

**EAST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**December 10, 2013**

Present: Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr., Vice-Chairman David L. Naylor, Supervisor Barry E. Rudisill, Attorney Andrew Miller, Dave Gentzler, Manager/Secretary/Treasurer, Engineer Byron Trout, Zoning Officer Jon Beck, Recording Secretary, and fifteen 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 on December 3rd, the majority of the board met with representatives from the fire stations. No minutes were taken at that meeting and no action was taken.

Correction to the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2013: on page 1, Public Comments, the problem was with a "pole" building not a "pool" building. The minutes will be amended thus.

**Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2013, as amended. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

**Public Comments**

Joel Klinedinst referred to the house on York Street next to the park—it's been condemned as unlivable. Perhaps the Township could look at purchasing that property as an annex to the Township park. Something to keep in mind. Mr. Beck noted that the property was offered for sheriff's sale yesterday; unknown if it was actually sold. He condemned it as unlivable.

Wayne Bush presented the Northeastern Ambulance report for November 2013. Noted that the finances are down from a year ago, due to not getting paid.

**Emergency Services Report**

No report available at this time. Eagle withdrawing from the merger process and had requested a meeting with the Supervisors. Only two of the supervisors attended that meeting; Vice Chairman Naylor had a scheduling conflict. He was disappointed that he was not involved with that meeting. Why does Mt. Wolf want to discontinue the merger?

Mark Schroyer said another meeting can certainly be arranged. Jason Johnson presented a list of concerns, including a gas leak to which Station 23 was not dispatched; negative comments were made about that incident. Accusations were made that the chief of #22 did derogatory things to a member of #23; chief 22 actually had nothing to do with it; was left out of the loop for months. Radios for #22 needed to be reprogrammed, but they were told that the radios were taken because of merger failure fears. Conflicts arose over what would and would not be done on the engines. Reciprocal help was not evident. Training committee was to include both chiefs; recently Chief Kain has been overlooked. Duty officer issues have arisen; e-mails have not been sent as specified; 22 officer was told to get out of the truck and was not permitted to go on a call. Scheduling issues; SOP issues to be followed or not?

Vice Chairman Naylor asked if this was consistent with the issues presented at the

meeting where he was not present. Yes.

Troy Rentzel of the merger committee spoke, saying that these issues have been addressed. He was concerned that private meetings have been held. Chairman Gross noted that the meeting with the two Supervisors was only a listening meeting; no promises were made. When the Supervisors asked the merger committee how things were going, the response was always positive. The Board felt that all was going fine; and the Board didn't want to micro-manage the merger. Mr. Rentzel noted that when any merger committee meetings were held, few concerns were brought up.

Mr. Johnson requested that an outside person be in charge. Mr. Schroyer feels that the concerns were addressed in the merger meetings. Vice Chairman Naylor noted that concerns were not presented at any meetings that he attended. He urged the fire companies to complete the merger for the good of the citizens of all municipalities involved. Is the problem personalities?

Jen Smith spoke, noting she has spoken up at meetings and that Joe Stevens addressed her concerns. She feels that perhaps Vice Chairman Naylor is biased against #22 and that an outside chief should be selected to handle things. Economics is the simple answer to that problem. How about at least getting an unbiased person to handle a meeting or two? Vice Chairman Naylor apologized for seeming biased, as it was certainly not his intention. Is Mt. Wolf willing to continue discussing the merger?

Chief John Kain spoke, noting that he and Chief Stevens had numerous phone conversations to address issues, not always during public meetings. He also feels, as does Ms. Smith, that Vice Chairman Naylor is biased against Mt. Wolf. He feels that the members of #22 were treated with less respect than those of #23. He and Ms. Smith both noted that it seems that Mt. Wolf members are disciplined right away and members of #23 are not.

Mr. Schroyer said that they will come back to the table and continue the merger meetings.

Mr. Rentzel feels that there are more issues at play than what are on Mr. Johnson's list. He'd like an opportunity to review that list and be prepared to address those issues at a joint meeting.

Chairman Gross suggested that everyone needs to cool off. Regroup at the beginning of the year. The bottom line is that the Township cannot continue to fund both companies.

Robert Nace noted that he attended all the meetings; unfortunately Mr. Johnson missed many meetings and Chief Kain didn't say much. Mr. Nace agreed that the information that he heard was indeed positive. It's hard to have both sides' input if only one side speaks up.

Mr. Rentzel noted that the relief bylaws were drafted and approved by an attorney, ready to merge relief funds, and it would be a shame to discontinue at this point. Agreed.

### **Special Request**

None at this time.

### **Correspondence**

Northeastern Senior Center – thank you letter

York County Planning Commission Revised Fee Schedule – information only

Northeastern York County Sewer Authority Letter – don't put diapers etc., down the sewer system!

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

- Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Amendments – nothing at this time.
- 60 Mt. Hebron Road Ag Security Area Request – nothing discussed.

- Green Ridge Street Adoptions – surety in hand; developer made contribution for snow plowing, as hoped.
- Head Shop Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance – comments returned from police chief – Mr. Miller will incorporate appropriate parts into the ordinance; to be addressed at the January Supervisors meeting
- Mandatory Connection Ordinance for public sewer – based on expansion of Asbury Pines – includes the York Water Company sewer system – also includes a provision that if there’s a choice of two systems to connect to, the resident must connect to the Northeastern York County Sewer Authority’s system. Mr. Miller will send this document to J.T. Hand of the York Water Company and to the Sewer Authority for their comments and to keep them up to date; adoption at the January Supervisors meeting.
- Alycia and Dave Meile – 130 Riverview Road – no one present – address at Executive Session
- 465 Zions View Rd – discussion about HOP permitting and land development
- Water easement – Chairman Gross stepped down after turning the meeting over to Vice Chairman Naylor – Gary Frederick was present to discuss extension to review period; and submission for HOP permit to cross Zion’s View Road. The applicant is asking Township to accept the extension of time for the review of the land development plans, and requesting that the Township submit the HOP permit. It was noted that the extension of time is until January 31, 2014; if necessary, the developer will extend again, Mr. Frederick said.

**Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Vice Chairman Naylor, to accept the extension of time through January 31, 2014; two members voted aye; motion carried.**  
 [Chairman Gross not involved.]

Will Mr. Trout look over the HOP application before it’s submitted? Yes. It was noted that Mr. Trout spoke with the developer’s engineer and has not received any response. Mr. Frederick will check as to why. The permit cannot be submitted without the Township’s blessing, so to speak.

**Motion by Supervisor Rudisill, second by Vice Chairman Naylor, to approve the application for the HOP for two crossings on Zion’s View Road, subject to the Solicitor’s and Engineer’s approval of the entire application, the easement agreements; and the property owner’s signature being added; All members voted aye; motion carried.**

Vice Chairman Naylor turned the meeting back to Chairman Gross.

**Engineer’s report – Byron Trout**

- Inspections
- Plan reviews
- Correspondence

WIP and Chesapeake Bay Plans—costs to municipalities still unknown; estimates may be available by the February Supervisors meeting. Mr. Trout still recommends staying involved with the county plan.

Traffic study on Board Road was done. Reducing the speed limit from 35 to 25 was the original request; the traffic study recommended reducing it to 30 miles per hour. Mr. Trout reported that the spouting has been put onto the building (“pole,” not “pool!”), of the property discussed last month, but not on the rear of the building. Mr. Trout wants to be sure that the grading is properly done and/or require spouting on the rear of the building.

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

Sewer Authority – no questions or comments

Recreation Board – no questions or comments

Zoning Officer – no questions or comments. Mr. Beck noted that Louis Castriota of Leg-Up Farm withdrew the rezoning request.

**Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to rescind the request by Louis Castriota for rezoning of Parcels 22 and 25. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

Mr. Beck presented a memorandum for yard sales, etc., for the Board to review; discuss at Executive Session.

Mr. Beck reported that a property on Glenn Drive was condemned; the water had been shut off but people had been living there anyway. They had to vacate until the water is restored.

Public Works Director – Chairman Gross noted that Gut Road is so much better now!

Mr. Gentzler noted that fire companies' workers' compensation amount is more than originally budgeted and advertised. Changes to the advertised budget, per line item, may be made up to 25%.

Adopt 2014 Budget – **Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Vice Chairman Naylor, to adopt the proposed budget for 2014, with the following changes: line item 107.000, cash, Pligit increased by \$4,000 to a total of \$855,000; and line item 411.530, fire companies' workers' compensation increased by \$4,000 to a total of \$20,000. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

SPCA Contract – **Motion by Vice Chairman Naylor, second by Chairman Gross, to approve the contract for 2014. All members voted aye; motion carried.**

Liquid Fuels Audit for 2011-2012 -- clean audit! Any increases come with greater responsibility.

2013 Budget Transfer Requests – Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Supervisor Rudisill, to approve Resolution 2013-10 as presented. **All members voted aye; motion carried.**

5100 Sherman Street – the house next door – rejected all bids last month; option to negotiate with the bidder; no response yet for one reason or another. Shall Mr. Gentzler keep trying to contact Mr. Crouse? In the meantime, what does the Board want to do with the house? As an interim basis, could non-perishable food items be stored there for the Senior Center? The director of the senior center could get a key for access. Mr. Gentzler feels that the place can be cleaned up for this purpose. Vice Chairman Naylor suggested that volunteers from the senior center may be able to put some effort to this endeavor.

Joel Klinedinst suggested making sure that the food be limited to canned/jarred goods that won't attract rodents. To date, the items are indeed canned goods, Vice Chairman Naylor said.

Vice Chairman Naylor will check with the senior center to see if this is an attractive idea to them.

Set January Meeting Dates

The reorganization meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2014, at 7 p.m., and the regular meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, January 14, will indeed be held.

## **Land Development/Subdivision –**

Nothing at this time.

### **Supervisor's comments**

Vice Chairman David L. Naylor – Canal Road, northernmost utility cut is too deep; it has sunk considerably. Mr. Gentzler will contact the construction company again.

Supervisor Barry E. Rudisill – disposed of the truck? Yes; it's out of here, and everyone's mostly happy. Loader forks purchased? Yes. How about the mosquito spraying question from a couple of months ago? Mr. Gentzler called and left a message; no response yet. He'll stay on it. Is there still an on-going problem with trucks parking on Steamboat Boulevard? Request the police to make regular rounds in that area. Send a letter to the mayor indicating that the Township is concerned with that issue. Commendations to the Rec Board for doing a bus trip! Commendations to the staff for the Township brochure that was published, at largely no cost to the Township. This will likely be repeated every other year. Any more action on Espresso Way this year? Possibly, Mr. Trout said.

Chairman Steven H. Gross, Jr. – PPL gas line update? Nothing yet.

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

**Motion by Chairman Gross, second by Vice Chairman Naylor, to recess to Executive Session. All members voted aye; motion carried.** The meeting recessed at 8:39 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:08 p.m. There was no further discussion or action.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gentzler,  
Secretary/Treasurer/Manager

Julie B. Maher,  
Recording Secretary