

WEST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MEETING
Minutes of May 6, 2014

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Office, 3401 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. Chairman David Dumeyer and Board members Frank Burkhart, Edward Fisher, Kent Gardner and Naomi Martin were present. Also in attendance were: Ron Youtz, Township Manager; Mark Pugliese I, Chief of Police, Dale Getz, Public Works Director, Jodi Heffner, Zoning Officer and Brenda Shuey, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman David Dumeyer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. He also announced that following this meeting, the Board will convene into Executive Session to discuss a real estate issue.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 1, 2014

Motion: Frank Burkhart moved, seconded by, Edward Fisher, to approve the Board's April 1, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

A. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Chairman David Dumeyer read the Proclamation into the record:

“WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of West Hempfield Township play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of West Hempfield Township; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of West Hempfield Township unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of West Hempfield Township, I call upon all citizens of West Hempfield and upon all patriotic, civic and

educational organizations to observe the week of May 11 – 17, 2014, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I further call upon all citizens of West Hempfield Township to observe Thursday, May 15, 2014 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disables in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Township of West Hempfield to be affixed on this 6th day of May, 2014.”

Motion: Edward Fisher moved, seconded by, Kent Gardner to adopt the Proclamation Motion carried, 5-0.

B. PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATIONS TO POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Dumeyer announced that each year West Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors recognizes members of our police department and/or citizen's in our community for actions that they had taken during the previous year that are believed to have been above what is expected of them and in some instances, have helped save or prolong a life of another individual.

Chairman David Dumeyer stated that tonight we have 3 awards recognizing 6 officers. Of the 6 officers there are 4 from West Hempfield Township Police Department, 1 from Columbia Borough Police Department and 1 from Mount Joy Borough Police Department. The Board of Supervisors' will also recognize 3 administrative members of the police department.

COMMENDATION AWARD – David Dumeyer, Chairman explained that this award is granted to any officer for an outstanding act that is above their normal assignment and duties which could involve unusual, complicated or hazardous conditions.

1. David Dumeyer, Chairman explained that on March 1, 2012 at approximately 2:19 pm, officers were dispatched to the Union Community Bank on S. 18th Street in West Hempfield Township for an armed bank robbery that had just occurred. Officer Souders was off-duty and in civilian attire on personal business at the time of the robbery. Officer Souders recognized that the robbery had just at the time, followed the suspect on foot while notifying Lancaster County Wide Communications and the responding officers of the suspect direction of travel, description and other valuable information. As a direct result of Officer Souders

actions, the suspect was apprehended and all stolen monies were recovered. Officer Souders acted without regard for his own personal safety.

Police Chief Mark Pugliese stated that Officer David Souders was unable to attend this evening's meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Chairman David Dumeyer stated that he and Chief Pugliese will make a formal presentation of this award to Officer Souders possibly at a public meeting held by Colombia Borough Council.

2. Mr. Dumeyer announced that the next two officers to receive the Commendation Award are Officer Alfonso Villano of West Hempfield Police Department and Detective Joseph Goody of Mount Joy Borough Police Department. Also present for the award presentation were Chief Kevin Girling and Mayor Tim Bradley, Mount Joy Borough Officials.

Mr. Dumeyer explained on April 23, 2013 at approximately 11:15 am, officers were dispatched to the Druid Hill overpass at PA Route 30 for an individual with an emotional problem. It was subsequently learned that there was a male at this location threatening to jump off the bridge. Officer Alfonso Villano, a Crisis Intervention officer, was the first officer to arrive and found the male subject sitting on the outside wall of the bridge with his feet dangling over Rt., 30. Officer Villano immediately verbally engaged the subject in conversation in an attempt to de-escalate the situation. Other responding officers immediately set up a perimeter and stopped all vehicle traffic on Route 30 and on Druid Hill Road. Subsequently, a request was put out for a second Crisis Intervention officer to respond. Detective Goody immediately advised Lancaster County Wide Communications that he was responding. Upon Det. Goody's arrival, both he and Officer Villano verbally engaged the subject and at one point, Detective Goody became the primary negotiating officer. After almost an hour of verbal de-escalating and physical maneuvering, the subject was talked off the wall and eventually taken to the hospital for mental health evaluation.

