LATIMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

559 Old US Route 15, York Springs, PA 17372 717-528-4614; Fax 717-528-8281 Regular Meeting March 14, 2016; 6:00 PM

Present: Chairman Daniel Worley, Vice-Chairman Larry Dost, Supervisor Woody Myers, Secretary Megan Colby, Solicitor Guy Beneventano, Chief Michael Weigand, and visitors listed on attendance sheet.

Chairman Daniel Worley called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Dan Worley made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2016, Regular Meeting and to approve the Treasurer's Report of February 29, 2016. Woody Myers seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (1)

None

REPORTS

Police Report: Chief Michael E. Weigand gave the police report for February 7, 2016, through March 11, 2016. There were 47 calls for service, 600 miles patrolled, and 69.5 duty hours. He requested conference with the Township Solicitor, and it was agreed that there would be an executive session following adjournment in order to discuss an ordinance matter.

Engineer's Report: None

Road Report: Woody Myers reported that the winter weather may not be over yet, but the road crew is out patching some dirt roads just now and will address some of the hard roads once the materials are available from the quarry.

Park Report: Woody Myers stated that there was not much to report on the park and that he did not believe soccer had started yet.

Solicitor's Report: None

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Worley made a motion to ratify an agreement between Latimore Township and Thomas McAndrew, Esq., relating to the insurance subrogation for the 2013 fire. Mr. McAndrew will be representing the Township, at no cost to the Township. Larry Dost seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dan Worley made a motion to conditionally approve the Williams Grove Old Timers land development plan. The conditions for approval are as follows: payment of all outstanding fees to

the Township and a written request for a waiver for the preliminary plan. Larry Dost seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Dan Worley made a motion to conditionally approve the Lisa Burke subdivision plan. The conditions for approval are as follows: payment of all outstanding fees to the Township and a revision of the lot coverage from 35% to 30%. Larry Dost seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Dan Worley made a motion to approve the Lake Meade and York Springs fire and ambulance contracts. Woody Myers seconded, and motion carried unanimously. Carl Wickline from the York Springs Fire Company was present to answer any questions on the contract, and Larry Dost stated that everything looked fine.

BILLS LIST

Larry Dost reported that he had reviewed the bills list and recommended that it be approved as submitted. Woody Myers seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2)

None

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

Dan Worley reported on the matter of the proposed changes to US Route 15. He described how discussion of the project had started a few years ago, following a series of accidents along US 15 in neighboring York County. Then, in early 2015, the Latimore Township Supervisors were advised of the inclusion of Latimore Township in the project, and plans that had been prepared by PennDOT (without any input from the Township) were presented to the Supervisors. Dan Worley stated that they were very displeased with this situation and immediately started attending many meetings and becoming quite vocal about their disapproval of the plan.

Larry Dost indicated that the original plans would have closed most of the intersections with US 15 for cross-traffic and left turns, requiring all traffic to make right turns and travel some distance to another intersection before going through what is known as a 'jug-handle' in order to turn around. Woody Myers explained that this was a great concern for farmers and municipal employees who have to navigate the Township roads in large, slow-moving vehicles.

Dan Worley stated that they had requested that the Latimore Valley Road and Mountain Road intersections be left open or that an overpass be created, but these ideas were turned down by PennDOT. He emphasized that the Supervisors were also very concerned about safety along US 15 but that they believed there should be a decent plan to deal with the issue.

Dan Worley continued to explain that a revised plan had been prepared by PennDOT. This plan was an improvement on the original but still did not meet the needs of the Latimore Township residents. It was presented at a public meeting at Northern Middle School in December, 2015, at which only 30 Latimore Township residents were in attendance. Since the Supervisors felt that the residents had not had ample public input, they arranged to hold their own meeting at the York Springs Fire Company to discuss the US 15 plans.

Dan Worley explained that our public meeting had already been postponed until March 23 because there was an important meeting scheduled with local legislators and PennDOT to discuss this US 15 controversy. The Supervisors then attended a different meeting, during which

PennDOT decided to put a hold on the proposed plans in order to do further studies. As a consequence of that decision, the Latimore Township public meeting will be postponed until further notice.

Larry Dost emphasized that, from now on, Latimore Township will be involved in the whole process of decision-making on the US 15 proposed changes. The Supervisors will continue to attend meetings, as needed, in York and Adams Counties, and a newsletter will be sent out soon to let the Latimore Township residents know about these recent developments.

Dan Worley stated that, ultimately, PennDOT has sole authority over US 15, not Latimore Township. However, since everyone uses these roads, the Supervisors have spent a lot of time on this issue to get it to this point. He concluded by explaining that no one is sure what the outcome will be and that the studies may take years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held following adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Woody Myers made a motion to adjourn, and Larry Dost seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2016, at 6:00 PM at the Latimore Township building.