

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Business Meeting held March 8, 2016

A workshop meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairman William L. Hornung, on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present in addition to Mr. Hornung were: William B. Hawk; William C. Seeds, Sr., Gary A. Crissman and Robin Lindsey.

Also in attendance was George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steven Stine, Township Solicitor; Chief Tom Swank, Colonial Park Fire Company, George Kunkle, Koons Pool Board of Directors; Jim Seidler, Greenway Committee; Lynn Wuestner, Friendship Center Director; Bob Thomas, Linglestown Area Civic Association; Dave Ionni, Deavon Woods; Eric Kessler, Vanguard Reality Group; and Watson Fisher, SWAN.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Seeds led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was presented.

**Chairman and Board Members Comments**

Presentation by the Colonial Park Fire Company regarding the  
proposed purchase of a rescue/pumper

Chief Tom Swank, Colonial Park Fire Company noted that the Board should have a copy of the bid specifications and pricing from Fire Rescue Products noting that Mr. Wolfe will have to have two signatures for the document, if it is approved to be purchased this evening. He noted that the original price was \$825,000; however the Fire Company reduced the price to \$763,268, minus the Firemen's Relief contribution of \$100,000 bringing the total to \$663,268.

Mr. Hornung questioned Chief Swank how he was able to reduce the price to that amount. Chief Swank answered that they did not get the dual chassis, going with a single-axle and they chose the wants and not the needs. He noted that there are not many bells and whistles

on this rig. Mr. Hornung questioned how much they saved the Township. Chief Swank answered \$162,000.

Ms. Lindsey questioned if the rig has on it what the Fire Company needs. Chief Swank answered yes, to serve the purpose. He noted the Fire Company and the Committee came up with the final product.

Mr. Crissman questioned if there were a lot of negotiations. Chief Swank answered yes.

Ms. Lindsey questioned what the trade in will be. Chief Swank answered that the 2000 KME will be traded in to a group in Lancaster, the same company that will purchase Linglestown's engine. He noted that they are willing to pay anywhere from \$70,000 to \$80,000.

Mr. Crissman noted from the time they start to build the rig how long will it take. Chief Swank answered that they gave him a time range of 330 to 390 days. He noted that originally he was told 400 days but they believe it could be less than 330 days; however, they are given up to 390 days. Mr. Crissman questioned, from past experience, what your guess is. Chief Swank noted that it takes about a year, but the performance bond will help. Ms. Lindsey noted that next year at this time you should have it and you will be holding on to the 2000 KME until you take delivery of the new rig. Chief Swank noted that is the deal that was made with the other vendor who will purchase it.

Mr. Seeds noted that there is a \$100,000 donation toward the rig from the Fire Relief Fund. He questioned Chief Swank if he is on that committee. Chief Swank answered yes. Mr. Seeds questioned if all the fire companies have representatives on that Committee. Chief Swank answered yes. Mr. Seeds noted that a letter was sent to the Committee requesting \$100,000 for each rig. Chief Swank noted that Linglestown Fire Company has come to an agreement where Mr. Wolfe is allowing the Fire Relief to spread out the donation to the Township so all \$300,000 is not given at the same time. Mr. Wolfe answered that he has not heard anything from anyone but what you work out, if it is spread out over the purchase year of the equipment would not be a problem at all.

Mr. Crissman noted that sitting as a public official he has to applaud the efforts of the fire company to be willing to step up and say that they will help in the purchase of the fire rigs by making the \$100,000 contribution for each rig.

Mr. Seeds questioned if Chief Swank had a conversation with PSD Spotts in regard to the contingency fund and what it will be used for. Chief Swank answered that the \$20,000 is for tool mounting, fabrication of brackets, and any of the miscellaneous equipment that will be transferred from the current engine to the new engine. He noted that any money not used in that will go to lowering the cost of the apparatus. Mr. Seeds questioned if the lettering and stripping will be paid in the bid. Chief Swank answered that is correct. Mr. Seeds questioned, if there are any remaining funds, would they come back to the Capital Plan. Chief Swank answered no, it would go into lowering the overall cost of the apparatus. Mr. Seeds noted that there was a question as to what would be done with any leftover funds. He noted that it is a great deal for the Township.

