

TOWNSHIP OF DERRY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, August 14, 2012
600 Clearwater Road, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033

CALL TO ORDER

The August 14, 2012 Township of Derry Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by E. Christopher Abruzzo, Chairman.

ROLL CALL

Supervisors Present:

E. Christopher Abruzzo, Chairman
Sandy A. Ballard
Kelly C. Fedeli, Vice-Chairman
John Foley, Jr.
Marc A. Moyer, Secretary

Also Present:

Matt Bonanno, HRG Engineer
Thomas Clark, Director of Public Works
Matt Mandia, Director of Parks and Recreation
James N. Negley, Township Manager/Township Treasurer
Lt. Timothy Roche, Police Department
Jon A. Yost, Township Solicitor
Brenda Van Deursen, Recorder
Terry M. Weinhold, Manager of Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable
Brandon J. Williams, Assistant Director of Community Development

Public Present: Jack Atcheson, Kathy Denton, Kelly Mehaffie, Dean Hooper, Elvira Ebling, Dennis Drobenak, Rich Gamble, Deb Gardner, Matthew Hunt, Charleton Zimmerman, Dennis Trout, Judith Boreland

Chairman Abruzzo advised that all public meetings are recorded for providing accurate minutes.

Chairman Abruzzo announced that the Board of Supervisors met in executive session to discuss land, legal, and personnel issues.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Rich Gamble, Hockersville Road - Mr. Gamble expressed his concern about the parking on both sides of Hockersville Road. Some are parking so close to the stop signs that cars cannot see around the corner and when the school buses start it will be worse. The speed signs were taken down and never put back up. Mr. Gamble recommended putting the speed signs back up and limiting the parking to one side of the street.

Dennis Drobenak, 13 Hockersville Road – Mr. Drobenak said there have been 15 hit and runs and, every time that happens it costs them between \$500 to \$1,000. Many use Hockersville and Swatara as a back way including 250 to 300 tourists. There are 18 wheelers that come through

even with a no truck sign. Signs are needed to better mark the pavements and to educate drivers. There are a lot of DUIs with the VFW opposite the tracks. More homeowners are leaving and more renters are moving in.

Chairman Abruzzo asked if they contacted the police when the hit and runs occur and they do. He said the police take the report, but nothing seems to come out of it.

Chairman Abruzzo requested that the Police Department, Tom Clark, and Community Development meet with Mr. Drobenak and Mr. Gamble to see what can be done.

Judith Boreland, 15 Hockersville Road - There is no off-street parking and the only place to park is on the street. Mrs. Boreland's husband is disabled and they need to park in front of their house. She is concerned with the kids getting off the school bus at the same time employees leave the Reese's plant. Chairman Abruzzo assured her that the Reese's plant will be notified to make their employees aware that if they are using that road as a way of leaving work in the afternoon to be more careful as they go through the neighborhood. He invited her to be part of the walk through with the Police Department. The residents were asked to give their contact information to Lt. Roche.

Charleton Zimmerman, 119 N. Roosevelt Ave., Palmdale - Mr. Zimmerman said that Ebersole Excavating is going to be replacing a water line on August 20, but the residents haven't been notified by American Water. The work will result in closing a section of the eastbound lane of East Derry Road.

Chairman Abruzzo asked Mr. Clark if American Water normally gives notice of this. Mr. Clark said they typically mail out notifications to residents, but not sure how far in advance. They have a state permit and we have no jurisdiction when they start.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Abruzzo called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 24, 2012, Board of Supervisors Meeting. Chairman Abruzzo and Supervisor Moyer abstained as they were not present at the meeting. Supervisor Ballard moved to approve the Minutes. Vice-Chairman Fedeli seconded. ***The motion carried, 3-yes 0-no 2-abstention.***

NEW BUSINESS

A1-22 Consideration of requests by several organizations for the Township of Derry to support and/or submit on their behalf funding from the Local Gaming Share revenues and to prioritize those organizations request the Township agrees to support.

James N. Negley, Township Manager/Township Treasurer - Mr. Negley explained that with the Township of Derry being a host community for Hollywood Casino, they can choose to support and prioritize organizations from the Township that wish to submit requests for funding. The Board of Supervisors selected the Hershey Fire Company's request as their number one priority. This request is for debt service associated with the purchase of fire apparatus. Since the Fire Company's request, the Township has received several other requests for consideration of gaming funds.

1. The PA State Police Historical, Educational, and Memorial Center - request of \$300,000 for the PA State Police Museum.
2. The Ronald McDonald House Charities - request of \$120,000 for sidewalk installation adjacent to their facility.

3. The Derry Township Police Department – request for \$100,000 for updating a Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System for compatibility with Dauphin County.
4. The Hershey Center for Applied Research – request for \$147,000 for a Regional Innovation Center.

