

MINUTES

Those In Attendance: Chairman Adam Bills, Supervisors: Ray Rice and Samuel Beiler in person and Craig Keenan by telephone, Township Manager David Thompson, Secretary/Treasurer Karen Farra, Zoning Officer Walter Hockensmith, Park Foundation President Michael Hartmann, Roadmaster Blaine Stoltzfus, Township Solicitor Frank Mincarelli, Bob Devonshire, Wanda Ranck, Wendall Ranck, Joshua Knosp, Paula Knosp, Jim Knosp, B.J. Yunkin, Dave Anderson, Nick Lopez, Raymond King, Roger Fry, Dennis R. Groff, Don Ranck, Ivan King, Keith Landis, Elmer Lantz, Aaron J. Lapp, John Roche, Barb Zerbe, Dave Zerbe, Marcella Peyre-Ferry (LNP), Jason Myer, Daniel Beiler, Christian Beiler, Dylan Coleman, Samuel S. Stoltzfus, Simen Stoltzfus, Deborah Boynton, Ben Beiler, Alvin Fisher, Sam Petersheim, Clint Yonce, Merv King and Steve Shearer.

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG CERMONY AT 7:00PM

MINUTES

- Samuel Beiler **motioned** to approve the Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2023. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

TREASURERS REPORT/BILLS

- Ray Rice **motioned** to approve the May 2023 Treasurer's Report. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Ray Rice **motioned** to approve the June 2023 Disbursement List of Bills to be paid. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT - BRIEFING ITEMS

- Roger A. Fry, PLS, Fry Surveying, Inc., presented the Preliminary/Final Plan for the Raymond K. & Sally B. King project at 114 Harristown Rd. After presentation, Chairman Bills called for public comment. No comments were proffered.

SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT - ACTION ITEMS

- Leon S. King – Paradise Apartments, LLC – 3406 Lincoln Hwy East – Final Land Development Plan. Merv King presented plans and waiver request as noted below on behalf of Leon King. Mr. Thompson asked if Mr. King had any questions or concerns regarding the comments in Rettew's review letter. He said he did not. Chairman Bills called for public comment. No comments were proffered.

- Ray Rice **motioned** to approve request for waiver of land development (per Rettew’s recommendation letter). Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Ray Rice **motioned** to approve request for conditional approval of plans. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- John K. Roche, P.E., Vision Engineering, Inc. – Esbenshade Turkey Farm – 109 Esbenshade Road -- Proposed Building and Driveway Plan. Mr. Roche presented the plans and modification requests as noted below. Chairman Bills called for public comment. Wanda Ranck stated the property owners, Mr. & Mrs. Zerbe, are outstanding neighbors and she has no issue with this project.
 - Samuel Beiler **motioned** to approve Request for Modification of Section 408.1 – Water Service Feasibility Report. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
 - Samuel Beiler **motioned** to approve Request for Modification of Section 408.2 – Sewer Service Feasibility Report. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
 - Samuel Beiler **motioned** to approve Request for Modification of Section 408.4 – Wetland Study. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
 - Samuel Beiler **motioned** to approve Request for Modification of Section 403.4 – Septic Replacement Easement. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
 - Samuel Beiler **motioned** for conditional approval of plans. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
- Roger A. Fry, PLS, Fry Surveying, Inc. – Melvin R. & Esther K. Lapp – 15 Fawn Drive – Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan. Mr. Fry presented plans and modification/waiver requests as noted below. Chairman Bills called for public comment. No comments were proffered.
 - Ray Rice **motioned** to approve Request for Modification of Section 403.1.1 – Plan Scale. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
 - Ray Rice **motioned** to approve Request for Modification of Section 408.1 – Water Service Feasibility Report. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
 - Ray Rice **motioned** to approve Request for Modification of Section 408.2 – Sewer Service Feasibility Report. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
 - Ray Rice **motioned** to approve Request for Waiver of SWMO Section 504.4.a.4 – Storm Sewer Pipe Diameter. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
 - Samuel Beiler **motioned** for approval of Request for approval of application to DEP for Request for Planning Waiver & Non-Building Declaration. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**
 - Ray Rice **motioned** for conditional approval of plans. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Chairman Bills called for general public comment. No comments were proffered.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 2023 Adopted PSATS Resolutions.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