Ms. Lindsey noted when you were originally going to order this rig there was a discount attached to it since Linglestown was purchasing from the same vendor. She questioned if it is included in this pricing. Chief Swank answered that the prepaid discount is \$28,828 for our rig. He suggested that Linglestown's prepaid discount was about \$15,000.

Mr. Wolfe noted with the purchase of this unit and the Linglestown unit, you will have surpassed your allocation of funds for the capital equipment fund and you will be dipping into the Township's General Fund expenditure which will be paid back over time. He noted that won't be an issue, but it will become one when Paxtonia comes in to purchase its unit at a cost of about \$1 million; money that we will not have on hand. Mr. Seeds noted that we have done that in the past. Mr. Wolfe noted that is a discussion for another night. Mr. Seeds noted that these rigs are coming in much lower than we expected which is a plus. He noted that the Linglestown rig came in lower than expected so we are ahead at this time.

Mr. Hawk questioned if they use a base frame and then build upon it. Chief Swank answered that it is a custom chassis so they fabricate everything. Mr. Hawk noted when he looks a 330 to 390 days he had no idea that it took that long to build a rig. Chief Swank explained that it is built from the tires up. He noted that the Predator/Severe is an LFD Heavy Duty chassis and they don't have any sitting up there. He noted once they get the production order, they will start to make it.

Ms. Lindsey questioned where the rig is being built. Chief Swank answered Nesquehoning, up I-81. He noted that it is near Jim Thorpe. Ms. Lindsey questioned if you go up to view it during the building process. Chief Swank answered that they go up many times and make them fix things during the process. He noted that he would be willing to share production reports and pictures with the Board.

Mr. Hawk noted that he was impressed with the Fire Company's due diligence that they have done to narrow down the numbers to come up with something that is acceptable.

Mr. Hornung noted that we get a prepayment discount but if we did not pay it upfront, would we save funds from the interest income if we did not pay up front. Mr. Wolfe noted if we prepay, we get the credit and there is no finance charge. He noted that the interest income is less than 1% interest. Mr. Hornung noted that 1% of \$600,000 is \$60,000. He noted if we wait a year... Mr. Wolfe noted that you would have a finance charge from whenever we finance the rig. Mr. Hornung questioned if you can have the option to paying upon delivery or would we need to put a deposit down. Chief Swank stated that he can ask that question. He questioned how we did it before. Mr. Wolfe answered that he does not remember how we did it in 2009. He suggested that we did not take prepayment credits back then and paid it when we picked it up. He noted that we can look into it.

Mr. Seeds noted when they say \$28,000 prepayment it means that you are paying up front before they start to make the rig; whereas if you pay when it is done, a year from now... Chief Swank noted since you are paying the full amount, they are giving you that discount upon receiving the delivery of the rig. Mr. Wolfe noted that he will get an answer to the question and if the Board would approve the purchase tonight we will pay in the most cost effective manner.

Mr. Seeds noted that you would save \$28,000 by paying a year ahead of time. Mr. Hornung noted if you have the money sitting in a bank and gaining interest you would be making \$60,000. Ms. Lindsey noted that it would only be \$6,000 at 1% interest. Mr. Hornung noted that the rig may be made quicker if they get paid upfront, it is another factor worth considering as it is not always about the dollars and cents.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to purchase the rig with the caveat for the details of the payments to be worked out to the best financial advantage of the Township. Ms. Lindsey seconded the motion. Mr. Hornung called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Mr. Hornung requested Chief Swank to thank all the members for the great job that they do. He noted that the hours that your people put in blows his mind.

