

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MARCH 20, 2000

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on March 20, 2000. Chairman Hackman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. noting that the Board had been meeting in Executive Session since 6:30 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters. Mr. Hackman asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Lower Makefield Township Fire Chief John Ziaylek. Mr. Hackman asked that all residents remember to complete their Census information.

Those present:

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

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager  
Jeffrey Garton, Township Solicitor  
Duke Doherty, Township Engineer  
Joseph Bainbridge, Acting Chief of Police

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Mary Borkovitz representing the Performing Arts Society stated she is a thirty year resident of the Township and is in favor of the Community Center. She noted she feels there is a need for meeting space in the Township and a need to provide activities for the young and old residents in the Township. Mr. Hackman asked that Ms. Borkovitz provide a copy of her written comments to the Township and the newspapers for their information.

Mr. Paul Gunkel stated he has discussed use of the school facilities for meeting space with a representative of the Pennsbury School District Administrative staff who indicated the school facilities are often available to the community if booked in advance.

Ms. Sue Herman stated she supports the Community Center and feels it will help promote intermingling of the elderly and young people in the community.

Mr. Allan stated he is involved with many programs and the school facilities are often not available. He encouraged Mr. Gunkel to share some of his expertise with the young people in the community. Mr. Gunkel stated he feels this can be done at other facilities already existing in the Township.

Mrs. Godshalk stated she feels there has been significant progress in the Township over the past thirty years providing recreation opportunities for the residents and she feels the Township should do what they can to help the young people in the community.

Mr. Fazzalore stated while he does not disagree with the concept of a Community Center he is concerned that they are not telling the public everything. He stated the Township is planning to have a wrap-around bond and he does not feel this is how they should proceed

and feels they should proceed with the bonds for this project as they have with bonds in the past. He stated wrap-around bonds will create a problem for a future Board since they will not have any borrowing capacity. Mr. Hackman stated the Bucks County Courier Times did print a listing by year of what the debt for the Community Center will be so he does feel the public has been advised. Mr. Fegley stated he did not recall that there was any extensive discussion as to how they would finance the Community Center since it has not yet been approved. He agreed that the Bucks County Courier Times did print an extensive article on the financing. He feels the Referendum has been well publicized. Mr. Fegley stated he is concerned that certain elements do tend to distort the truth and noted specifically a flyer that was distributed in the Township objecting to the Community Center which contained a number of distortions.

Mr. Len Franckowiak stated he has been present at every Supervisors' meeting and Mr. Fazzalore has raised an issue tonight that he never heard before. He is concerned that this information is just being brought out now and that there may be other issues they do not know about.

Mr. Hackman stated except for the Patterson Farm, the Township will be debt free in eight to nine years. He stated the reason they are wrapping around the bond is to spread out the cost.

Ms. Irene Koehler noted the construction of a restaurant near the Hampton Inn. The Board advised Ms. Koehler that the building under construction is a bank. No restaurant has been approved at this time. Ms. Koehler stated she hopes the Board of Supervisors will continue to keep the hours of operation for retail establishments that they have in the past.

Ms. Janet Wassum asked if the taxes will go down when the Township is debt free, and Mr. Hackman stated they will unless the Township borrows more money.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fazzalore moved, Mr. Fegley seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2000 as corrected.

#### PRESENTATION OF 1999 AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Edward Furman was present with Mr. William Taylor, Finance Director. Mr. Furman provided a summary report and stated his report is unqualified. He noted cash in the General Fund was up over \$500,000 and the Fund balance is up close to \$400,000. He stated the Township is showing a balance well above average and is strong financially. He stated there are several pages of footnotes on the Pension Plan. The Plans are sound on a long-term basis.

Mr. Fazzalore noted in past years there were notes to the Department Heads including items to take care of, and Mr. Furman stated they are issuing separate letters to the Department Heads.

Mr. Furman stated their firm handles approximately fifteen Townships and Lower Makefield Township is near the top as it relates to monthly reports and accounting records.



Mr. Hackman noted the Cash Balance in the General Fund is up \$500,000 for a total of \$2.5 million and the Fund Balance is up \$400,000 to \$2.3 million. He stated the Township is in excellent financial shape. He feels the Township records are outstanding, and he thanked Mr. Taylor and his staff for doing an excellent job. Other Board members concurred.

Mr. Fazzalore stated he is still somewhat concerned with the long-term financial situation that the Township will face in the future.

#### REVIEW OF PENNDOT'S TRAFFIC STUDY OF LINDENHURST/STOOPVILLE ROADS AND MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TRAFFIC STUDY TO BE DONE FOR WARRANTS FOR A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT WOODSIDE ROAD AND TWINING ROAD

Mr. Jim Yeager of Parsons Brinckerhoff was present. Mr. Yeager stated PennDOT completed the truck study they were asked to do as it relates to the quarry truck traffic. Mr. Yeager's firm was asked to look at that PennDOT study to see if they agreed with their methodology and what could be done with the information. Mr. Yeager stated PennDOT's study took a rigorous look at the roadways in the area following their procedures. They look to find any fatal flaws in the roadways and how they accommodate trucks. They then determine whether the road is suitable to handle heavy trucks. They looked at the accident history of the roadways including how trucks contributed to the accidents. They look at the geometry of the roadway, traffic speed to see if there is a difference between automobile speed and truck speed, and traffic volumes. Their conclusion was that none of the roadways were unacceptable for truck traffic.