- Updates/Report by Township Manager, David Thompson. Chairman Bills asked if DEP had provide comments yet for the Vintage Business Park Projects. Mr. Thompson advised that DEP said a comment letter would be provided by May 19, 2023, but nothing has been received.
- Discuss County update to the Township Watershed Stormwater Management Plan. After brief discussion, Chairman Bills called for public comment. No comments were proffered.
- Ray Rice **motioned** to approve letter to Lancaster County Planning Commission in support of Watershed-Based Stormwater Management Plan Update (Act 167). Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

ROADMASTER:

- Updates/Report by Roadmaster, Blaine Stoltzfus.
- Mr. Thompson presented roadwork bid information available to date. Chairman Bills presented list of roads in southwestern quadrant of the Township that will have horse tracks oiled and chipped.
- Chairman Bills called for public comment. No comments were proffered.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Mr. Thompson presented May 2023 Emergency Services Call Report.
- Bob Devonshire provided update on status of fire company merger. He advised as follows:
 - For the first time, Leacock Township had a representative at the June Steering Committee meeting.
 - The two members of Paradise Leaman Place Fire Company currently sitting on the Steering Committee have been made voting members. Paradise Leaman Place is to appoint two additional members of their fire company to be on the Steering Committee. They will also be voting members resulting in all three fire companies having four voting members on the Steering Committee.
 - The Steering Committee is working on preparing a formal presentation and written plan outlining the status of the merger to be presented to the public at the July 18, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Public Comment:

- Wanda Ranck: Mrs. Ranck asked Mr. Devonshire if Kinzer and Gordonville fire companies are still proceeding with merger. He said yes. She asked if Paradise can drop out of the merger if they decide to join. Mr. Devonshire said yes, they have the same right as the others to join or back out. Mrs. Ranck said it is her understanding that when the merger happens, Leacock Township will be responsible for paying for workers compensation insurance and they are not happy about that. Chairman Bills explained that once it is determined who will provide and pay for this insurance, an agreement between the Townships will be established that provides for cost-sharing of this expense.
- Dylan Coleman: Mr. Coleman stated he is glad the Steering Committee will be coming out with a plan, but it is 2 years too late. A preliminary plan should have been presented at the beginning.
- Don Ranck: Mr. Ranck asked Mr. Devonshire if the plan is to have the Station 40s headquarters at Gordonville. Mr. Devonshire said that Gordonville will be the base of operations. Mr. Ranck asked if Leacock Township approved of this. Mr. Devonshire said he does not know. Mr. Ranck said this is yet another example of putting the cart before the horse.
- Steve Shearer: Mr. Shearer asked about change in public comment period procedures. Chairman Bills explained that back in April 2022 the public comment period was changed to eliminate the two periods of general comments at the beginning and end of each meeting. Now there is only one general comment period at the beginning of the meeting. All other comments specific to topics noted on the Agenda are to be proffered at the time those items are being discussed.
- Deborah Boynton: Ms. Boynton asked why the fire companies are changing the fire company name and number on uniforms if the merger is not finalized yet. It is confusing for everyone when they show up on calls with 40 on their gear. She also complained about the number of Gordonville trucks/ambulances driving around the township all day. Why are they doing this? She thinks it is a waste of gas and the community's money, and needs to be addressed. With regard to the uniforms (gear), Mr. Devonshire recommended she speak to the chiefs about her concerns. He expressed that he feels this will not change, as they are confident the merger is going to happen, so it only makes sense that when they are replacing old gear that requires replacement, the new gear have the 40 PVFD on it. Otherwise, it would need to be replaced yet again after the merger, resulting in spending even more money. Mr. Devonshire said she will need to speak with the Fire Chiefs regarding Gordonville vehicles on the road.

At Chairman Bills' request, Dave Anderson, Kinzer Fire Company, explained that when a member is on duty, they have use of the duty vehicle 24/7 for all uses during the period they are on duty.

Chairman Bills recommended to Ms. Boynton that she talk to Gordonville's Fire Chief to discuss her concerns.

- Clint Yonce: Mr. Yonce said duty officers are to remain in their running area. Chairman Bills reiterated this is a concern to be discussed with the Fire Chief(s), and stated that Gordonville's duty officers include both EMS and fire, and their running area includes Leacock Township as well. Mr. Yonce commented that Gordonville has both paid EMS and fire personnel. Chairman Bills stated that they have paid EMS who are certified to also run fire calls. He recommended Mr. Yonce speak with the Gordonville Fire Chief on this matter if he has concerns.
- Steve Shearer: Mr. Shearer said shouldn't the Township question seeing two ambulances sitting at Latte Luv. Chairman Bills responded that they are in their running area and being on the road only serves to improve response time. After some back and forth discussion primarily focused on "what if" situations, Supervisor Ray Rice said the Township is not in charge of the fire companies and has no say in their operational procedures.

