

**The Board's Minutes of the East Donegal Township Board of Supervisors  
Held on September 2, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Donegal Township was held on Thursday, September 2, 2010 at 8:00 PM in the East Donegal Township Municipal Building, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta, PA 17547.

The meeting was called to order by Allen D. Esbenshade; Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Murphy led with a Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

**Roll call of Supervisors:** Present were Allen D. Esbenshade; Chairman, Dennis J. Drager; Vice Chairman, and John E. Murphy Jr.; Member. Also present were Jeffrey L. Butler; Township Manager and Barbara A. Stoner; Assistant Manager, Secretary and Treasurer to the Board.

Public attendance is attached.

An opportunity for the public to make comments on items included or not included on the agenda. The Board requests each person offering comments state their name and address for the meeting record. All remarks are to be limited to three minutes.

- a. Susan Nicholson of 428 Alexandria Court and Donna Welsh of 390 Alexandria Court introduced themselves as Board Members of The Village Square Homeowner's Association. Ms. Nicholson; President and Ms. Welsh; Member. They addressed the Board of Supervisors with questions regarding restrictions, violations, procedures, parking, 4-wheelers, loitering, fireworks, curfew and permits needed by the township. The Board of Supervisors and Township Staff directed them to the proper entities to have their questions and concerns answered and heard respectively. Most of their questions were for the Chief of the Susquehanna Regional Police Department. They were directed to call the Chief of Police. One of the questions Ms. Nicholson had was concerning trash and recycling and how early in the week it may be placed at curbside. In checking the Ordinance there are no restrictions on how early it may be placed at curbside, but the evening before is the latest.
- b. Amanda B. Yeager; Municipal Outreach Coordinator of the Lancaster Farm Land Trust was present. Ms. Yeager explained the programs that are promoted by the Farm Land Trust. She also mentioned they have a grant from the William Penn Foundation to expand their municipal services program. The purpose of the grant is to help the Trust develop a municipal outreach and technical assistance program. The Farm Land Trust would like to broaden support and increase funding for farmland preservation in Lancaster County. Ms. Yeager explained the Trust constantly strives to create more opportunities to further farmland preservation in the county, and partnerships with municipalities providing another way to ensure that agriculture remains viable and our home, harvest, and heritage are safeguarded for future generations to enjoy. Using matching grants from the county over the past four years, the Trust has achieved great success including, 5,805 acres of Lancaster County farmland

permanently preserved, 93 Lancaster County family farms protected for future generations, \$4,350,000 in matching funds raised for farmland preservation, Farmland preserved for \$749 per acre, and more than \$14,000,000 in tax dollars saved. The Farm Land Trust would like to expand their opportunities and services into land use in Agricultural Communities. Ms. Yeager presented a map, which is attached), to the Board showing the farms in green that were preserved with Farm Land Trust Dollars. She commended East Donegal Township for doing a great job in preserving farms in the Township. Three workshops for Municipal Staff and Officials will be held at the Farm and Home Center on October 14, October 28, and November 10, 2010. The workshop will also feature food prepared by Hess's Bar-B-Que. They hope this will be a bi-annual event.

A motion was made by Dennis J. Drager and seconded by John E. Murphy to approve the Minutes for August 5, 2010. Discussion: None. Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, and Mr. Drager; yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John E. Murphy and seconded by Dennis J. Drager to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented for the Municipality and the Fire Department. Discussion: None. Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, and Mr. Drager; yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dennis J. Drager and seconded by John E. Murphy acknowledging receipt of Balance Sheets and Accounting Sheets (Budget Reports) for all Township Funds for June 2010. Discussion: None.

#### Consent Calendar:

A motion was made by John E. Murphy and seconded by Dennis J. Drager to approve items a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, I, and k on the consent calendar. Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, and Mr. Drager; yes. Motion carried. **Item j was removed from the agenda.**

- a. Approved authorizing payment in the amount of \$1,200.00 from the Non-Uniform Pension Plan to Beyer-Barber Company. Pension Plans need to comply with the IRC Code. Plan documents must be written and maintained to comply with legislative changes. The Amendment Period and Amendment Cycle require that amendments be prepared by 1/31/2011 to cover the Cumulative List of Laws for 2010. This is for Beyer-Barber Company for reinstatement of our plan document to meet the 1/31/2011 deadline.
- b. Approved the request of The Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce to use the Northwest River Trail starting at Vinegar Ferry Road for their "Chiques Challenge" next year. Date and more events to follow. A suggestion was made to ask them if it would be possible to coordinate their date with the official opening of the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail.
- c. Approved authorizing the Township Manager to join the Mount Joy Chamber of Commerce for East Donegal Township in the amount of \$73.00. \$18.00 for

the remainder of 2010 and \$55.00 for the year 2011. Mr. Drager would like to see what advantage this will be for East Donegal Township before renewing the membership for the year 2012.

