear-end accidents. He added that PennDOT regulations clearly state that a stop sign cannot be used to control speed. Chief Brandt informed Mr. Wahl that the Police Department did write 50 citations last month in this area for speeding. The police are having an impact out there, but it will take a little time. Mr. Wahl stated that is he is not going to accept "it can't be done" for an answer, and asked for the contact person at PennDOT, since he also plans to pursue the possibility of stop signs with them. Solicitor Henninger explained that this is a Township road, so PennDOT will not be involved with the signage control. He agreed with Chief Brand that a stop sign at that location would create a safety issue. Traffic counts are needed to justify placement of a stop sign. President Mehaffie asked Chief Brandt to take a look at this area to see if anything can be done. Commissioner DiFrancesco asked if the police usually sit near Mr. Wahl's home for enforcement purposes. Chief Brandt responded that although they do not, it is certainly possible to do so. Commissioner Davies referenced the weight restriction study that is being performed, and inquired if a traffic study is part of this. Ms. Letavic responded that it is not. A pavement analyses is being performed now to see if the road can be weight restricted. An engineering study would need to be performed in order to legally put a stop sign here; it would have to fall under PennDOT criteria to be enforceable. She added that traffic engineers feel that when there are too many stop signs, drivers tend to ignore them. Commissioner Davies stated that he feels the Township should follow up on any opportunities to do a traffic study on that stretch of North Union Street from Route 441 to Route 283. In response to a question from Commissioner Davies, Chief Brandt stated that the posted speed limit here is already 25 mph. Commissioner DiFrancesco asked if unmarked vehicles can be used for speed checks. Chief Brandt confirmed that they can be. President Mehaffie thanked Mr. Wahl for expressing his concerns, and noted the Board will look into his suggestions.

Ron Fisher, 220 Dauphin Street, stated that the Board is very aware of the trespassing issues that he is experiencing from the student housing. He stated that he had talked to Mr. Tunnell about the issues, which are getting less frequent since an opening was placed in the soccer fence. Mr. Fisher explained that his concern is that this area is becoming more and more college focused, and the few residents up there are stuck. He inquired about the future plans up there, and the possibility of a buyout. He also asked if the Board can deny the issuance of any permits up there until the residents are out. President Mehaffie stated that the Township has been working with the developers to assist with the trespassing issue. The developers have put a four foot opening in the fence at Dauphin Street and Wood Street. The Board had also asked Mr. Tunnell and Mr. Genesio to direct a letter to their renters asking for their cooperation in using the designated walking paths and being courteous to the neighbors. In addition, the Township has asked Mr. Tunnell to put the fence down behind Mr. Fisher's home and extend it through; Mr. Tunnell has not yet committed to this but has agreed to look into it. Unfortunately, there is nothing the Township can do as far as a buyout. President Mehaffie explained that what affected Mr. Fisher is in the Borough of Middletown, not the Township. He added that the soccer field is temporary. Mr. Fisher agreed that the situation with the trespassing has been better since the opening was put in, but he still feels a buy-out would be best for the few residents who have to live here among the college students. It would be nice for them to get out before this college activity grows even more. President Mehaffie explained that the Township cannot say at this point what else will be constructed up there. If building is within permitted regulations and zoning, the Board cannot deny the issuance of permits. Future construction will depend upon student growth, which Penn State does anticipate. President Mehaffie stressed that the Township is doing all it can on its side to improve the situation for the residents up there. He suggestedMr. Fisher reach out to Mr. Genesio and Mr. Tunnell to see if there are any plans for future buy outs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Springer, seconded by Vice President Wilt, to approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2015 Legislative Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner Springer, to approve the Minutes of the October 7, 2015 Workshop Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner DiFrancesco, to approve the payment of bills as presented on Warrant No. 2015-09. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Commissioner Springer, seconded by Commissioner Davies, to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2015. The motion was unanimously approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Erin Letavic, HRG, updated the Board on the Strites Road Drainage Project. The DEP grant application for a bioswale was submitted on October 9. Design of the balance of the project continues.

HRG is developing public education materials, targeted towards Lower Swatara Township, for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). This information goes above and beyond what was provided by the Conservation District, and will be placed on the Township's website and posted at the Township building.