Mr. Shearer asked why the Township took funding away from Paradise Leaman Place. Chairman Bills explained it was taken away when the Township was made aware that Paradise had hired an attorney to sue the Township, and realized that any funding provided from tax payer dollars would be used to aid in their efforts to sue the Township.

Mr. Shearer complained that only answer he seems to get when asking about the merger is they're "working on it". Supervisor Rice pointed out how many other fire companies are merging and asked, why do you think that is happening. Mr. Shearer said he is not against the merger, just the way it went down. Paula Knosp said hindsight is 20/20, it's time to let all of that go and move forward.

Mr. Shearer asked if the Township has to approve the merger. Chairman Bills said it does not. The fire companies are individual entities who can merge on their own if they choose. Mr. Shearer asked who has final say. Paula Knosp said what he is getting at is who will be on first due. Chairman Bills explained that the Township determines who has first due. The Township took away Paradise's first due as they were not working with the Township and other fire companies. He said it is his understanding that once the merger is complete, the three existing stations will remain and Station 40, Pequea Valley Fire Department, will have all of the first due territory currently assigned to Gordonville and Kinzer. Then, the fire company will determine which stations will be assigned to what running areas. Supervisor Rice said they (the fire company) will have say about who and what equipment goes on calls.

Mr. Shearer asked if Paradise (47) is back on calls. Bob Devonshire said this was discussed at the last Steering Committee meeting and Paradise said they want to hold

off going back onto boxes until they determine how the calls are going to work and have discussed the matter with their leadership. Chairman Bills stated he supports them being on all calls.

Mr. Shearer commented they should not be wearing gear with Station 40 on it when not 40 yet. Mr. Devonshire responded it is not the number that matters – what matters is that they are on the call and reiterated the gear has to be replaced when required/needed per NFPA regulations, so it only makes sense to put the new number on the gear as it is replaced. Paula Knosp responded that it doesn't matter what number they are wearing a long as they are there when needed.

- Discuss emergency services funding.
 - Chairman Bills opened discussion by stating funding has been a topic of discussion at every meeting, and the Supervisors need to address reinstating funding to Paradise Leaman Place, specifically, the truck payments and fuel. Supervisor Rice made a **motion** to reinstate the truck payments and to provide fuel to Paradise Leaman Place. Supervisor Keenan commented that he is okay with reinstating funding and extending that olive branch, but he would like to see Paradise give back by more seriously considering committing to the merger. At the request of a resident for clarification of Supervisor Keenan's statements, Chairman Bills stated that he supports reinstating funding, but would like to see more willingness by Paradise to be a part of the merger. Supervisor Rice said he feels they are showing that be having 4 members on the Steering Committee.

Public Comment:

- Wanda Ranck: Mrs. Ranck asked if the Supervisors are only reinstating funding, or also reimbursing for prior truck payments. Chairman Bills explained there will be no reimbursements/back pay.
- Ivan King: Mr. King asked why payments were cutoff – isn't there an agreement? Chairman Bills reiterated reason for stopping payments was due to Paradise hiring an attorney to sue the Township. He also explained the Township guaranteed the loan, but the Board of Supervisors never formally voted to make the truck payments as is required. Mr. Thompson and Chairman Bills explained what the Township is responsible to pay and that what it actually pays is over and above what other Townships contribute to their fire companies. Chairman Bills presented amounts paid to each fire company from 2019 to the present pointing out that, to date, Kinzer Fire Company has received almost the same exact amount of funding from the Township as Paradise Leaman Place despite Paradise not receiving any funding from the Township for the last 1 ½ years.
- Wanda Ranck and Steve Shearer questioned timeline for when Paradise Leaman Place hired an attorney to sue the Township and when funding was revoked. Supervisor Rice confirmed Paradise looked to hire an attorney to sue the Township in 2022.

- Mr. Thompson expressed what he feels is important is that a conversation is held between Paradise and township staff to evaluate and discuss their financial standing and funding needs, in addition to any expectations with the merger going forward.