The total amount of requests mentioned equals \$667,000. Our priority one request for fire apparatus debt service is \$320,716. The grand total of all submissions is \$987,716. This past year, the Township received \$340,000 in gaming money for its supported submissions. This included \$240,000 for debt service for the fire apparatus and \$100,000 for a traffic signal at the intersection of West Chocolate Avenue and Hersheypark Drive.

PA State Police Historical, Educational, and Memorial Center – Matthew Hunt, retired member of the PA State Police, the First Vice President of the State Police Museum and the Fund Raising Chairman. Mr. Hunt said they are requesting funds under the public interest initiative and partly under the infrastructure and facilities improvement initiative...not under the health and safety provisions.

Dean Hooper, Walton Spring Hills – Mr. Hooper provided background information regarding the Police Museum. The Center displays state police artifacts, memorializes 96 troopers that have been lost in the line of duty since the State Police began, and recognizes the dedication of those who have served. They educate the public on the history of the PA state police and help the citizens understand and appreciate the value of law enforcement in today's culture. They built a 2400 square foot facility, but are now out of space. There are 20 people on the Board of Directors and two full time staff. The request is to construct a 6,000 square foot two-floor addition in 2013. It is to be a public use area including classrooms to provide instructional information regarding security and other areas for the home. To add this wing, it will cost approximately \$756,000. They would like to finance this through corporate naming grants, capital fund drive, the gaming grants, and memorial pledges. The Center is requesting the Township to be a co-applicant for the gaming funds and to recognize them in the Township's comprehensive plan. This Center can be used for career days, tours, weddings and celebrations making it another attraction for Derry Township.

Vice-Chairman Fedeli asked how they currently market the museum. Mr. Hooper said they market by using the website, working with the motels/hotels in the area, and open discussions with the antique car museum.

Ronald McDonald House (RMH) Charities - Cathy Denton, Executive Director. Ms. Denton introduced Kelly Mehaffie who helped put the presentation together and a representative from H. Edward Black, their sight developer. Ms. Denton shared that they sought approval of other neighboring Townships that might be able to help. They received a letter from Conewago Township who indicated they would be co-applicants The RMH serves well over 1,700 families a year in addition to the family room that is right within the Children's Hospital that serves another 27,000 people a year. In addition to the families, there are volunteers, staff, medical staff, and other pedestrians who walk the side of the road to get across the street to the hospital. She said they need the sidewalks to provide safe passage for families who are walking from the RMH across to the corner and crossing now at the new crosswalk and light to get to the hospital. They would also like to provide safe passage up the street towards Hillview Drive where they have a lot of people who need to park there when they have an overflow situation. The hospital provides a shuttle but many people like to walk. The RMH will put \$8,000 into the sight development for H. Edward Black. Mr. Black is donating about \$8,000 in free service to get the proposal ready to go. They are hoping to get some in-kind donations.

Chairman Abruzzo thanked Ms. Denton for all the good things the Ronald McDonald House does. He asked if the Hershey Medical Center pledged any money since they are connected in many ways to the RMH. Ms. Denton said when they built the RMH expansion, the HMC was able to help in in-kind ways, but was not able to make any sort of a pledge to help for the construction.

Vice-Chairman Fedeli recalled in 2009, when the expansion was built there was an issue with the sidewalk waiver. At that point, RMH had asked for a waiver of the sidewalk, while other people were advocating for the sidewalk. The Board had asked Mr. Quigley if people walk back and forth from the RMH and he responded that they did not. Vice-Chairman Fedeli asked Ms. Denton if conditions have changed. Ms. Denton explained that they asked for a waiver because there was no traffic light or crosswalk at Centerview at the time and the sidewalk led to nowhere. They thought if a light was installed it would be with a sidewalk. The decision to ask for a waiver was also a financial reason, plus they now have more walkers.

Vice-Chairman Fedeli asked Mr. Clark when the light and crosswalk was installed. Mr. Clark thought it was in 2010.

Supervisor Foley asked for an approximate percentage of walkers. Ms. Denton said about 25%.

Ms. Mehaffie added that the shuttle operates on a limited basis during the day. However, if a family gets an emergent call, they cannot wait for a shuttle and they are walking quickly. In the evening, you have to call security and if they are not busy and they will come.

Derry Township Police Department – Lt. Roche stated that technology has become necessary in the day to day and minute to minute operations of the Police Department. He explained the two types of technology the Police Department has to manage their operations. One is the Records Management System (RMS) and the second one is the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD). The RMS is used to document, record and archive all data collected from persons reporting crimes or any incidents and it also analyzes and collects the data relative to crime trends and crime data. In the past couple of months, they have been able to revolve the RMS into allowing the automatic direct reporting of our crime information to the FBI and State Police as mandated under the Uniform Crime Reports Act. The modern day software used for RMS allows for the logging and tracking of evidence, and other services, but our software package does not do that.