HRG received notification that Middletown Borough is advertising for public comment updates to its zoning ordinance, including the map. This includes boundary changes that affect the Township zoning map. The Borough solicitor is slated to provide any changes to the County, to be incorporated into the County GIS mapping.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Henninger reported that had had just received a Stormwater Right of Access Agreement with SARAA with regards to the UPS property. He has forwarded it to Bob Greene and Matt Cichy of HRG for their review. This will appear on the November 4 workshop agenda for formal action.

The Board had received in its packets an amendment to the rezoning application of F. Lee Dickerson. Solicitor Henninger explained that back in August, the Township had referred the rezoning application to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission had looked at it both September and October and tabled it both times. This amendment, however, basically restarts the entire process. Solicitor Henninger stated that he believes that the Planning Commission members were delivered this information today for its meeting tomorrow night. The process under the municipal planning code is for the Board to refer it to both the Township and County Planning Commissions for review at least thirty days in advance of any Public Hearing it would need to schedule. He explained that the amendment that they are proposing is to add a tract of land that has the abandoned home(s) on it. He had asked their counsel whether or not they had the consent of that property owner, and was told they did not. Solicitor Henninger again explained that the procedure now is for the Board to refer it to the Planning Commission. Their counsel had asked that this be brought up for Board action tonight. President Mehaffie stated that action on this item is actually on this evening's agenda – item 15B – and asked that the Board jump to that item which is to approve/reject submission of an amended application for rezoning by Lee Dickerson to include the property of Thomas N. Steele, requesting that the Board of Commissioners accept the amended application and that the Board refer the amended application to the Planning Commission for consideration at its meeting on October 22, 2015. President Mehaffie stated that he does not like to submit anything to the Planning Commission in twenty-four hours. His real concern is whether the property owners on North Union Street understand this amendment and have been notified. Mr. Greene responded that they have not be notified. President Mehaffie stated that this makes him very uncomfortable. This Board is very transparent about the way it does things and should give the residents at least thirty days' notice about this. He also expressed concern that the consent of Thomas N. Steele has not yet been received. President Mehaffie suggested the Board table this item and put it on the November 4 workshop agenda for action. This will provide time to inform the residents. A motion was made by President Mehaffie, seconded by Vice President Wilt, to table the submission of an amended application for rezoning by Lee Dickerson to include the property of Thomas N. Steele, requesting that the Board of Commissioners accept the amended application and that the Board refer the amended application to the Planning Commission for consideration at its meeting on October 22, 2015; action will instead be taken at the Board's November 4 workshop meeting to refer this amended application to the Planning Commission. The motion to table was

unanimously approved. Upon referral to the Planning Commission, President Mehaffie asked that Mr. Greene provide notification to the residents since it is important to be very forthright with the community about any zoning change. Commissioner Davies agreed that the decision to table is a good one, since North Union Street is an area that has special concerns for the residents. This needs to be approached cautiously, including keeping everyone in the loop in terms of what is happening. Solicitor Henninger added that since this is the only item on the Planning Commission agenda tomorrow evening, the meeting can be cancelled.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Monticello reported that the second round of Request for Proposals for pension services is advertised on the Township Website. Also, the ad is advertised via an online source called ONVIA, a government business intelligence company that advertises at no cost to the Township. ONVIA is compensated by firms that utilize its services by way of responding to ads that are placed by the company.

A letter was received from Dauphin County IDA notifying the Township that the Gaming Advisory Board will hold a second public hearing on the Local Share Municipal Grant Application that was submitted back in July. The hearing will be held on November 23 at the County's DCED Office. President Mehaffie noted that last year, the Township was awarded a grant for $51,000 to go towards the Dauphin County infrastructure loan. He asked the status of this grant. He explained that he does not want to miss any deadlines. Mr. Monticello responded that as far as he knows, the Township has not received the grant. President Mehaffie added that he does not want to put the cart before the horse if the Township has not received the first one and is now going for another one. President Mehaffie asked Ms. Letavic if she could provide any guidance. In response to a question from President Mehaffie, Ms. Letavic stated that her recollection is that the Township had this grant before it closed on the infrastructure loan. President Mehaffie asked Mr. Monticello to follow up on these questions and get back to the Board.