Ray Rice again **motioned** to reinstate reimbursement of truck payments and to provide fuel to Paradise Leaman Place. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

- Chairman Bills said there is a desperate need to clarify funding as it seems the current processes put the Township in the position of picking and choosing who gets what. He feels it would be beneficial to all to pick one figure to give to everyone to spend however they want. Mr. Thompson explained that the Local Service Tax is not enough to sustain the current funding. Chairman Bills said because of this, there needs to be a discussion with the fire companies to determine needs, and for the Supervisors to then discuss and determine the amount of funding to be given. Ms. Farra explained the amount of funds collected in Local Service Taxes from individuals employed in the Township, the projected amount to be received by the Township pursuant to the 2023 Budget, and actual amounts received to date. Supervisor Rice said the Township needs to sit down with all of the fire companies to see what funding they need before they can come up with a number.

Barry Yunkin: Mr. Yunkin asked if the funding would include the current reimbursements plus the flat dollar amount. Chairman Bills advised it would just be one flat/combined dollar amount.

Dennis Groff: Mr. Groff expressed his frustration with the way the merger has proceeded. He explained that what started this is Paradise Leaman Place said they were going to build a new building just 1 mile down the road from Gordonville. The discussion was had about whether or not this was affordable. He said he went to the Township Solicitor, Frank Mincarelli to discuss how to proceed. Mr. Groff asked Mr. Mincarelli to share what he advised the Township to do. Mr. Mincarelli said he advised to have DCED do a study. Mr. Groff said he felt this was the best way to go to prevent the public and the fire companies from being mad at the Township. He said everyone needs to let the whole Leacock Township thing go. Paradise and Gordonville are both very good fire companies that serve our township, and he feels the Township doesn't do enough to help fund Gordonville Ambulance. When he went to the Supervisors to obtain \$30,000 for the purchase of Gordonville's new ambulance, he was given a hard time for it. It is his opinion the Township made a mistake by not doing the DCED study, which would have analyzed not only the merger process, but also beneficial locations for a new station, like on the south side of the township. Mr. Groff pointed out that there has yet to be any presentation showing any cost savings as a result of merging.

Supervisor Rice stated the whole Board of Supervisors was in favor of donating the \$30,000 to Gordonville for their new ambulance.

Solicitor Mincarelli said it is time to move past the issue of having not done the DCED study.

Supervisor Beiler asked how doing a DCED study at this point in the process would make things any better.

Ivan King: Mr. King asked why not have a DCED study now to eliminate egos and animosity?

Chairman Bills acknowledged Mr. Groff's statements saying he made some good points, but it's important for the Board of Supervisors to find the best way to move forward from now. With regard to cost savings, Chairman Bills said all of the fire companies need to provide financial reports to the Township. Gordonville and Kinzer have done so, but not Paradise yet. Mrs. Ranck asked him if the Township has ever asked them for one. In response, Mr. Thompson asked the members of Paradise present at the meeting if the Township can get a financial report from them. Paula Knosp said yes.

Alvin Fisher: Mr. Fisher asked the Supervisors if they have attempted to meet with Paradise Leaman Place. Mr. Thompson said yes, he has attempted to schedule conversations and meetings, and he has spoken to Jonas Fisher requesting a meeting. He has recommended having Bob Devonshire attend any meetings as a "mediator". He said he is here to fix the problems. Chairman Bills and Mr. Thompson acknowledged there have been mistakes made along the way by all sides.

Dylan Coleman: Mr. Coleman said he feels the merger process needs to be stopped, and everyone start all over from scratch, starting with a study by DCED. Mr. Groff responded that a study would tell where services are needed, but could take a year or more.

Amos Fisher: Mr. Fisher explained how he had been coming to meetings before Chairman Bills was on the Board of Supervisors. He has known Dennis (Groff) for a long time and he is a good friend. He expressed what a great community we have and how much he and his wife enjoy it. He asked if the Supervisors could see Dennis' point and just start over. He has been to several Township meetings, was just the Zoning Hearing Board's last meeting, it was a great meeting. Mr. Fisher reminded the Supervisors they are elected to work for the people and encouraged everyone (Township and fire companies) to talk tomorrow.

Ben Beiler: Mr. Beiler expressed his frustration with Chairman Bill's statement there is no record the Supervisors approving the truck payment reimbursements to Paradise Leaman Place. He referenced their conversation at the time of the primary elections when he told him he has a contract that he can provide.

Chairman Bills said there is no record of the Board of Supervisors approving reimbursement of the truck payments. Solicitor Mincarelli said he is not aware of any agreement. Mr. Thompson told Mr. Beiler if he has an agreement, provide it to the Township. Solicitor Mincarelli said the Townships only legal obligation is to guarantee the loan.