LIFE SAVING AWARD – David Dumeyer announced that this award is granted to any officer whose actions that, if not performed would beyond a reasonable doubt, have resulted in the death of a person or persons.

1. Mr. Dumeyer announced that the next two officers to receive the Life Saving Award are Officer Thomas Ziegler and Officer Brian Stutzman. (Officer Stutzman was unavailable).

Mr. Dumeyer explained on October 10, 2013 at approximately 10:45 am, officers were dispatched to the 700 block of Kinderhook Road for an individual in cardiac arrest. Both Officers Ziegler and Stutzman responded to the call and arrived prior to emergency medical services. The officers found a 22-year-old victim in full

cardiac arrest from a possible drug overdose. Officers Ziegler and Stutzman immediately began CPR and continued doing so for almost 10 minutes until EMS arrived. Prior to being transported to the hospital, the victim had regained consciousness. Paramedics who had responded credited both officers for saving the victim's life.

COMMENDATION AWARD – Mr. Dumeyer explained this award is given to any employee for outstanding performance above and beyond their basic assignment. The award may also be awarded to a distinct group of employees when the action of the group as a whole meets the award criteria.

1. Mr. Dumeyer announced that the Commendation Award goes to the police department administrative staff: Mrs. Molly Sheckard, Mrs. Virginia Shearing and Mrs. Kerri Sensenig.

Mr. Dumeyer explained each year the PA. Commission on Crime and Delinquency recognizes law enforcement agencies who are committed to assisting them in a timely manner with the "Victims Compensation Assistance Program or VCAP" (pronounced VI CAP)". VCAP is committed to helping victims and their families through the emotional physical aftermath of crime by easing the financial burden imposed on them. In order to provide compensation in a timely and accurate manner, VCAP has formed and maintains a relationship with over 1,200 law enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth. One of the legislative requirements of VCAP is for law enforcement agencies to provide the Commission with requested documentation within 15 days. In 2013, the West Hempfield Township Police Department was one of 338 departments, in 2008 the department was recognized as one of 191 departments, also in 2010 the department was one of 11 departments in the county that met this legislative requirement.

2013 OFFICER OF THE YEAR – Mr. Dumeyer announced that the Officer of the Year is awarded to an officer who distinguished him/herself through either an accumulation of exceptional contributions or a single incident, and whose actions clearly place the individual well above others of equal rank or grade. Areas of recognition include, but are not limited to: extraordinary valor, positive community impact, administrative accomplishments, and crime preventions, training programs, traffic safety and innovative approaches to public service. This individual shall have truly represented the department in a favorable light, having reflected the vision and mission statements in his/her daily actions.

1. Chairman Dumeyer announced that the 2013 Officer of the Year is Sergeant Russell C. Geier.

Sgt. Geier is in his 26th year of service with the police department, having been hired in October 1988 as patrolman. Prior to joining the department he had been employed as a deputy sheriff for the Lancaster County Sheriff's office and as a Community

Service Aide with the Lancaster Bureau of Police. In January of 1991, Sgt. Geier was promoted to corporal and was assigned to a platoon of officers as their patrol supervisor. In June of 2006 he was promoted to his current rank of Sergeant and assigned to the position of Administrative Sergeant with the additional duties of overseeing the Criminal Investigations Unit. Sgt. Geier has been instrumental in obtaining state and federal grants for traffic enforcement throughout the year. Sgt. Geier continuously looks for ways to improve the department, maintain equipment and foster positive relations with the community as well as other law enforcement agencies. Although not part of his primary duties, Sgt. Geier routinely assists officers on major incidents and investigations. He is a certified Bicycle Patrol Officer.