President Mehaffie referenced the list of future meeting dates/events, and noted that as discussed earlier this evening, the Planning Commission Meeting will now be canceled due to lack of business. "Trick or Treat" will be held on October 29, from 6 PM – 8 PM. November 3 is General Election Day. Mr. Greene informed the Board that the Township recently received an

application for a zoning variance for SARAA which is requesting a variance for height limits to construct a new Courtyard by Marriott four-story hotel. The Zoning Hearing Board will be meeting on this variance request on November 17.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Police Committee -- Vice President Wilt – no report

Public Safety – Commissioner Springer – no report

Budget and Finance – Commissioner Davies – stated that he will be meeting with Mr. Monticello Friday morning to discuss the budget in more detail and would like to have the public budget hearing on November 4 or November 18. President Mehaffie agreed that the Board should review the draft budget publically at the November 4 workshop meeting. It can then be fine-tuned after input from the meeting, and a motion to advertise it can be placed on the Board's November 18 agenda. The budget can be formally passed at the December 16 legislative meeting. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to advertise a Special Meeting to discuss the budget on November 4 at 6:00 P.M., prior to the workshop meeting. Since there is a Recreation Board scheduled for 6:00 P.M. that same evening, the Board directed Ms. Arroyo to contact the members and advise them of the cancellation.

Community and Economic Development --- Commissioner DiFrancesco – no report

Public Works – President Mehaffie – stated that the line painting looks great. He observed that the leaves are falling and piles are starting to build. Scheduled collection starts October 26; he asked Mr. Wagner if the crew has been out early. Mr. Wagner confirmed that they have been out three times already and will hit heavy areas again this week. Mr. Wagner added that four streets were not line painted due to temperatures, fog, and morning dew. They should be finished tomorrow if all goes well. Mr. Wagner reported on the recent core sampling. Five streets were done on Monday, three in preparation of next year's paving and Stoner Drive and North Union Street for the truck study. There were some complaints since the holes on Stoner Drive and North Union Street were filled with just stone on a temporary basis. They will be blacktopped tomorrow. Mr. Wagner reported that EK Services is currently working on Pennsylvania Avenue and is 95% done with the sewer portion up there. There had an emergency with a cross storm pipe; while boring underneath it, they came across the storm pipe that was completely rotten through. This was, in fact, replaced. However, when they were finishing up the laterals to the

sewer, another section of stormwater pipe was revealed as they had to go underneath it. That section of pipe, another 100 feet of storm pipe, is rotted through. Mr. Wagner explained that contact was made with one of the owners of EK Services. Since the road is already tore up, it would be beneficial to get this pipe replaced as soon as possible. Otherwise, the road will need to be dug up again next year. EK submitted a quote for time and materials. Mr. Wagner stated that he believes the quote is for approximately $7,900. This does not include the Township's cost of purchasing the stone and the pipe. Including this cost, it will be from $8,000 - $9,000 to get the 100 feet of pipe replaced. He asked the Board's direction on this. In response to a question from Commissioner DiFrancesco, Mr. Wagner confirmed that he prefers not to pave it and then have to cut it open again next year. Commissioner DiFrancesco agreed that would not make sense. He would prefer to move forward with it. President Mehaffie agreed. Commissioner Davies stated that while this expense is not in the budget, there are funds in the highway fund right now. A motion was made by President Mehaffie, seconded by Commissioner DiFrancesco, to approve an expenditure not to exceed $10,000 to fix the problem with the storm pipe on Pennsylvania Avenue. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Wagner thanked the Board, and noted this will be done right way.

Mr. Wagner also informed the Board that there are three backflow valves in the sprinkler system for the administrative building system. The sprinkler company comes in twice a year to check them, and has informed him that they will need replaced. Mr. Monticello noted that the quote is around $1,450. Mr. Wagner stated that there is money in the budget to support this if the Board has no objection. A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner Springer, to approve an expenditure not to exceed $1,500 to replace the backflow valves in the sprinkler system for the administration building. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Wagner reported that he had met with Ron Burkholder today to discuss Section 18B in Old Reliance Farms, which is in its final stages. Mr. Burkholder will be before the Board soon requesting that the Township take over the road. In response to a question from President Mehaffie, Ms. Letavic explained that Mr. Burkholder will ask the Township for an improvement guarantee reduction and then will go through the road dedication process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Board tabled the Final Land Development Plan of Residential Retirement Community, Phase 1, File #2007-14, 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, November 17, 2010, February 16, 2011, May 18, 2011, August 17, 2011, October 19, 2011, January 18, 2012 , April 18, 2012, July 18, 2012, October 17, 2012, January 16, 2013, April 17, 2013, July 17, 2013, October 16, 2013, December 18, 2013, March 19, 2014, June 18, 2014, October 1, 2014, December 17, 2014, March 18, 2015 and July 1, 2015. The Board, at its October 7, 2015 meeting, granted a time extension to January 20, 2016.

