

Workshop MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order at 10:11 a.m.

Those in Attendance: Chairman Adam Bills, Vice-Chairman Dennis Groff, Supervisors: Ray Rice, Craig Keenan and Marlin Groff (by telephone), Secretary/Treasurer Karen Farra, Melissa Kelly, Josh Weaber, Mark Henise, Jonathan Miller, Reilly Noetzel, Amos A. Stoltzfus, Nelson Groff, and Daniel Beiler.

Chairman Bills announced that the Board of Supervisors met in executive session prior to the regular Workshop Meeting today, from 9:00am to 10:00am, to discuss personnel matters.

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- To be reviewed at Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2021

TREASURERS REPORT/BILLS

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PERSONS TO BE HEARD/PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Joshua T. Weaber, P.E., of Chrisland Engineering, presented proposed plans for Vintage Business Park - Phase 3 - BREEO. Proposed plans modified the approved Preliminary Plan changing cul-de-sac to accommodate entry to the BREEO lots (Phase 3). It is proposed the cul-de-sac would be located at the end of Phase 2 instead of Phase 3, the bulb would be eliminated in Phase 3 and a turnaround easement provided. This proposal would eliminate the need for the Township to maintain that area. Dennis Groff noted there was no accommodation for employee parking noted on the plans, which was acknowledged by Mr. Weaber and the Township Engineer, Melissa Kelly. Amos Stoltzfus of BREEO, advised the proposed plan maximizes the built-out area in order to maximize for stormwater management planning purposes; however, they would be willing to, and may, reduce building sizes to accommodate parking areas. Dennis Groff further advised the Township's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances does not allow for dead end streets, so a cul-de-sac must be provided. It was resolved, the plans would be modified to provide a cul-de-sac and add the required length waiver. Mr. Weaber further advised the stormwater management basin was adjusted to eliminate some infiltration issues.
- Daniel Beiler apologized for his actions at the last Board of Supervisors Meeting in November, 2021 and for his comments made at that time. Mr. Beiler spoke to his involvement with the Paradise/Leaman Place Fire Company over the years and questioned the motivation/drive behind the Resolution presented at the October and November Board of Supervisors meetings that would change the first due territories. He mentioned that there has been talk of merging with Kinzer Fire Company ever since he joined Paradise/Leaman Place in 2000, but feels the current leadership has not been keeping the members informed of the most recent consolidation discussions. Mr. Beiler asked the

Supervisors to share their reasoning behind the change of first due territories and consolidation of emergency services. He said he would prefer that EMS be kept separate from fire services. Mr. Beiler agreed that the personal attacks voiced throughout the Emergency Services Consolidation Task Force efforts were horrible. He is of the opinion that the Township needs to slow down and have DCED do a full blown study. Mr. Beiler expressed his respect for Gordonville Fire & EMS, though he does not like the current leadership's way of leading. He further provided his insight on the inner workings at the Paradise/Leaman Place Fire Company summarizing changes in leadership made in 2020, how that leadership has evolved and grown, and the improvements seen in 2021 (i.e., lots of staff and members with 10 new members this year, there are now 4 day members available, they are getting out quicker, there are a lot of young energetic guys). He feels the resistance is strong because things are going so well.

- The Board of Supervisors responded to Mr. Beiler's comments as follows:
 - Dennis Groff expressed his understanding of the need to not lose the historical significance of the individual fire companies and expressed that the Board does not want to see that happen, but as a Supervisor, he has seen what the Township contributes to the fire companies and it cannot keep doing this. If the fire companies combine efforts and resources, they will be more successful. Mr. Groff stated that both fire and ambulance services are an integral part of one another and ambulance services cannot be ignored when discussing consolidation. He expressed his opinion that EMS is the money maker, and his frustration that fire companies cannot bill for services, a frustration he has expressed to our legislature. Dennis said the ultimate decision of combining fire and ambulance services is something that can be discussed if everyone will come to the table to talk. Dennis said he agrees that a full-blown study by DCED would be a good thing and had originally suggested this be done; however, the Board of Supervisors voted to go by way of the task force instead, and he support that decision. Adam Bills and Dennis then opined they believe DCED would recommend a consolidation with Gordonville. Dennis emphasized need for Paradise/Leaman Place Fire Company to look at the budget to build a new fire station and come up with a solid financial plan, to include what they would need from the Township. Dennis stated that Paradise/Leaman Place made a mistake in thinking that if they do not work with the Township towards consolidation, it won't happen. Dennis stated that with last year's surplus in the Township budget, he pushed for \$25,000 to be donated to Gordonville for a new ambulance. He was criticized for this despite the fact that the Township consistently provides approximately \$80,000 a year to support Paradise/Leaman Place and Kinzer Fire Companies. He was disappointed by this response.
 - Chairman Adam Bills stated the reason for the Resolution changing first due territories is a result of Paradise/Leaman Place Fire Company refusing to work together towards consolidation. They repeatedly stated they were not interested and wanted to be left alone. During the Task Force meetings, multiple attempts were made to present and discuss a plan for consolidation, but Paradise/Leaman Place's leadership was unwilling to participate in any such discussions. He feels the Board of Supervisors is unanimous in feeling that future consolidation of the fire companies is needed, despite making no progress in the past year. Discussions were ended as the continued attempts to discuss consolidation were beginning to harm relationships. Adam asked Mr. Beiler if he thinks DCED would not recommend consolidation to which Mr. Beiler responded he did not know. Adam said he felt Paradise/Leaman Place put