The CAD software is used to manage calls and it can transmit the information to the FBI, etc. Our CAD software is a 13 year old product that has presented our agency with a number of software issues and program errors in general. The software has grown so old and the version is so far behind that we are no longer able to physically expunge the records that are mandated by the court of law. As reports are reviewed on a daily basis, they are encountering numerous system errors and program failures. Visionary software is currently using the 4.3 version. Derry Township is still using the 3.1 version. We are significantly behind in the software and the hardware product associated with RMS and CAD. The Visionary engineers informed us beginning in 2013 their program staff and engineers will no longer support the 3.1 version that we have.

In addition to the problems we are encountering, Derry Township uses a very isolated CAD and RMS software system. The rest of the Dauphin County police, EMS, and fire units are using a uniform CAD system which was paid for and facilitated through Dauphin County several years ago. We are the only municipal police agency in Dauphin County that uses a separate and distinct CAD system. It presents problems for us because the 911 dispatcher in Dauphin County collects information from a call taker, transmits that information to our dispatch center, they generalize it and enter into our CAD system. It is duplication, costs seconds, and potentially could cost lives or

property crimes, etc. The same applies to our RMS system. We have our own isolated and distinct RMS system aside from what the Dauphin County and Lebanon County trend is right now.

Lt. Roche is requesting the funding to institute this county-wide project, which will consolidate RMS and CAD software into one vendor - InSync. Through the utilization of Violent Crimes Task Force monies, District Attorney Ed Marsico recently provided the endorsement and is supporting the purchase of a County-wide RMS and CAD systems. He is currently proposing to fund half of this project through the Violent Task Force game monies. The remainder of the funding would have to be obtained at the municipal and local level. InSync is currently being utilized by Lower Swatara Township Police and Susquehanna Township Police. Harrisburg City and Hummelstown Borough are currently instituting and integrating this InSync software. Lower Paxton is intending to fund this project in 2013. This is an extreme benefit for the District Attorney's Office because they will have all the information compiled into one source through one vendor. Every agency in Dauphin County will be able to see what the other agency investigated. Lebanon County has this system as well. The County officials currently have the license rights for their CAD system and have agreed to allow Derry Township to use those licenses. This will result in the 911 call data to be instantly transmitted to our workstations so the dispatcher can instantly transmit that over the air and into the mobile applications in the cars.

Hershey Center for Applied Research - Jack Atcheson, Executive Director. Mr. Atcheson asked for the Board's support in a new initiative as they move to the next stage of the evolution of their research in life sciences. This project is a joint development between Wexford Science and Technology and the Hershey Trust. They spent about a year and a half looking in developing a blue print for these research projects and best in class practices throughout the country and what really sets these projects up for success going forward. They developed a blue print that fits nicely with the comprehensive plan that Derry Township is developing. It is critical to have a space for companies to start to access business and research resources to assist in the advancement of technology.

Discussion: Chairman Abruzzo commented that all the presentations were very good and worthy endeavors. The Fire Department's request is the Township's first priority as co-applicant for the gaming funds. From the distribution of the funds last year, the Board learned that they have to be careful at how many applications they sign versus how many letters of support they give to assure their number one priority will receive the appropriate amount and not distributed over all their applications that were accepted for the grant.

Motion: A motion made by Supervisor Moyer and seconded by Supervisor Foley that the request for funding from the Local Gaming Share revenues for the Fire Company's request for debt service associated with the purchase of fire apparatus be priority number one, the Derry Township Police Department's request for updating Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System for compatibility with Dauphin County be priority number two, and letters of support be provided for the Pennsylvania State Police Historical, Educational, and Memorial Center; Ronald McDonald House Charities; and Hershey Center for Applied Research, is hereby approved. ***The motion carried, 5-yes 0-no.***

B1-4 Consideration of the release of a portion of the performance security for the Revised Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for the West Hershey Facility Plant Expansion, Plat No. 1205.

Motion: A motion made by Supervisor Ballard and seconded by Supervisor Foley that the Township; hereby releases \$355,319.27 from the performance security provided as Travelers

Casualty and Surety Company Bond #105503683 in the current amount of \$655,020.48 for the Revised Preliminary/Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan for the West Hershey Facility Plant Expansion, Plat #1205, resulting in a new balance of \$299,701.21, is hereby approved. ***The motion carried, 5-yes 0-no.***

C1 Request to conduct the 2012 Ben & Tim Day 5K race on Saturday, August 25, 2012 starting at 0900 hours.

Lt. Timothy Roche, Police Department - Lt. Roche received a request from Sara Goulet to hold the 21st Annual Ben & Tim Day 5K Run. Roadways will be closed down but manned during the event. Ms. Goulet was advised of the potential for overtime costs.