The Board tabled the Final Land Development Plan for Middletown Home Access Driveway/Parking Revisions, prepared by Schlouch, Inc. and submitted by the Middletown Home. The initial Plan submitted was due to expire on May 29, 2013. 90-day time extensions were granted by the Board of Commissioners on May 15, 2013, August 21, 2013, November 20, 2013, February 19, 2014, May 21, 201, October 15, 2015, January 21, 2015, May 18, 2015 and August 19, 2015. The plan is due to expire on November 18, 2015.

The Board tabled the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority (SARAA) sewage planning module for the North 29 Area (land where Sheetz and other commercial properties are planned to be built) requesting that the sewage be sent to SARAA's treatment plant instead of Middletown Borough Authority as would be required according to their location within the sewage area. Lower Swatara Township Authority's agreement with the Middletown Borough Authority reads that sewage in the designated area shall be exclusively treated at Middletown Borough's treatment plan. The Planning Commission approved the planning module, conditioned upon SARAA getting Middletown Borough to agree that the exclusivity can be waived in this instance or upon proof that the exclusivity portion of the agreement does not apply to SARAA because of established Authority statues. The burden of proof is on SARAA at this point. The planning module was due to expire on January 23, 2014. The Board of

Commissioners granted a 90-day time extension on January 15, 2014, April 16, 2014 and July 2, 2014. The Board granted a 120-day time extension on October 1, 2014. The Board granted a 93-day time extension on January 21, 2015 to May 20, 2015. The Board granted a 91-day time extension on May 20, 2015 and again on August 19, 2015. The plan is due to expire on November 18, 2015.

President Mehaffie observed that both the Middletown Home and SARAA plan will be expiring November 18. He asked if the Board wants representatives from these plans to be here in person to request to request time extensions. Solicitor Henninger stated that this is probably not necessary for the SARAA plan, but the Board may want to ask someone from the Middletown Home to be in attendance to update the Board on its progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner Springer, to approve the Improvement Guarantee Reduction, Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. 68111432 for site improvements of the Allied Properties Plan, File # 2015-01up to the value of the maintenance guarantee in the amount of $14,616.75, which is 15% of the cost of the permanent improvements in the amount of $118,574.50. The maintenance guarantee will be in effect for 18 months from the completion date of such improvements. The motion was unanimously approved.

President Mehaffie noted that the next agenda item is to act on use of the remaining funds in the Capital Purchases Account – Major for the purchase of a lawnmower and to offset other expenses. He explained that there is $35,000 left in this account. Mr. Wagner is asking to use approximately $25,000 for the mower and the remaining $10,000 to offset overages in the equipment maintenance fund which has already been exceeded by about $7,000. Commissioner DiFrancesco stated that he does not remember the Board doing these transfers in this manner. Solicitor Henninger agreed that historically, the Board does all budgetary adjustments at the end of the year in December. What Mr. Wagner is saying is that the equipment maintenance fund is over by $7,000 already, and will probably incur more expenses. Transferring this now will avoid the necessity of him coming back to the Board again to cover additional maintenance expenses