Mr. Yeager stated he had always felt that the quarry trucks were using Lindenhurst Road more than other roads. He stated they have shown the location of the quarries on a map along with the various routes the trucks may use to get to I-95. He has also shown the total trucks and the number of quarry trucks using the various roads. He stated they have found the quarry trucks are fairly well distributed among the various routes that are available to serve them, and Lindenhurst and Stoopville really have the lightest amount of total traffic of all the routes which were studied.

Mr. Yeager stated there was concern that the PennDOT study was done while there was construction on Stoopville Road. They looked into the exact dates the road was closed, and the counts were done at a time when the road was actually open. He did find out that the Stoopville Road signs were up earlier than the actual construction took place but he feels the trucks with their CB system recognized that the road was really open. He stated there may have been a slight decrease in the amount of traffic, but he does not feel it was significant on Stoopville Road. He stated they also did a count themselves on Lindenhurst Road when they looked at CAU, and there was no significant difference.

With regard to the accident information, Mr. Yeager stated PennDOT pulled all accident data for the last five years. They did not find any of the roadways were above the State-wide average for accidents. They also looked further to see which accidents were related to truck traffic, and the numbers showed that the trucks were not the primary cause of accidents on any of the roads.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 6 AND MARCH 20, 2000 WARRANT LISTS AND  
FEBRUARY PAYROLL**

Mr. Fegley moved, Mrs. Godshalk seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the March 6, 2000 and March 20, 2000 Warrant Lists and February, 2000 Payroll as attached to the Minutes.

**SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

Mr. Hackman stated the Pool Coordinator has advised him that membership numbers are ahead of the last two years at this same time of year.

Mr. Fegley stated the expanded Environmental Advisory Council met for the first time this month and they are working on a number of project including putting together a Grant proposal for the Falls of the Delaware which is County/Morrisville Water Filtration Plant property located in Lower Makefield Township.

**APPROVAL OF TOWNS AGAINST GRAFFITI INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AGREEMENT**

Acting Chief Bainbridge stated in 1999 they used the services of the TAG Program six times. It was noted the Township gave no money in 1998, \$5,000 in 1999 and have budgeted \$2,500 in 2000. Mr. Fazzalore stated he feels \$5,000 is expensive for using them only six times in 1999 but does recognize the need to support other communities. Acting Chief Bainbridge stated the only Township exposure is for public property since the Graffiti Ordinance requires businesses and property owners to remove any graffiti that is on their property. Mrs. Godshalk stated TAG does do fund-raising and has corporate support.

Mr. Fazzalore moved, Mr. Allan seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Towns Against Graffiti Intergovernmental Agreement.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 1054 GRANTING RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR BELL  
ATLANTIC TO PROVIDE FIBER OPTIC TELEPHONE SERVICE TO THE ANTENNA  
LOCATED ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY.**

Mr. Fedorchak noted the route Bell Atlantic plans to take. Mrs. Godshalk asked if there will be any edifices on Edgewood Road, and Mr. Fedorchak stated there will not.

Mrs. Godshalk moved, Mr. Fegley seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 1054 granting right-of-way for Bell Atlantic to provide fiber optic telephone service to the antenna located on Township property contingent on reviewing the plan.

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#### APPROVAL OF POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

Mr. Garton stated they have been discussing a Police Contract for some months, and Mr. Fedorchak has four copies which have been ratified and approved by the Police Benevolent Association following lengthy negotiation sessions.

Mr. Fazzalore moved, Mrs. Godshalk seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Police Benevolent Association Agreement - January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2001.

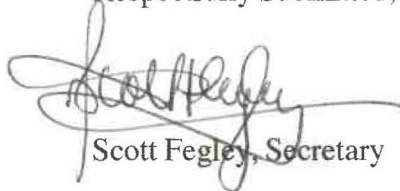
#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Fazzalore stated he has been studying the Mercer Airport situation and has found some disturbing information. He feels the Township should try to take out an injunction on the expansion of the Airport based on safety and environmental concerns. He feels the Township should join BRAM. Mrs. Godshalk stated the impact studies will be presented in March or April. Mr. Fazzalore stated he feels the radar should be installed on both ends of the runway so that planes can take off and land toward Princeton. He asked the Solicitor if the Township can take out an injunction against the expansion of the Airport. Mr. Garton stated he has very limited experience in this area but will look into it.

Mr. Hackman announced that the Commonwealth Court has upheld the Bucks County Court decision with regard to the Troilo Subdivision, and he offered his congratulations to Mr. Koopman for his work in this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott Fegley, Secretary











**MARCH, 2000 WARRANT LISTS AND  
 FEBRUARY 2000 PAYROLL COSTS FOR APPROVAL  
 @ MARCH 20, 2000 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

03/06/00 Warrant List	\$ 194,130.68	
03/00 Prepaid Expenditures	14,644.56	
03/20/00 Warrant List	214,909.00	
Total Warrants & Prepaids		423,684.24
<u>PAYROLL COSTS:</u>		
February, 2000 Payroll	255,816.20	
02/00 Payroll Taxes, etc.	19,569.94	
Total Payroll Costs		<u>275,386.14</u>
<b>TOTAL TO BE APPROVED</b>		<b>\$ <u><u>699,070.38</u></u></b>