Mr. Beiler said he has a letter from Sally Riehl saying the Township will make reimbursement payments and he feels it is not right to say there is no agreement when the Township knows there is one.

Solicitor Mincarelli said he has a copy of the documents regarding the truck loan, but not the letter Mr. Beiler is referencing. Don Ranck said a letter signed by Sally as the Secretary for the Township guaranteeing the loan payments is an agreement to pay. Solicitor Mincarelli said a letter guaranteeing the loan is not an agreement to pay the loan.

Ivan King said he feels there should be no more talk on this subject until the documents are provided.

Mr. Thompson said he has never seen this letter nor any of the petitions (to stop the merger) everyone is always talking about. He said if you (Paradise Leaman Place/Ben Beiler) have them, the give them to the Township.

Mr. Groff said Kinzer Fire Company has the same letter saying the Township will reimburse them for their truck payments.

Chairman Bills provided closing comments on this subject stating there is no record of the Board of Supervisors approving reimbursement payments to Paradise for the truck payments. He directed Mr. Thompson to work with the fire companies to schedule meetings to discuss their financial needs, so the Township can determine a fair financial contribution budget.

Dylan Coleman: Mr. Coleman commented that he is all for providing funding to the fire companies, but he thinks the Township still needs to pause the merger until a DCED study can be done and a real financial plan provided.

Mr. Thompson asked if the Supervisors would be taking any action on Bart Township Fire Company's funding request. Chairman Bills said this request will be put on hold for now to be addressed as part of determining funding to all of the fire companies as a whole.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- Updates by Township Manager, David Thompson.
- Daniel Stoltzfus – Broom Shop – 35 Pequea Valley Rd: Request release of financial security.

Ray Rice **motioned** to approve request for release of financial security. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

- Report by Zoning Officer, Walter Hockensmith.
- Township Policy – Building Permit Fee Reduction for Non-Profit Organization.

Chairman Bills explained this proposal is to charge non-profit organizations 50% of the normal commercial building permit fee. This would help to cover the Township’s cost to process the permit applications, while still giving non-profits a cost break.

Public Comment:

- Nick Lopez: Mr. Lopez said for the 16 years he served as the Township Zoning Officer, non-profits were never charged permit fees.
- Dennis Groff: Mr. Groff asked if the Township is that tight on money that it needs to charge non-profits permit fees and who this matter has been discussed with.
- Wanda Ranck: Mrs. Ranck asked who would be charged this fee – how will the Township distinguish between who will or will not be charged the reduced fee?
- Sam Petersheim: Mr. Petersheim asked if schools are really non-profit organizations.

Chairman Bills explained the permit fees would be 50% of the customary commercial permit fee as stated set by Township ordinance and resolution, the sole purpose being to cover Township costs. At this time, there is no written policy or other directive waiving fees for non-profits, so they should technically be paying the full commercial permit fees. He explained that what initiated this conversation was learning that Leacock Township does not waive permit fees for non-profits. Chairman Bills said that the Township’s financial position is part of the discussion as to whether or not it is necessary to charge non-profits permit fees. In response to Mr. Groff’s inquiry about who this matter has been discussed with, Chairman Bills advised it has been a discussion at the public Board of Supervisors meetings over the last couple of months. Chairman Bills said all IRS registered non-profits would be provided the 50% discount on permit fees (i.e., 501c)

Michael Hartmann, Park Foundation President, recommended only IRS non-profits be provided the discounted permit fee (501c). He also explained that it is important to look at the property/land records for the applicant on all permits for non-profits. If the applicant/landowner is a registered 501(c), they do not pay any real estate taxes. He also explained that schools are not registered non-profits. They are considered a governmental entity like the Township, are “not for profit” vs. “non-profit”, and are exempt from paying real estate taxes too.

Supervisor Beiler said he goes back and forth on this issue. He agrees that some non-profit organizations have a lot of money, so should pay permit fees. However, charging schools

permit fees just circles back around to a potential increase in school taxes and more money out of taxpayer pockets. Generally, he feels small non-profit organizations should not have to pay fees, but larger ones should.

Mr. Thompson expressed that this is why there needs to be a standard procedure so all are treated fairly and equitably.

It was determined to table any decisions on this matter until the July meeting of the Board of Supervisors

- Discuss Zoning Ordinance updates.