Presentation George Kunkle representing the Koons Pool Board of Directors

Mr. George Kunkle noted that he is on the Board of Directors for Koons Pool. He explained that his organization had a fundraiser for Koons Pool and raised \$1,300, and he just found out that they were granted a Local Share Gaming Grant for a little over \$25,000.

Mr. Seeds questioned who was that grant from. Mr. Kunkle answered the Gaming Grant that you sponsored us for. He noted that the list is out.

Mr. Seeds noted that he did not hear who won grants and asked Mr. Wolfe if he knew. Mr. Wolfe answered that it was announced last week and the Township received \$50,000 for the Comprehensive Plan Study; with \$40,000 going to Devon Manor and Penn Colonial pools each.

Mr. Kunkle noted that one of the major components of the grant was to put public water at Koons Pool. He noted before he wrote the grant he read the Comprehensive Plan and noted that one of the goals was to have as much of the community on public water as possible. He noted that Koons Pool is currently on a well and it has been a major problem for the organization. He noted that various state agencies are not too happy with the way things are going at the pool and we desperately need to put in public water. He noted, in order to apply for the grant he garnered estimates to have it done. He noted that he did not bother to come before the Board until he knew that they had the funds to do this. He noted that he wants to inform the Board that the pool desires to put in public water to make sure it is okay. He noted that the man who will be doing the work noted that the installation is on park land and for the public good, suggested that maybe the Township could help dig the trench. He noted that it is a 300 foot trench. He explained, at the lower end of the parking lot at the corner of Koons Pool Road and Balthaser Street, that is where the water meter pit will be installed. He explained that he has a price to do that work but we have to dig a trench to the pool and then we will hook up the water

to have public water. He questioned the Board what he needs to do now that we have the money to get this done. He questioned if we could get any help from the Township.

Mr. Kunkle noted that the pool is also installing a handicap tower to get people in and out of the pool. He noted that some of the concrete decking will be replaced around the pool adding hand rails. He noted that they are reworking the entrances from the bathhouse to the pool area to make it ADA compliant. He noted that Troop 68 from Linglestown has a boy scout who is working to redo all the picnic tables and making new ones and another boy scout will be putting in a lot of shade sails. He noted that the pool does not have much shade.

Mr. Kunkle noted that they are making strides. He noted that Ms. Wuestner provided him with the Koons Pool assessment that was done in the past. He noted if we would have a problem with the pool it would cost major dollars to repair. He noted that we want to install public water from Balthaser Street to the pool.

Mr. Seeds suggested that Mr. Kunkle should meet with Suez Water and with the Township. Mr. Wolfe noted that the water company has to be involved. Mr. Kunkle noted that they already are as they provided him the specifications for the meter pit. Mr. Seeds noted that the work would be done on Township land. Mr. Crissman noted that we need to determine what the costs would be. Mr. Kunkle noted that Hummel Mechanicals will be doing the work and he provided an estimate to him of between \$11,000 and \$12,000 which is included in the grant, so we have the money to do it. He noted that he is giving the pool a great price but his backhoe is a little small for digging that big a trench. He noted that it was suggested that the Township may be able to dig the trench and Mr. Hummel will fill it back in.

Mr. Seeds noted that you need to meet with Suez and Mr. Wolfe to discuss this. Ms. Lindsey questioned Mr. Wolfe since it was on Township property, could we dig the trench. Mr. Wolfe answered yes.

Mr. Hornung noted that the organization would do the backfill and staff would open trench. He noted that the organization would seed and grade the trench.

Mr. Seeds questioned if you would be digging through the parking lot. Mr. Kunkle answered that we can go through the grass noting that there are a few asphalt sidewalks that are in the way and that is all we would encounter. Mr. Crissman noted that is why we need the

parties to lay out the plan to determine what needs to be done and who will do it, and at what cost. Mr. Kunkle noted that he has the costs and we know who will do it noting that they will have to make the PA One Call. He questioned if he should meet with Mr. Wolfe.

