

**MINUTES
NORTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 5, 2009**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the North Lebanon Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building located at 725 Kimmerlings Road, Lebanon, PA with the following people present:

Edward A. Brensinger	Chairman
Kenneth C. Artz	Vice-Chairman
Dawn Hawkins	Treasurer
Cheri F. Grumbine	Township Manager

Also in attendance was Julie Maxwell, a representative of the Lebanon Daily News and several other individuals. The meeting was called to order and the pledge to the flag was done.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A.) Jeff Steckbeck – Review of DEP Comments on 2008 Lions Lake Dam Inspection

Mr. Steckbeck explained he has been contracted by North Lebanon Twp to do the annual inspections for the Lions Lake Dam for about 12 years, as required by DEP. The report is a common inspection report for DEP. As the inspections are completed a check off list of various observations is noted. Steckbeck reported that ever since the first report he has noticed water that is soaking the side of the road on the downhill side of dam. The area is wet. Suv Artz asked Jeff if the seepage is coming from the dam area itself. Steckbeck replied he does not really know for sure. He gave 2 different theories as to where the water could be coming from.

Jeff stated the last report had a directive from the State that this water seepage must continue to be monitored. Jeff told the Supervisors that the services of a geologist may be needed. He does not have the training that a geologist has. He is suggesting to the Board that the Twp apply for a grant. There is no rush on this suggestion. He feels the Board should consider it and request a proposal from a Geologist to conduct a study. Based on that recommendation the Township should apply for a Grant. When Suv Hawkins questioned what the chances were of that happening, Jeff responded it would actually be “Growing Greener” money. These types of Grant approvals and monies seem to be available.

Another item, which has been an outstanding item since 2006, is the output pipe. For several years he has noted “unable to be seen” and it has been accepted. That acceptance only lasts for so long then the State will want a better answer. Two options would be hire a diver to complete an inspection or the second, less popular option, would be to drain the lake. The inspection of the output pipe is something the Twp needs to budget for the coming year, in Steckbeck’s opinion.

A conversation followed about the seepage issue. Jeff stated that Dave Strohm has been monitoring this for the last 10 years. He shared some of the notations made by Strohm. Steckbeck again repeated it would be good to find out where and why this seepage is occurring, however there is no hurry to get it accomplished. The valve inspection is a necessity for the report completed next year. He would like to note that the Supervisors of North Lebanon Twp have scheduled a diver to complete a report on the pipe. Suv Brensinger asked Steckbeck if he has a list of diving companies that would provide a quote. That way the amount could be budgeted. It is Steckbeck’s recommendation that the Supervisors pursue a Grant for the pipe inspection. The Board thanked Jeff for attending this evening. A member of the public voiced an opinion that the seepage which is being discussed has been occurring for many years and does not create a concern for anyone who lives around the dam or lake.

B.) Earl Roberts – W Kercher Avenue

Mr. Roberts stated he would like an opportunity to discuss previous minutes recorded, particularly in May of 2009. The Board agreed Mr. Roberts would be placed on the agenda for October 19 to discuss previous meeting minutes. Mr. Roberts next questioned if the Linford Snyder property had been subdivided to sell? Chm Brensinger replied not that the Twp is aware of. He explained to the Board that he has been approached about possibly purchasing a portion of the Snyder property. Although Roberts stated he may have been given inaccurate information. Mgr Grumbine stated the only way it could be sold as portions was if the land was deeded on separate tracts. The subdivision process would not be necessary in that situation.

Roberts next questioned the home page for the Twp website and a reference to the “Proposed Tenaska Site”. Chm Brensinger asked Mgr Grumbine to explain the link. Mgr Grumbine stated that she has this issue on her report for discussion tonight. She told the public that Tenaska sent a press regarding a website that was created for the proposed Lebanon site. Mgr Grumbine requested the webmaster for the Twp site, to place the news release, which contained the Tenaska website, on our homepage. This will allow anyone who desires to gain information to go onto the Tenaska website by reading the release and clicking on the link. Mgr Grumbine stated the Twp is not promoting the Tenaska website or project. It is merely a tool for the public to get information and to comment or question Tenaska directly. The Twp is not offering any support or promotion of the Tenaska proposal.