A motion was made by Commissioner DiFrancesco, seconded by Vice President Wilt, to authorize the purchase of a John Deere lawnmower from Deer Country Farm and Lawn through the COSTARS Program in the amount of $25,496.35. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Davies, seconded by Commissioner DiFrancesco, to transfer the balance of funds in the Capital Purchases Account – Major (430.740) to Vehicle Maintenance Account (430.374). . The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Wagner noted that he had provided the Board with information regarding the suggested higher octane level in the gas for the newer vehicles. He asked the Board's direction on whether he should pursue increasing the octane for the vehicles. Commissioner Davies asked Mr. Wagner if he could provide an estimate of the annual increase to do this. Mr. Wagner responded that there is a 5 – 8 cents difference; he can go back over the last few years and provide some projections. Commissioner Davies agreed that would be very helpful. President Mehaffie asked who makes the decision as far as what octane should be used. Is this something the mechanic is recommending and is it due to a warranty issue? Mr. Wagner explained that Township mechanic Rodger Mason feels that if it comes down to a warranty issue and the Township is using 87, the warranty will probably not be backed. He added that this higher octane is also being recommended for the newer vehicles of the Police Department and Fire Department. Commissioner Davies asked if the Township would have to stock two types of fuel, and whether it had the appropriate tank and pump configurations to achieve this. Mr. Wager explained that it would be a complete switch – the Township would either stick with the 87 or bump it up to the higher octane. President Mehaffie asked if the Township has had any warranty issues yet. Mr. Wagner explained that there have been none due to octane. He is just trying to cover the bases since Mr. Mason has expressed concern. The Fire Department is already looking for alternate ways to fuel its new boat and truck if the Township does not decide to go with the higher octane. Commissioner DiFrancesco expressed concern about undertaking a significant cost increase to reduce the risk of something that may or may not happen. It would be hard to imagine going through an engine in three or five years based on the octane level. President Mehaffie stated that it may be justifiable if using the higher octane fuel will make the vehicles last longer. Mr. Wagner stated that he would like to have Mr. Mason come in to speak to the Board about this issue. Mr. Mason does feel that long-term, the Township may not get performance and longevity from the vehicles if they are not fueled properly. Vice President Wilt stated that this could be a concern if this is a requirement of the warranty Commissioner Davies requested that

when the budget is prepared, a cost for both fuel options be provided. President Mehaffie added that he and Commissioner DiFrancesco were discussing the fact that ethanol is very hard on two cycle engines, and there is an ethanol enzyme additive that takes care of this. Maybe the approach of adding an ethanol additive to the cars and trucks could be an option. The Board agreed that it will look at the cost factors provided by Mr. Wagner, and have Mr. Mason attend a future meeting.

Mr. Wagner noted the next agenda item references discussion on the possibility of installing a street sign on Henry Drive, which is located off of North Union Street. He explained that this question has been resolved after Sergeant Tingle and Fire Chief DeHart had spoken to Dauphin County. A Henry Drive sign does need to be placed on this private drive since the change has already occurred; it is not going back to North Union Street.

Carolyn Lutz referenced discussion on the octane issue, and suggestion the Township call Dodge and Ford and get the recommendation from the horse's mouth. She stated that the manufacturer will be able to tell the staff what octane to run. President Mehaffie agreed that Mr. Wagner can pursue this. However, the issue is that the police cars run 24/7 and the trucks often plow long hours during the winter season.

FINAL COMMENTS:

Commissioner DiFrancesco commended the Press & Journal for its recent coverage of the police consolidation study. Now that the investigation and study is done laying a pathway, it is important to remember that there is lot of mixed emotion out there. This issue has been up for discussion for at least thirty years, and many factors come into play besides the financial aspect: public safety, how the officers work with and train with each other, what equipment is used together, etc. Commissioner DiFrancesco commended Councilman Kapenstein for coming out and taking the bold step to put his name on record supporting the consolidation. Commissioner DiFrancesco stressed that every municipality should now focus their attention on whether this is a good or bad idea for them. It is important to consciously move forward with one track or the other. For most municipalities, it is a great idea. President Mehaffie agreed that many scenarios were presented, and agreed that every municipality should be looking at this, keeping in mind that safety is first. Commissioner DiFrancesco stated for the record that there are many more benefits to this than just there financial benefits. There are very strong public safety reasons why ever community should look at this. He noted that concerns were raised about losing personal

relationships with the local officers. These relationships will not go away. The community will still maintain relationships with officers working in specific areas. Commissioner DiFrancesco stated that now that this report is out, he hopes to see the momentum move forward. Commissioner Davies, who also attended the consolidation meeting, agreed that it was very interesting in terms of the combinations and configurations put forward. He agreed that public safety comes first. If that can coincide with savings to the taxpayers, it would be the best of both worlds.

President Mehaffie reported that Julie and Jon Wilt have gone through some traumatic times, but will be heading home tomorrow as Julie has received a clean bill of health. Vice President Wilt agreed that it has been a difficult period, and they will be glad to get home.

President Mehaffie requested an executive session immediately upon conclusion of this evening's meeting for personnel reasons.

ADJOURN AND CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Springer, seconded by President Mehaffie, to adjourn the meeting and convene into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

ATTEST:

Jean R Arroyo

Jean R. Arroyo, Recording Secretary

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