Sgt. Geier has received numerous letters of appreciation and various awards throughout his career. Sgt. Geier is a dedicated officer having proven his devotion to the department time and time again. He is a law enforcement professional who constantly looks for ways to improve the department and the community he serves.

C. TOWNSHIP MANAGER

1. Ron Youtz stated that he would like to add to agenda under New Business, a request to use policeapp.com for online employment applications.

D. RESIDENTS

1. No residents present.
2. Assistant Fire Chief Barry Carter presented the Board with copies of both February and March 2014. He stated that there was a combined total of 162 responses made by the department.

IV. SUBDIVISIONS, LAND DEVELOPMENTS, AND PLANNING MODULES

A. LAYNE & KATHRYN MILLER – 1037 PROSPECT ROAD – STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Paul Elser, Representative of Keystone Custom Homes informed the Board that they had submitted a building permit application to construct a new two-story single family dwelling with attached 2 car garage on a 4 acre wooded site. He also stated that Conditional Use approval was granted by the Board of Supervisors at their January 6, 2014 meeting with a condition that the applicant will be required to meet Storm Water Management regulations at time when a building permit is submitted.

Mr. Elser stated that they had originally proposed to control water with an onsite basin behind the house. They have revised their plan and will be installing two underground storage infiltration pits to collect the storm water runoff.

Mr. Elser also stated that the plan is being reviewed by the Lancaster County Soil and Conservation District and their items have been addressed and they are waiting on their approval.

Ron Youtz, Township Manager informed the Board that they are not asking for any waivers, but the home owner needs final approval from the Lancaster County Soil and Conservation District, also needs approved and signed storm water management agreement and need to post financial security.

Edward Fisher suggested a baffle be installed in the inlet alongside the driveway which will help to keep the debris out.

Motion: Edward Fisher moved, seconded by, Kent Gardner to approve the storm water management plan for Layne and Kathryn Miller with the condition that the applicant satisfies all outstanding comments and requirements to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer and Township Staff. Motion carried, 5-0.

V. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. LITTLE CONESTOGA WATERSHED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT.

Ron Youtz, Township Manager informed the Board that a memo from Brandywine Conservancy dated July 19, 2013 was presented last year and he was instructed to again place this item on the agenda for discussion.

Kent Gardner stated that there is money and services available and feels that we should get our share of what is available. We don't have a lot of area in the watershed but we are eligible.

Frank Burkhart stated that "Free" as stated in the memo is not free, there is a cost of \$3,000.00 to go to the Conservancy. He also asked for clarification with (green infrastructure tools). Kent Gardner informed Mr. Burkhart that could consist of work being done in Grubb Park; maybe a rain garden.

Motion: Kent Gardner moved, seconded by, Edward Fisher to approve the participation in the Little Conestoga Watershed Technical Assistance Grant and a fee of \$3,000.00 payable to the Brandywine Conservancy. Motion carried, 5-0.

B. BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION – REQUEST SIGNAGE FOR PARADE OF HOMES.

Jodi Heffner, Zoning Officer informed the Board that she has received a letter from the Building Industry Association of Lancaster County requesting placement of Parade of Homes directional signs during the week of June 14 – 24, 2014 for properties located at 3902 Archer Lane and 590 Eagles View.

Motion: Frank Burkhart moved, seconded by, Naomi Martin to approve the

placement of directional signs for the Parade of Homes. Motion carried, 5-0.

C. REQUEST TO CONSIDER PROHIBITING ENGINE BRAKE RETARDERS PROSPECT RD.

Ron Youtz, Township Manager informed the Board that he had received a letter from Scott Kauffman of 4059 Laurel Lane, Mount Joy complaining the use of engine brake retarders on Prospect Road north of the intersection with Marietta Avenue.

Edward Fisher stated that he had heard the brake retarders in that area.

Mr. Youtz is asking the Board to allow his staff to look into the complaint and report back at the June meeting. All Board members concurred.

