

**WEST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**Minutes of April 29, 2019**

The ROAD TOUR meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Office, 3476 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Monday, April 29, 2018. 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 Engineer Melissa Kelly.

**I. CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairman David Dumeyer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**II. ROAD TOUR.**

- a. St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Church. The Board discussed a memorandum from John Schick from Rettew listing possible safety improvements and their estimated costs. Members of St. Mary's present were Michael Mikhail, Magdi Kaldis, and Daniel Kaldis. The church representatives indicated that they have been setting out cones during their Sunday services and it has been helpful to reduce speeds in the area of the church. Mr. Stern and Chief Layden encouraged the church to be consistent in using the cones for all events where people are crossing Marietta, not just Sunday morning services.

Mr. Mikhail from the church asked if the Township would be willing to pay for any of the improvements listed in the Rettew memo. Mr. Stern indicated that as mentioned in the past we'd be willing to help with the permitting process and with minor improvements such as line striping. We have already helped with the upgrade of the streetlight to LED which should soon take place. The larger cost items such as the traffic study, sidewalks, crosswalk, signs, etc. would be the responsibility of the church. The Board members concurred with Mr. Stern and indicated that if we pay for these items for this church, other churches and businesses would expect similar treatment for them.

The Board encouraged the church to continue using the cones, work with constables and fire police, and educate their parishioners. We will continue our dialogue in the future.

The members, as well as Andrew Stern and Dale Getz, continued the meeting by touring the following:

- a. Hempfield Hill / Lake Grubb. The Board visited Hempfield Hill Road near Lake Grubb. The Township has received complaints from a resident who wants the Township to add fill to their property and fix the drainage area from the Lake. There is a drainage swale that had been installed by Mountville Borough years ago. The Board does not believe this is a Township responsibility.
- b. Silver Spring Park. The Board visited Silver Spring Park to look at the embankment along Marietta Avenue. This embankment is in need of regrading with a less steep slope. The fence will need replaced. As the new top of embankment and new fence will be closer to the ball field, a new ballfield fence and backstop will be required. Mr. Stern will reach out to the youth league which uses the ball field. Mr. Getz will work on details for the project, which will be done mostly with our own personnel. There will be hundreds of loads of dirt that will need to be removed.
- c. Eby Chiques Road. The Board visited Eby Chiques Road where we had rebuilt the road last summer. Barry Kreider had expressed concern about water coming from the road onto his fields. The Board and staff believe the water is coming from a spring on a neighboring farm. Mr. Getz will get back to Mr. Kreider.
- d. Farmdale. The Board visited the Farmdale neighborhood, south of Marietta Avenue. Staff has been receiving complaints from residents about the condition of the curbs and roadway. The 2019 budget includes funds for Rettew to begin the engineering process for the upgrade of storm sewers which needs to be done before any other work can be done. Rettew has begun their study.
- e. Township Public Works Building. The Board visited our Public Works building. The Dryvit refinishing is nearly complete.

### III. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A brief executive session was held to discuss two police department matters, one personnel and one legal.

### IV. ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Dumeyer adjourned the ROAD TOUR meeting at approximately 09:45 a.m.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Stern".

Andrew Stern, Township Manager