C.) Thomas Stewart – N 7th Street

Mr. Stewart mentioned the newly installed culvert located on the Kochenderfer’s Church property. He is questioning the height of the culvert in relation to the height of the grass. Chm Brensinger stated that the Twp is planning to re-top the road in the future. At that time all the inlet tops will be reviewed. The purpose of the inlet is to capture the water runoff from the road. The grassy area is not what needs to be considered. The height of the inlet and the roadway is what is important.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes from September 21, 2009 Board meeting and the Budget Workshop which was held on September 29. Motion unanimously carried.

APPROVAL PAYROLL and PAYMENT OF INVOICES

MOTION was made and seconded to approve payroll, invoices for payment subject to audit. Motion unanimously carried.

TOWNSHIP MANAGERS REPORT – Cheri F. Grumbine**A.) Tenaska Website Announcement**

On Tuesday, September 29 an email was received from Holley Hatt from Tenaska announcing that they have launched a website dedicated to providing information about Tenaska’s proposed Lebanon project. This website is not associated with nor being promoted by North Lebanon Township but is to provide notification to neighbors of this proposed project and other persons interested in following this issue. After visiting the website, Mgr Grumbine points out there is a Fact Sheet and Q&A area, as well as a “Contact Us” link that anyone can forward their questions directly to Tenaska regarding this proposed project. There is a picture on the website of the Tenaska Generating Station near Billingsley, Alabama, which is an 885-megawatt combined-cycle facility that according to the website is similar to that being proposed for Lebanon County.

B.) Yardwaste Rules & Regulations – Suggested Changes

Based on several recent incidents in our Yardwaste facility, Bonnie is providing to the Board suggested additions/revisions to our current Yardwaste Rules & Regulations. The changes are highlighted in yellow. Some of the rules which are similar in nature were combined for ease of reading. General conversation followed about some of the practices that have been observed within the facility. Suv Brensinger reminded the Board that the plans for future expansion, at some point in time, will eliminate some of the problems with the residents entering areas within the facility they are asked to stay away from.

Yardwaste Rules & Regulations (con't)

MOTION was made and seconded to approve the additions/revisions to the Yardwaste Facility Rules & Regulations. Motion unanimously carried.

C.) GP-11 Permit E Kercher Ave

The General Permit through DEP to replace a double pipe crossing under East Kercher Avenue has been received. Roadmaster Brensinger has scheduled this project for completion. Suv Brensinger said he is planning to start this project on Wednesday. The issue that had held up the project prior to this is the Bog Turtle issue. Conversation followed about this area and the Bog Turtle possibilities. Due to the timing of the year and the turtle's possible active season, the Twp had to agree to hire an Environmental Specialist to be present during the entire project.

D.) Winter Maintenance Material – West Lebanon Twp

It is the time of year to consider the winter maintenance agreement with West Lebanon Township for the purchase of salt during the 2009/2010 season. The agreement would be the same as last year. The price of salt is \$65.33/ton plus any fuel surcharges incurred. If we should incur a higher price the agreement allows us to charge the current Township costs. In addition should we be restricted to certain amounts, we reserve the right to limit West Lebanon's quantities. Mgr Grumbine is recommending the Board approve entering into this 2009/2010 winter maintenance agreement with West Lebanon for the purchase of salt materials.

MOTION was made and seconded to enter into a winter maintenance agreement with West Lebanon for the purchase of salt for the 2009/2010 season. Motion unanimously carried.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**A.) Budget Workshop Announcement/ Invite**

Chairman Brensinger announced that the Board will take a 15-minute break and then go into a budget workshop to review requests/issues for the 2010 budget. When the Township Manager has completed a proposed budget for consideration by the Board, she will provide a formal presentation to the Board and attendees at a subsequent Board meeting for adoption. Upon adoption of the Preliminary Budget the Budget will be advertised, as required by law, and made available for inspection by the public before final budget adoption. We project that the Preliminary Budget presentation will be held on November 16th, with the Final Budget for 2010 being considered for adoption at the December 21 Board meeting. Chairman Brensinger also invited anyone to stay for the workshop but instructed that comments will be held to the end of the workshop, so they can get through all the information tonight.

As there was no more business to conduct or discuss the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa L. George
Recording Secretary