D. PENN DOT – DISCUSSION ON AGILITY PROGRAM

Ron Youtz, Township Manager informed the Board that he had received from PennDot a draft Agility Agreement which allows services to be shared by PennDot and our Township.

Dave Dumeyer asked that a representative from PennDot make a presentation to the Board on the Agility Program.

E. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE TO EXPAND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Police Chief Mark Pugliese informed the Board that this ordinance covers the addition of East Lampeter Township Police Department to join the program. He also stated that the Township attorney Josele Cleary cleaned up and also made some language changes to the proposed ordinance and agreement.

Motion: Kent Gardner moved, seconded by, Frank Burkhart to approve the advertisement of the proposed ordinance which expands the Inter-Governmental Agreement for the Police Department. Motion carried, 5-0.

F. MOUNTVILLE BOROUGH – REQUEST ADDITONAL POLICE SERVICES DURING SPECIAL EVENTS.

Police Chief Mark Pugliese stated that he had received Mountville Borough's yearly request for the use of our fire police to provide traffic control for their 2014 functions:

1. Community Concert in connection with Mountville's 200th celebration held on Sunday evenings, August 3rd and 10th from approximately 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
2. Mountville Carnival: May 14th through the 17th from approximately 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Motion: Edward Fisher moved, seconded by Kent Gardner to approve the request for additional police service during Mountville Borough's 2014 events as noted. Motion carried, 5-0.

G. OFFICER KENNETH A. NEIDINGER MEMORIAL MOTORCYCLE RIDE – REQUEST FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE.

Police Chief Mark Pugliese informed the Board that he had received a request for traffic assistance for the fourth memorial motorcycle ride for Police Officer Kenneth A. Neidinger which will be held on Sunday May 18, 2014 starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Landisville Elementary School in East Hempfield Township.

Motion: Frank Burkhart moved, seconded by, Kent Gardner to approve the use of our police services provided that time and manpower is available. Motion carried, 5-0.

H. BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE.

Ron Youtz, Township Manager informed the Board that the Building Committee held their first meeting on Thursday, April 24th. The committee has reviewed plans of the various departments and also reviewed the feasibility study that was performed. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. He stated that the Fire Company needs will be discussed.

I. REQUEST TO USE POLICEAPP.COM FOR ONLINE EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS.

Police Chief Mark Pugliese informed the Board that the Police Department is part of the Lancaster County Chief of Police hiring consortium. The Association has decided to participate with Policeapp.com which will be an online tool for candidates wanting to apply for police employment opportunities.

Chief Pugliese stated that one of the benefits for applying on line would allow the men and women of the armed forces to apply on line when they are close to being discharged from the service.

Motion: Kent Gardner moved, seconded by, Frank Burkhart to approve the participation in the Policeapp.com online employment applications for police jobs. Motion carried, 5-0.

VII. ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS – NONE.

VIII. APPROVAL OF PAYABLES

Payroll/Taxes.....	\$181,721.08	Electronic Payment
General Fund.....	\$218,827.57	Checks 24871 - 24995
Fire Hydrant.....	\$ 22,228.25	Checks 195

Street Light.....	\$ 4,437.74	Checks 369
State Fund.....	\$ 839.21	Checks 2882 - 2885
Escrow Fund.....	\$ 2,049.16	Checks 118
Sewer Fund.....	\$ 14,057.09	Checks 3695 - 3696
Refuse Fund.....	\$ 58,842.67	Checks 2166 – 2171

Motion: Kent Gardner moved, seconded by Edward Fisher, to approve payment of all bills between April 1 through April 30, 2014 and any residuals. Motion carried, 5-0

IV. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A REAL ESTATE MATTER.

Motion: Chairman David Dumeyer called for motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a real estate issue Kent Gardner moved, seconded by Frank Burkhart, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m., and to go into Executive Session to discuss a real estate issue. Motion carried, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron L. Youtz,
Secretary