Motion: A motion made by Supervisor Ballard and seconded by Vice-Chairman Fedeli that the request to conduct the 2012 Ben & Tim Day 5K Race on Saturday August 25, 2012 starting at 0900 hours over various Township roadways on a route approved by the Derry Township Police Department, is hereby approved. ***The motion carried, 5-yes 0-no.***

CORRESPONDENCE – No correspondence to report.

BOARD/COMMITTEE INFORMATION – No information to report.

REPORTS

Lt Roche Police Department of Police – No report.

Supervisor Ballard commented on the tremendous success of the Night Out event and mentioned that the location was a good fit for the community.

Supervisor Ballard mentioned a letter received from a resident who lives on 46 East Areba regarding concerns she expressed two years ago: parking not being allowed on both sides of the street, fans coming to the football game, and speeding problems. She asked if someone from the Police Department could take a look at this area. Mgr. Negley said the police are already working on that. Lt. Roche added that in the past they conducted six traffic devices and the data does not show an excessive amount of speeding in that area.

Thomas Clark, Director of Public Works - Mr. Clark reported that the work at Bullfrog Pond should be done by the end of the week.

Supervisor Foley asked for an update on the various construction projects and how they may impact the start of school. Mr. Clark said the most critical area is the areas on Areba between Cocoa and Homestead. They are working to get most of the excavation done to get out of that area. They ran into rock which has prolonged the work. The length of Areba will remain temporarily patched for awhile, but will be paved by the end of December.

The stormwater project in the area of Maple will be paved later in September, but work will still remain there when school starts. The Water Company is close to being out of the Village by the time school starts. They are finishing up Linden and should be out of the area by the start of school.

Supervisor Foley asked if enhancing the crosswalk on Cocoa Avenue was still in the schedule. Mr. Clark said they could pressure wash and/or paint the crosswalk at the primary crossing at Areba and Elm.

Terry M. Weinhold, Manager of Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – Ms. Weinhold reported the end of July shows revenues and expenditures are slightly under budget, but revenues are exceeding expenditures.

Matt Mandia, Director of Parks and Recreation – Mr. Mandia reported that 11 contractors picked up bid packets for the replacement of the pedestrian bridge at Bullfrog Valley Park, the stream bank restorations, and the bicycle pedestrian trail repairs. The bids are due August 31. They are getting the administrative work in place while waiting for DEP's approval. Vice-Chairman Fedeli mentioned the Governor issued an executive order to have DEP look at their permitting process to make it more efficient and timely.

Matt Bonanno, HRG Township Engineer – Mr. Bonanno provided an update from PennDOT on the 743 project:

- Chocolate Avenue – The road work and pedestrian tunnel are about 70% complete. The remaining work on Chocolate Avenue is expected to be completed by October of 2012.
- Cocoa Avenue – The work is about 85% complete. The remaining work is expected to be completed by October 2012.
- Park Avenue – The pedestrian tunnel under the relocated Park Avenue is anticipated to be complete by the summer of 2013.
- New Bridge on Park Avenue – Subsurface soil compaction is ongoing. Once that is complete, the new bridge will be installed by the winter of 2012. Once the bridge is installed the roadway will be placed and the traffic switched over to relocate Park Avenue which will occur in the summer of 2013.
- Dirt pile along Chocolate Avenue – The dirt pile is being used for the backfill of the bridge and will start to be removed around the winter of 2012.

Chairman Abruzzo asked that this update be placed on the Township's website to keep the residents informed.

Mr. Bonanno also reported on the Stormwater Project:

- Cocoa Avenue – The majority of both the sanitary and the stormwater work are done along the resident area at Cocoa Avenue.
- All of the inlets and pipes on the southern end of 743 have been installed.
- About 80% of the pipes and inlets are installed in the Village area.
- There is a new crew that started on the Mill Area by Penn Motel. They are doing sanitary sewage installations there.

Supervisor Ballard asked if the stream bank south of Governor on 743 is still going to be dredged out. Mr. Bonanno said it would be done this fall.

James N. Negley, Township Manager/Township Treasurer – Mr. Negley reported that Barb Ellis, Chuck Emerick and Jill Henry are on vacation.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (\$649,385.18) AND PAYROLL (\$324,330.34).

Supervisor Moyer moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$649,385.18 and payroll in the amount of \$324,330.34. Supervisor Foley seconded. ***The motion carried, 5-yes 0-no.***

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Rich Gamble, Hockersville Road – Mr. Gamble suggested the Ronald McDonald House partner with other entities to provide vans to transport their families, which would be less expensive and safer.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Ballard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Supervisor Foley seconded. ***The motion carried, 5-yes 0-no.***

SUBMITTED BY:

Marc A. Moyer
Township Secretary

Brenda Van Deursen
Recording Secretary