

**EAST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**January 13, 2015**

Present: Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr., Vice-Chairman David L. Naylor, Supervisor Barry E. Rudisill, Attorney Christian Miller, Dave Gentzler, Manager/Secretary/Treasurer, Engineer Byron Trout, Zoning Officer Kristie Taylor, Recording Secretary, and 21 citizens.

At a regular meeting held at the township building, Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Gross disclosed that the Board has not met nor conducted any business since the Reorganization meeting of January 5, 2015.

**Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Chairman Gross, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2014. All members voted aye; motion carried. Motion by Naylor, second by Rudisill, to approve the Reorganization minutes of January 5, 2015. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

**Public Comments**

None at this time.

**Emergency Services Report**

Emergency Management EOP – No discussion or questions. **Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to approve the Emergency Management EOP. All members voted aye; motion carried.** The Board members signed the Plan.

Fire Chief's Report – no additions to the report filed.

Eagle Fire Company Report

Chuck Yingling, Mt. Wolf Fire Chief, offered information on the proposed agreement with York Area United Fire and Rescue (YAUFR). Chairman Gross asked why Eagle continues to submit a report of its own instead of adding its information to Chief Stevens' report. Chairman Gross noted that he would also prefer to receive any reports sooner than right before the Board meeting, as he never gets a chance to properly peruse the information. Josh Parrish also spoke, noting that he is the one who has been compiling the information from Eagle, and it's usually filed by the Thursday or Friday prior to the Board meeting. He was out of town this time and apologized for the delay. Mr. Gentzler requested that the reports be in on Thursday. Will do.

Eagle Fire Company – YAUFR Agreement – Mr. Rudisill commented on item 2 on the Agreement—he doesn't want to open the Township up to any dispute/discrepancy as to who is in charge under the Agreement. Since Chief Stevens is the Township Chief, when there's a call for #22, Mr. Stevens would be notified. Chief Stevens clarified the procedure that is currently followed, noting that there is a cooperative effort between both companies. Mr. Yingling feels that the language in Item 2 is clear and has been in place in the past. It was noted that about 90% of the Agreement language is unchanged from past Agreements.

Chief Bob McCoy from York Area United Fire and Rescue corroborated the Agreement. He was adamant that this Agreement does not give YAUFR any authority over the local fire company personnel. Austin Hunt, member of the Fire Commission Board, confirmed that this Agreement is an affiliate Agreement, with no financial support involved. It's a support arrangement that will provide training

opportunities as well. There were a number of fire personnel present at tonight's meeting to answer any questions or address any concerns that the Board/audience members may have.

Mr. Rudisill noted that he hopes that this Agreement doesn't affect the Township's relationship with the fire companies in the area. Mr. Hunt feels that the Agreement will support training and offer assistance and advancement so that everyone wins. Mr. Hunt noted that Chief McCoy sees the advantage of regional thinking.

Further discussion was held on the advantage of the YAUFR joining forces with volunteer departments. Benefits include development of standard procedures and language, resources and operational advancement. How do the County Commissioners feel about this concept? So far, they're on board with it, especially given the decline of volunteer hours overall. The advantage of YAUFR is that they combine volunteer and career firefighters. Administrative help, pooling of costs, support, are other benefits of the regional structure. Mr. Hunt did note that the identification of the station/boxes may need to change under the Agreement.

Mr. Gentzler asked how YAUFR gives all this help at no cost. (Not sure the question was actually answered.) Mr. Gentzler wanted to clarify, for the benefit of any residents who inquire, that the benefit of YAUFR to the Township: to create a pathway to regionalization – is that right? They are not interested in absorbing the small fire companies. It's best to share resources and standardize communication. How about all the opposition that was aired in the newspaper? Perhaps it's just the very notion of change that is the problem. Fire department structure has not changed in many, many years, and with ample volunteer hours, change was not needed. With volunteer hours declining, a change was needed to assure everyone's safety, and regionalization was born. Chief McCoy also responded to the issue of opposition. He noted that he researched all the negative comments and found them to be submitted by union members or fire department family members, not residents. He felt that those negative comments were from people with personal agendas.

Chairman Gross noted that it doesn't make sense to have two departments competing for limited funds from the Township. Mr. Hunt noted that it's more efficient to run a large department rather than two smaller ones. It's not necessarily cheaper, but one gets more for each dollar. It's also less conducive for personal agendas to appear.

### **Special Request**

U.S. Road Running – Devon Moyer and Robert Millis were present to request permission for a "community event" – a race through Chestnut Valley. Last month, the Board members requested that the organization look at an alternate route. Mr. Moyer feels that the proposed route is a safe route for runners and motorists as well. He noted that their proposed turnaround is large and safe, and they'd rather not change anything about it. He's received no negative comments from community members, although some residents contacted the Township about whether the group had permission to run through the neighborhood. That was the gist of the inquiries; there were no actual complaints. Mr. Moyer feels that the neighbors in the area are mostly supportive, and he is in charge of ensuring that the route is cleaned up afterward. Chairman Gross revealed that the York Roadrunners Club is present tonight requesting to hold a race through the same area. One race once per year is one thing; more often might be pushing the good nature of the residents. Mr. Rudisill asked how about running the route through the Rentzel development? The runners would have to cross a major intersection, Mr. Moyer noted.