Chairman Bills explained the need for the current Zoning Ordinance to be updated. He said the Township's Comprehensive Plan is also due to be updated, so it would be good to try to tie both of these updates together.

Mr. Thompson explained that it will be a 2-3 year process to update the Comprehensive Plan. The Township's last Plan was done in 1997, with a regional Plan being completed in 2014. He thinks it is important the Township pursue an updated Plan that is tailored to the Township rather than being a regional plan. In so doing, it will be important to ensure the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance are updated hand-in-hand with the Comprehensive Plan. He recommended that the Township also partner with the County to ensure its Plan is consistent with the County's 2040 Places Comprehensive Plan for the County. He said he was at a Lancaster County Planning Commission regional meeting last week where they were discussing how Paradise Township is ripe for development. As such, he feels it is even more important the Township develop an updated Comprehensive Plan that would minimize intrusion.

Solicitor Mincarelli commented that the current Zoning Ordinance is 20 years old and has had multiple amendments that make it difficult to interpret accurately.

It was determined no action would be taken on this matter at this time and would be tabled until there is more information to consider.

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

- Updates by Park Foundation Chairman, Michael Hartmann.

Public Comment:

- Steve Shearer: Mr. Shearer asked who handles ballfield reservations, if there has ever been an issue with overlapping/double booked reservations and if anyone has ever been bumped from a reservation because someone else was willing to pay more.

Mr. Hartmann responded that he handles all field reservations. He said he is human and does make mistakes, so he knows there have been times he double booked a reservation in error. He explained that he is not aware of anyone who made a reservation getting bumped from that reservation because someone else was willing to pay more. He said he does have an “auction” system in place for field reservations that he initiated in order to limit no shows.

- Review and consider quotes for combination tractor/mower. After a brief discussion, due to a third quote not yet having been received, this matter was tabled until a later date.

SEWER AUTHORITY & SEO:

- Updates by Township Manager, David Thompson.
- May 1, 2023 Minutes of Paradise Township Sewer Authority.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Intercourse Library request for donation. Ms. Farra presented request for donation explaining the approved budget already provides for the normal annual donation of \$13,000.

Public Comment:

- Wanda Ranck: Mrs. Ranck asked if the Township puts money aside for any unexpected expenses. Chairman Bills said yes and explained that any excess funds from each year go into a capital improvement fund that Mr. Thompson is working on creating a budget for. Mr. Thompson said that the Township is in a good financial position partially due to the good planning that started with Mr. Groff.

Samuel Beiler **motioned** to approve \$13,000 donation to the Intercourse Library. Second by Ray Rice. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

- The Board of Supervisors considered Lancaster Chamber’s request for a donation to the Lancaster Public Library. After discussion it was resolved not to provide a donation.
- Ragnar Relay Pennsylvania Permit Request for October 13 -14, 2023 relay.

Chairman Bills presented email request from Ragnar Relay Pennsylvania and outlined route they would be taking through the Township and the time participants are expected (between 9:00pm on October 13 and 1:30am on October 14). He expressed his concerns with the portion of the route where participants would be running along Rt. 30/Lincoln Highway.

Public Comment:

- Jason Myers: Mr. Myers stated this is a bad time of day for runners to be traveling along Rt. 30.

- Wanda Ranck: Mrs. Ranck asked if the traffic light would be installed at Singer Avenue and Rt. 30 by the time of this event. Chairman Bills and Mr. Thompson said they cannot say for sure as that is a PennDOT project, but they do not anticipate it will be in.
- Dennis Groff: Mr. Groff asked if there will be safety measures in place. Chairman Bills said yes and shared information provided by Ragnar Relay in this regard.
- Paula Knosp: Mrs. Knosp pointed out trip and other liability hazards to the Township and homeowners in the event a runner is injured when running on public sidewalks. She encouraged the Township to ensure proper insurance coverages are in place.

Mr. Groff said the Township will want to make sure Ragnar Relay adds it to their policy as an additional insured.

The Supervisors concurred they all have concerns with the participants traveling along Rt. 30. Chairman Bills directed Mr. Thompson to reach out to Ragnar Relay to determine if they can re-route the participants to have them travel mainly upon back roads and limit their time along Rt. 30 to crossing over it at lighted intersections.

ADJOURN*

- At 9:05p.m., Ray Rice **motioned** to adjourn meeting. Second by Samuel Beiler. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

Respectfully Submitted By:

Karen E. Farra, Secretary/Treasurer