

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES - JANUARY 2, 2001

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on January 2, 2001. Mr. Hackman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors: Frank Fazzalore, Chairman
 Scott Fegley, Vice Chairman
 Grace Godshalk, Secretary/Treasurer
 Fred Allan, Supervisor
 Wesley Hackman, Supervisor

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager
 Jeffrey Garton, Township Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bill Gibney stated after one and a half years PennDOT has finally given permission to lower the speed limit to 35 miles per hour on Edgewood Road from the Edgewood School to Sandy Run Road. Mr. Gibney stated he feels the speed should be lowered to 25 miles per hour. He stated at a meeting with PennDOT they were advised that PennDOT could not legally lower the speed limit to 25 miles per hour. Mr. Gibney had advised them of other roads in the area with 25 mile per hour limits, and PennDOT representatives indicated that control of those roads was taken over by the Townships and asked if Lower Makefield was interested in doing so on this **section of Edgewood Road**. He added they advised that they would give Lower Makefield Township \$4,000 per year for each mile if they were to do so. Mr. Coyne was present at that meeting and advised PennDOT that Sandy Run Road Bridge would need to be replaced, and PennDOT advised that this would be taken care of prior to the Township taking over the road. Mr. Gibney recommended that the Township take over the road and then reduce the speed to 25 miles per hour which will help improve safety in this area. Mr. Hackman congratulated Mr. Gibney on getting the speed reduced to 35 miles per hour. Mr. Gibney stated he met with the Police Chief and Mr. Coyne who were both in favor of taking over the road. He added that Mr. Coyne has all the details on what needs to be done by PennDOT with regard to the bridge prior to the Township taking over the road.

Mr. David Vaughn, 1219 Linden Avenue, stated he previously brought to the Board's attention the drainage situation at 345 Maplewood Lane. He stated the Township engineer has directed, by letter, the re-installation of the ditch to be completed by 1/11/01. Mr. Garton stated Mr. Hess advised him today that he is going to contact the Township engineer in this regard and plans to begin the ditch re-installation by this week. Mr. Hackman stated there may be problems with the weather. Mr. Vaughn thanked the Township for their help in this matter.

Ms. Linda Abate, 1211 Birth Avenue, stated there were thirty violations by Mr. Hess on the two properties he built on Maplewood, one of which was crushing a pipe during construction, which remains in this condition today. She stated Mr. Hess is now planning on building on what she feels is an unbuildable lot adjacent to a water course. She stated

they have also heard that Mr. Hess has a reputation with the Borough of Morrisville for work done in that Township. She noted he is coming before the Lower Makefield Township Zoning Hearing Board again asking for a number of variances, and she feels the Board of Supervisors should look into this matter. Mr. Hackman stated at the last Board of Supervisors' meeting, the Board voted to have the Township Solicitor represent the Township at the next Zoning Hearing Board when this matter is to be heard. Mr. Hackman stated the area residents should also attend that meeting. Mr. Fedorchak was asked to make sure that the adjoining residents are advised of the date of that meeting and to check into problems Mr. Hess has had in the past in the Township. Mr. Roger Bredback stated he feels the Township should look into this property very carefully since the area is very wet. Mr. Hackman stated the Township Ordinances are strict as far as they relate to wetlands. Mr. Hackman stated the most effective thing to be done is to have as many residents as possible be present at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting and be part of the proceedings.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Garton, acting as Chairman pro-tem.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2001

Mr. Garton called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2001. Mr. Fegley moved to nominate Frank Fazzalore. Mr. Fegley also thanked Mr. Hackman for the job he did in 2000. Mrs. Godshalk seconded the nomination of Frank Fazzalore. There were no further nominations, and the Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2001

Mr. Garton called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the year 2001. Mr. Hackman moved and Mr. Allan seconded to nominate Scott Fegley. There were no further nominations, and the Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Fazzalore who thanked the Board of Supervisors for their vote.

ESTABLISH COMPENSATION OF TREASURER

Mr. Allan moved and Mr. Fegley seconded to establish the compensation of the Treasurer at \$2,400 per year subject to approval by the Board of Auditors.

Mr. Hackman stated he was concerned with what happened last year when the Board of Supervisors budgeted \$1200 for the compensation of the Treasurer for 2000, and the Board of Auditors then made it \$1800 with the idea that it would be increased to \$2400 in 2001. He stated the compensation has risen from \$500 eight years ago. He stated he was not at the Board of Auditors' meeting and is not aware how this increase came about, but he feels it is out of line. Mr. Fazzalore noted at the Board of Auditors' meeting in January, 2000, it was suggested that the compensation be increased to \$2400 and then decided to make it \$1800 for 2000 and \$2400 in 2001. Mr. Fazzalore stated he did discuss this matter

with the Chairman of the Board of Auditors who indicated that he felt this amount would be more in line with the surrounding Townships. Mr. Fegley stated this equates to approximately \$100 per hour for signing checks and each Supervisor does have the opportunity to serve in this capacity in Lower Makefield. He questioned whether the Board of Supervisors has the legal authority to set the compensation. Mr. Garton stated the Board of Supervisors can make a recommendation, but the Board of Auditors makes the final decision on this matter.

Motion to approve carried with Mr. Hackman opposed.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY/TREASURER OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR 2001

Mr. Fegley moved, Mr. Allan seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Grace Godshalk as Secretary/Treasurer for 2001.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY/TREASURER FOR 2001

Mr. Hackman moved, Mr. Fegley seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Terry Fedorchak as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer for 2001.

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Godshalk moved, Mr. Hackman seconded and it was unanimously carried to re-appoint John Kuebler to the Park & Recreation Board.

APPOINTMENT OF BEGLEY, CARLIN & MANDIO AS TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR FOR 2001

Mr. Hackman moved, Mr. Fegley seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Begley, Carlin & Mandio as Township Solicitor for 2001.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE VACANCY BOARD FOR 2001

Mrs. Godshalk moved, Mr. Allan seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Marge O'Reilly-Allen as Chairman of the Vacancy Board for 2001.

APPOINT DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF PENNSYLVANIA TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS TO BE HELD APRIL 22 TO 25 AT HERSHEY LODGE

Mr. Hackman moved, Mr. Allan seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Frank Fazzalore as the Delegate and Scott Fegley as the Alternate to the Annual Convention of Pennsylvania Township Supervisors.

ESTABLISH AMOUNT OF TREASURER'S BOND AND ASSISTANT
TREASURER'S BOND

Mr. Hackman moved, Mr. Fegley seconded and it was unanimously carried to establish the amount of the Treasurer's Bond at \$2,000,000 and the Assistant Treasurer's Bond at \$2,000,000.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Fazzalore distributed to the Board, Mr. Garton, and Mr. Fedorchak, the assignments for various Authorities, Boards and Commissions for 2001.

Mrs. Godshalk noted the Board's 12/22/00 packet contained a letter from the Park & Recreation Board regarding sheds at Macclesfield and Roelofs Parks. Mrs. Godshalk noted that she noticed on the Road Tour some of the sheds were unattractive, and she would like sheds to be a uniform design in the future.

Mrs. Godshalk noted the Peake Farm Development and stated Mr. Fedorchak should insure that they are installing the proper trees. She noted other corrections must also be made in that development.

There being no further business, Mr. Hackman moved, Mrs. Godshalk seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace Godshalk, Secretary