

Lewis Township Supervisors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
February 3, 2016

The Lewis Township Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by Chairman Willard Murray at 7:00 P.M. at the Lewis Township building. Those present were Supervisors Willard Murray and Jay Douglas Bomberger and Duane M. Blakeney, Solicitor Benjamin Landon, Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger and 8 guests.

**\*\*\*Executive Session: Discussion of Legal Matters\*\*\***

Chairman Willard Murray announced that an Executive Session was held on January 28, 2016 in regard to a potential legal matter.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2016 Organizational/Regular Monthly Meeting as written.

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney to approve the January 2016 Financial Reports as presented.

**Public Comment**

A question was asked to why the announcement of the executive session held on January 28, 2016 was on the agenda if what was discussed cannot be disclosed.

**Township Reports**

***Supervisors***

Duane Blakeney reported, as representative of the Warrior Run Area Fire Department Board, about the insurance ratings for our district. WRAFD is one of five departments with a rating of three, which is good. Somehow Lewis Township and Turbotville Borough were omitted and have recently been added and will be receiving a letter regarding the three rating. Due to this rating residents may be able to a reduction in fire insurance premiums.

Supervisor Jay Douglas Bomberger complimented the road crew for their job well done this past year.

Roadmaster Willard Murray reported that the road crew is working to prepare equipment for spring, rebuilding the trailer and will soon be out patching pot holes.

***Solicitor***

Solicitor Benjamin Landon reported on the status of the Yannacone vs. Lewis Township case. On April 6, 2016, the judge will determine the date of the hearing.

## **Engineer**

A progress status report was submitted by Engineer Tom Levine regarding the Feasibility Study:

1. Prepared the study report outline.
2. Assembled portions of the study into a draft document that include:
  - a. Purpose
  - b. Facilities
  - c. Wastewater characteristics
  - d. Projected flow
  - e. Slug loading conditions
  - f. Identify facility renovations that are required and applicable to all the alternatives
  - g. Identify treatment alternatives
  - h. Identify biological nutrient removal alternatives
  - i. Nutrient Credit Trading and offsets
3. Developed the attached exhibits to be used in the study

## **Treatment Plant Operator**

Treatment Plant Operator Victor Derr reported the following:

- ✚ There were no violations for the month of January.
- ✚ The recent rain caused the flows to up.
- ✚ A milky substance has been present in the wet well, paint maybe. Vic would like to sample near Trent Road to see if that is where it is coming from the next time.
- ✚ Grease is still present. Vic plans to set the sampler for the school in a month or so when it warms up.
- ✚ The UV switches are working well. Vic reported an interference with the UV, believing it to be iron in the water. This caused him to clean the UV bulbs about every day. He has discussed this with Tom Levine to maybe come up with a solution to treat the wet well before the water goes through the rest of the system.
- ✚ Draft Permit Renewals: Five Points: pH testing will not be a requirement however Vic plans to continue to test the pH two or three times a week due to having pH issues. Also an annual maintenance report will be required. Main Plant: Ammonia will be required to monitor as well as once a year Chesapeake monitoring. Our lab testing costs will increase due to this extra testing.

## **Other Plant Business**

A motion was made by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to authorize purchase of calibration gas and four oxygen sensors for Tetra Gas Meters. The cost of the gas is \$180.00 plus \$55.00 hazmat shipping and the cost of the sensors is \$138.00 each plus shipping. The Secretary will invoice Skip Adams, Mill Hall and Point Township for their share of the gas and their sensor plus shipping.

## **Secretary/Treasurer**

Secretary/Treasurer Lucinda R. Bomberger reported the following:

1. The following reports were completed and submitted to DCED:
  - ✚ 2016 Municipal Tax Information Form
  - ✚ 2016 Municipality Report of Elected and Appointed Officials
  - ✚ 2015 Floodplain Management Activities Annual Report Form
  - ✚ 2015 Survey of Financial Condition
2. The following reports were completed and submitted to PennDOT Municipal Services:
  - ✚ MS965 Actual Use Report of State Funds for 2015 was filed online through dotGrants on January 22, 2016
  - ✚ 2016 Municipality Report of Elected and Appointed Officials (1 copy)
3. The following report was completed and submitted to DEP:
  - ✚ Combined Application for Reimbursement for Enforcing the PA Sewage Facilities Act and Onlot Sewage Disposal Program Annual Report for 2015
4. The following reports and certifications were submitted regarding Pension and Fire Relief:
  - ✚ The Municipal Pensions and Fire Relief Programs Certification was submitted 1/26/16.
  - ✚ 2015 Act 205 Actuarial Valuation Report
5. Courtney Solomon, CPA, began auditing January 11, 2016. The audit should be completed and filed within the next few weeks.
6. Bruce Barnes, Financial Advisor, is in the process of working on the PIB Loan Application. He will be getting information from Todd that is needed. I submitted the information he needs from me. A meeting will soon be scheduled with Barry Garverick from PennDOT.
7. W2s were filed and distributed to all employees.
8. Letters were sent for Delinquent Engineer Review Fees for 2015 to Enos Byler, John Vargo and Randall Hull. Mr. Hull has paid his balance in full. The thirty day deadline is February 8, 2016.
9. Delinquent Local Services Tax Notices for Self Employed, 1/8/16 and Employers, 1/21/16, whom I did not receive any LST throughout the year. All unpaid LST will be turned over to Statewide Tax Recovery.
10. Updates were made on the township website.
11. The Zoning Hearing Board met on January 21, 2016 for their Organizational Meeting.
  - Ed Reaser: Chairman
  - John Rovenolt: Vice-Chairman
  - Ronald Knopp: Secretary
12. The Planning Commission met on January 28, 2016 for their Organizational Meeting.
  - Charles Axtman: Chairman
  - Douglas Thomas: Vice-Chairman
  - Chris Trapani: Secretary
13. The Annual Report of the Lewis Township Planning Commission was submitted to the Supervisors.

**Old Business**

In regard to Hanson Aggregates there has been no word or change. Solicitor Benjamin Landon recommended obtaining an estimate from the township engineer for the cost of remediation of the road and then make a decision how to proceed.

**New Business**

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to approve the Pennvest Final Amortization: Modification of Debt Obligation and other Funding Documents Agreement. The Pennvest Loan payment beginning February 1, 2016 will be \$4,691.56, final payment being March 1, 2044.

A motion was made by Duane M. Blakeney, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to approve and authorize advertisement of rescheduling of the March 2, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting to March 9, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. due to the Secretary being out of town.

A motion was made to appoint the following as Township Auditors and authorize advertisement of the Auditor's meeting by Jay Douglas Bomberger, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney as passed:

Cindy English: Term Ending 2018

Robert Reed: Term Ending 2020

Thomas Worthington: 2022

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Jay Douglas Bomberger and passed to authorize payment of bill for the month of February 2016/

**Public Comment**

Karen Ulmer shared an issue with her neighbor burning black plastic. It was recommended that she call DEP.

A motion was made by Willard Murray, seconded by Duane M. Blakeney and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucinda R. Bomberger  
Lewis Township Secretary