more effort into the candidacy then working with the Township over the last year, and that if they had put that effort towards consolidation discussions, more progress would have been made. He further commented that the members of the fire company need to hold their leadership and others accountable - members need to stand-up. Adam said the Board of Supervisors do not want to shut Paradise/Leaman Place down and it is frustrating to see and hear the mis-information being disseminated by the fire company when the Board has tried so hard to make them a part of this process. The Board of Supervisors needs to decide if they will go the DCED route, or by way of the Resolution to change first due territories. He feels the Resolution is a heavy handed approach, but it does not mean anyone wants to see Paradise/Leaman Place disappear. Adam stated he wanted to make clear that Township had no intentions of defunding Paradise/Leaman Place Fire Company at this time. He advised the first duty of the members of the fire company is to the community - not to each other or the church. He feels that based on what he has learned, Paradise/Leaman Place is walking a very fine legal line regarding religious discrimination, so they need to remember they are here for the community and to please be careful what is said. Adam expressed his appreciation for Mr. Beiler and his taking the time to speak with the Board of Supervisors. He let Mr. Beiler know there would be no discussion regarding this matter at the December 21, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting, and that the earliest it would next be addressed is at the January 3, 2022 meeting.

- Ray Rice advised that at the meetings and Craig Keenan at with fire company members, they were hearing that the Paradise/Leaman Place representatives that participated in the Task Force meetings were not keep the members informed. With regard to building a new fire station, Mr. Rice asked Mr. Beiler if he thinks Paradise/Leaman Place will be able to pay for it and maintain it and their equipment without help from the Township. Mr. Rice said it the six years he has served on the Board of Supervisors, they have never turned down the fire company's requests for financial support. Lastly, he commented that he feels that more came out of today's meeting discussion than any others all year.
- Craig Keenan and Dennis Groff asked Mr. Beiler if the information provided to him during the meeting was helpful and if he would be willing to relay it to the member of the Paradise/Leaman Place Fire Company, as they feel his input will be respected.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Eagle Disposal notice of price increase effective December 1, 2021. Secretary/Treasurer, Karen Farra, to determine amount of increase and do cost comparisons with other trash service providers.
- TextMyGov informative email and flyer.
- December 1, 2021 Intelligence Report on the State of Lancaster County's Economy.
- PSATS 2022 Annual Conference materials.
- PSATS Adopted 2021 Resolutions.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

PLANNING COMMISSION:

ZONING:

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

- Supervisor Ray Rice asked if anyone knows if pond dock is ADA approved, as he received an email asking if it is. Dennis said he believes it was at time of construction, but does not know if it meets today's ADA standards.

ROADMASTER:

SEWER AUTHORITY & SEO:

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- Call for vote to advertise Amended Notice of 2022 Public Meetings changing Workshop meeting dates to second Tuesday of each month, and changing Sewer Authority Board July meeting date to second Monday in July. Dennis Groff **motioned** to approve advertising the Amended Notice. Second by Craig Keenan. All Ayes. **Motion Approved.**

PERSONS TO BE HEARD/PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN

- At 11:24am, Vice-Chairman Dennis Groff **motioned** to adjourn meeting. Second by Craig Keenan. All ayes. **Motion Approved.**