- d. Approved authorizing Brian Leid of the 700 block of Florin Avenue to temporarily close the street from Mitchell Avenue to the cul-de-sac on Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 4 PM to 8 PM. Mr. Leid would like to have their annual block party for Wheatfield Estates. Mr. Leid is responsible for notifying all emergency departments including Susquehanna Regional Police Department. This consideration is given with the understanding that any and all emergency vehicles would have right of access to serve those in need of emergency equipment or personnel.
- e. Approved the release of Letter of Credit #01-507303-80 for Longwood Manor in the amount of \$3,168.00.
- f. Approved the release of Letter of Credit #63661152 for Glaxo Smith Kline for the MA 14 & 15 Final Land Development Plan in the amount of \$237,542.79. This reduction will leave a balance of zero in this Letter of Credit.
- g. Approved the reduction of the Improvement Guarantee Reduction #8 for Castleton Phase 1 in the amount of \$4,487.97. The current account balance is \$637,384.75. With the reduction of \$4,487.97 the new remaining balance will be \$632,896.78.
- h. Approved the request of Mike Domin of the Lancaster County Planning Commission for the Township to purchase six (6) "mile markers" and mounting posts from the Lancaster County Facilities Management Department for \$30.00 each for placement along the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail. The County GIS Department has volunteered to use their GPS capabilities to mark the trail points at ½ mile increments throughout the 14 mile corridor. They anticipate beginning this work in late October when most of the leaves are off the trees so that they can receive better satellite reception. The County would like to know if the Board of Supervisors are: 1) agreeable to mile markers being placed along the trail in our community; 2) that the Board is comfortable with the type of marker being offered; and 3) that the Board is willing to pay for the mile posts in our Township.
- i. Approved the request of American Legion Donegal Post #809 for contribution of remaining Memorial Day Parade funds for building repairs. Of the \$4,325.00 contributed by the Township in May 2010 for the Memorial Day parade, \$1,385.00 was distributed to Church's, bands and programs. \$1,667.49 is itemized on the attached sheet. The Board of Supervisors approved the spending of the remaining \$1,272.51 on the Legion Building if the Members of the Legion will present the Township Manager with itemized expenses in the

amount of \$1,272.51. The May 31, 2010 parade was cancelled due to a thunder storm.

- j. **Removed from agenda:** Consider granting a waiver of the Final Subdivision Plan processing for proposed revisions to the Castleton, Phase 2/3 Final Subdivision Plan, as requested by Keystone Custom Homes, to permit elimination of excessively deep sanitary sewer and revised stormwater management design. The waiver shall be subject to the execution of a Developer's Agreement with the Township regarding roadway improvements at the Route 441/Ore Mine Road intersection.
- k. Approved the Minimum Municipal Obligation to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$185,035.29. According to Act 205 of 1984 Barbara A. Stoner, Chief Administrative Officer of the Non-Uniform Pension Plan has notified the Board of Supervisors before the last business day in September of the Minimum Municipal Obligation amount that is due for the following year. Letter dated September 2, 2010 is attached.

**Police Report: For the month of July 2010.** The Susquehanna Regional Police Department responded to 323 incidents for the month of July, 67 in Conoy Township, 183 in East Donegal Township, 73 in Marietta Borough.

**Zoning Officers Report:** For the month of July 2010, Permit # Z-010109 thru Permit # Z-010123 (with #Z-010121 being voided). The amount submitted by Nancy Lengle, Zoning Officer was \$4,049.00. For the month of June 2010, Permit# Z-010078 thru Permit# Z-010108 were issued. For the month of August 2010, Permit #Z-010124 thru Permit #Z-010136. The amount submitted by Nancy Lengle, Zoning Officer was \$7,683.00.

**Maytown/East Donegal Township Fire Department:** For the month of August 2010 no report was received.

**Northwest Emergency Medical Services, Inc.:** The ambulance and MICU activity for August 2010 was 31 calls. Their coverage of our area has been 307 calls to date.

**Fire Department Mount Joy:** For the month of August the Department responded to six first due calls and 1 mutual aid call in East Donegal Township.

**Rheems Fire Department:** No report given at this time.

Mr. Esbenshade asked if there was any other business to be brought before the Board.

Mr. Butler announced the RFP's were received and opened for the Feasibility Study for the Environmental Center along the Northwest Riverfront Trail. The study is funded in part by DCNR. RFP's are currently being reviewed by Township Staff, Mike Guinivan, Cynthia LaBuda and Keith Heigel.

Mr. Murphy gave an update on The Susquehanna Regional Police Commission meeting of August. He stated Officer Randy Wagner has resigned. There will be three officers hired. Two will start immediately and one will attend the Police Academy.

Mr. Drager asked where we are with ordering the Solar Radar Sign on a cart? Mr. Butler stated we received a check from the insurance company for the stolen one. Mr. Drager stated he is not interested in sharing a sign. He feels East Donegal Township should buy another one and rent it out to members of Susquehanna Regional Police Department if they are interested in using it. Mr. Esbenshade asked for this to be considered as a 2011 budget item.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by John Murphy and seconded by Dennis Drager to adjourn at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara A. Stoner  
Secretary

**Announcement:**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 8:00 PM