

WEST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING

Minutes of October 30, 2019

The ROAD TOUR meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Office, 3476 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, October 30, 2019. Chairman David Dumeyer and Board members Edward Fisher, Kent Gardner, and Robert Munro were present. Board member Naomi Martin was absent. Also in attendance were: Township Manager Andrew Stern; Public Works Director Dale Getz; Police Chief Lisa Layden, and Township Engineers from Rettew: Melissa Kelly and Mike Knouse.

I. **CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairman David Dumeyer called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

II. **ROAD TOUR.**

- a. Farmdale Sewer Improvements. Ms. Kelly and Mr. Knouse presented their findings for the Farmdale neighborhood. Rettew had televised the storm sewer system several months ago and found significant problem areas. Streets in this neighborhood include: Farmdale Rd, Ferndale Rd, Forrest Rd, Millbrook Rd, and Hilltop Dr. A few of the stormwater pipes travel through private property. The grades of the roads in this area are steep. Sections of curbing are in need of replacement. The paved surfaces are in need of milling and paving. Rettew's early estimates for all required work in the development are about \$1.8 million. They are suggesting the Township look at splitting the project over 5 years in order to make the cost more reasonable on an annual basis. Some work is eligible for State Liquid Fuels funds but other work is not. For 2020 staff has only budgeted \$50,000 towards additional engineering. Staff does not intend to proceed with any construction in 2020 based on limited funds.
- b. Stormwater Fee. As a continuation to the Farmdale Sewer Improvements discussion, Mr. Stern and Mr. Getz explained to the Board that upon completion of the Farmdale project, there are numerous other neighborhoods with similar problems needing to be addressed. Mr. Stern encouraged the Board to consider creating a Municipal Authority and a stormwater fee to tackle the costs of these upcoming projects as our current general fund revenues will not be anywhere near sufficient. The fee could possibly cover our MS4 and PRP requirements as well. Mr. Stern explained that the language in the Second Class Township Code allowing a stormwater fee is not written well and is of concern to the Township's Solicitor. Using a Municipal Authority is a cleaner process with less ambiguity. The Board indicated that they would consider our discussion and provide direction at the November 4, 2019 Budget meeting.

- c. Noll Rd. & Running Pump Rd. The Board visited the recently completed roundabout in East Hempfield Township. There are no current plans for roundabouts in West Hempfield Township. However, staff is beginning to work with East Hempfield to consider possible future improvements to the intersection of Marietta Avenue and Stony Battery Road, which could include a roundabout.

- d. 98 South Avenue. A resident recently expressed concern at a Board meeting about the stormwater swale between his property and his neighbor's property. The Board did not notice any significant violations of our ordinances and did not see a need for any follow-up in this matter.

- e. WHT Public Works Facility. Mr. Getz explained his desire to erect a new pole building near the salt shed. About \$50,000 has been added to the 2020 proposed budget for this work. The building would replace the old storage building across the street at the park which is in need of demolition. Mr. Getz also explained that in 2021 he will be proposing to put money in the budget for a new salt shed as ours has reached the end of its useful life. Mr. Getz also explained a desire to purchase a road widening attachment to their equipment, which is in the 2020 proposed state liquid fuels budget. We currently rent or borrow the equipment, but it is difficult to do so during peak times as that is when everyone needs to use the same equipment.

III. ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Dumeyer adjourned the ROAD TOUR meeting at approximately 10:45 a.m.



Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Stern, Township Manager