Is it possible to keep track of the calls received and follow up afterward? Yes, absolutely.

From the audience, Mark Shore lives in Chestnut Valley and had no idea that the race even went through the neighborhood. That was good feedback for Mr. Moyer and for the Board members.

York Roadrunners Club 5K – Margaret Moore requested permission for the Club to run through Chestnut Valley, this Saturday, January 17. Their alternate course would have been Plank Road, far less safe a location.

**Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Vice Chairman Naylor, to approve the request by U.S. Road Running for April 4 and York Roadrunners Club for January 17 and to discuss any complaints/concerns. All members voted aye; motion carried.** The U.S. Road Running team will ask the Board for permission for its October race.

#### **Correspondence**

PA Recreation and Park Conference – FYI only  
DCNR grant program applications being accepted from January to April 2015.  
MS-4 permit training available  
York Co. Water Quality and Flooding Survey to be added to Township website  
SPCA sent a report on the number of animals collected from the Township

#### **Solicitor's report – Attorney Christian Miller**

- Code Update – still in the process
- Proposed Ordinance No. 2015-2 to Amend Chesapeake Bay Agreement – DEP didn't act on the submissions by the deadline, so the Agreement must be amended. **Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Chairman Gross, to adopt Ordinance 2015-2, authorizing the advertising of the Intergovernmental Agreement. All members voted aye; motion carried.**
- Pending Plan Agenda items – litigation items to be discussed in an Executive Session following tonight's meeting.

#### **Engineer's report – Byron Trout**

Inspections  
Plan reviews  
Correspondence  
MS-4 and Chesapeake Bay Plans

Mr. Rudisill asked about the adoption of Espresso Way – still in the process. Also from Mr. Rudisill, can an additional light be installed at that intersection? Likely; will need another pole. Mr. Gentzler will contact the appropriate person.

Mr. Trout informed the Board that there's an organization that has mapped the area's signs and if the Township must comply with a requirement to locate all of its signs, it might be worth contacting that organization for that information. Mr. Gentzler feels that that database is a marketing tool for 3M, the sign company.

#### **Secretary/Treasurer/Manager's report – Dave Gentzler**

Sewer Authority – Joel Klinedinst reported that PP&L requested that the inverted siphon that's on PP&L's property be either removed or elevated. C. S. Davidson's giving cost estimates for three options to address this issue. The Sewer Authority will be requesting that PP&L give the Authority some assistance in relocating this line. The possibility exists that the Authority will need to refinance its loan and add this new expense into that loan payment. In short, it may be asking to borrow more money. More information will hopefully be available by the end of January. If sewer rates were to increase, it would increase across all users. Discussion was held on various points; buying the farm; deteriorating sewer lines; EDU use by some commercial customers.

Recreation Board minutes – no discussion

Zoning Officer -- Supervisor Rudisill asked about the Land Development plan for Shady Lane – hopefully the plan will be submitted by the deadline.

Ms. Taylor commented on items not included in her report; trash violations issued to 5230 North George Street extended; 891 Market Street was not cited because progress has been made. Ms. Taylor is keeping good documentation of her findings to build her case against the property owners. From the snowstorm on January 6 – 94 properties were posted with door hangers concerning timely snow removal. Junkyards – two permits to be renewed: 509 Jerusalem School Road and 1277 Conewago Creek Road.

**Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Chairman Gross, to renew both junkyard permits. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

Public Works Director – no questions

**Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to adopt Resolution 2015-3 to adopt the CPA firm of Marvin Fink and Company to perform the audit. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

2013 Liquid Fuels Audit – information/review only

**Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to adopt Resolution 2015- 6 for adoption of additional street lights on Espresso Way. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

**Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Chairman Gross, to purchase a John Deere tractor under the state contract for the budgeted amount of \$69,091.35. All members voted aye; motion carried.** The tractor is to be fitted with a snowplow attachment and a used rear flail attachment eventually. Is it wise to put a used attachment on a new tractor? Concern noted.

Mr. Gentzler requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

**Land Development/Subdivision –**  
Nothing at this time.

#### **Supervisor's comments**

Vice Chairman David L. Naylor – Beshore School Road and George Street – why not turn right on red? TRG is investigating the possibility.

Supervisor Barry E. Rudisill – nothing at this time.

Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr. – thanks to the other Board members for their confidence in voting him as Chairman for 2015. And way to go, Kristie, for handing out all those citations!

**Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to pay the bills as presented. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

**Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to recess to Executive Session. All members voted aye; motion carried.** The meeting recessed at 8:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 pm.

**Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill to pay 72% of Mt Wolf Borough's Fire Company Workers Compensation Insurance bill, in the amount of \$9741.00, and deduct 25%, (\$666.25) of East Manchester Township's bill for Northeastern Ambulance Workers Compensation from the check. Also, send along a letter explaining the formula for the Ambulance bill, East**

**Manchester Township pays half, Manchester Borough pays a quarter and Mt Wolf Borough pays a quarter. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

**Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Vice Chairman Naylor, to adjourn the meeting. All members voted aye; motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gentzler  
Secretary/Treasurer/Manager

Julie B. Maher,  
Recording Secretary