Ms. Lindsey questioned how old is the pool. Mr. Kunkle answered that it was built in the 1950's. He explained that the pool needed someone to do the website so that is why he is on the Board. He noted that there are six board members and we do everything. He explained that one of the goals for the grant is to use all local contractors so Eric Wright is going to replace the concrete and Hummel will be doing the water line.

Mr. Hornung questioned Mr. Kunkle if they will be doing the same membership drive at his store as they did last year. Mr. Kunkle answered that they need to get moving on that now. Mr. Hornung noted that last year you got between 20 and 30 memberships. Mr. Kunkle noted that we had an early membership drive last year as we needed some funds. He noted that the artisan trial really helped the membership. He explained that the Board co-sponsored three loans for the pool in the past and he hopes to pay one loan off soon, and then use those funds to pay off the second loan. He noted when we get the loans paid off it will free up funds for the cash flow.

Ms. Wuestner noted that she provided Mr. Kunkle with the 2007 assessment for the pool. She noted that she also has other information at the Friendship Center that may be helpful.

#### Presentation by the Greenway Committee regarding a sidewalk connection

Ms. Wuestner noted that she just found out now that the Greenway Committee did not receive the grant that it applied for with the Local Share Grant for one of the major projects that they wanted to do. She noted that she just informed Mr. Seidler of this at this time. She noted that was their major focus and now they will have to redo their projections for the year. Mr. Seidler distributed the Committee's 2014 Action Items to the Board, noting that the Committee recently revised the Action Items and heightened them. Ms. Wuestner noted that the items in red are the items they have accomplished since they came up with the list.

Mr. Seidler, Chairman of the Greenway Committee thanked Mr. Wolfe for working on the grant process with him.

Mr. Seidler noted that the three pages are long-term, short-term and on-going projects. He noted in italics on the right side are some of the things the Committee has been working on. He noted for the George Park trail, with the help of Mr. Kline and the Public Work's staff have coordinated efforts to get a significant section of the trail completed. He noted that many things have not been completed in the park, especially the paved trails. He noted that he is present to illustrate what the Committee is trying to encourage more funding to be able to continue with some of these projects. He noted that they would like to do another 1,500 feet of trails next year from the Possibility Place around the soccer field and back to the Edna George Memorial. He noted that he appreciates the Board's funding to get this work done.

Mr. Seidler noted that the Nyes Run Trail had significant acreage donated to the Township years ago but to do the delineation of the wetlands that needs to be done by an engineer is quite costly. He noted this is another area where the Committee is investigating grant funding. He noted that another area they are looking into is the Oak Park Trail which would be a trail that runs along the Oak Park Road corridor. He noted that the owner of the property and floodplain wants to unload the property now so we are in contact with him. He noted that the floodplain in that area is not nearly as bad as the Nyes Run area. He noted that the Nyes Run area floods quite often; but for the Oak Park Trail, flooding is quite rare, and putting a ¾ mile trail in that area is something we have been looking into.

Mr. Seidler noted page two lists the short-term projects, and we continue to look at the crosswalks and sidewalk connectors. He explained that is the project that we did not get the funding for and it was the main focus for the Committee as it is a high pedestrian area by the Paxtonia Elementary School, from the corner of Jonestown and Nyes Roads to the entrance to George Park. He noted that we had the permission from the Central Dauphin School District to use their land, and we tried to get some funds but now we will have to look at other possibilities.

Mr. Seidler noted the Autumn Oaks Development has a trail project they put in place and have paved a significant section of it and they plan to do Phase II in the future. He noted that they put up a sign to illustrate where the trail is, but there is no signage for the trail itself. He noted they will complete the second phase around the outskirts of that development during the second phase.

Mr. Seidler noted page three lists the on-going projects. He noted that we are continuing to update the walking brochure and it will be posted on the website. He noted they did some trail maintenance for Kohl Park, adding an additional 500 to 600 feet of trail this past year after they did the upgrade to the watershed. He noted that they are working on connections from Lamplight Park to George Park, and Mr. Kline and his staff have been very helpful.

Mr. Seidler noted that the Community Engagement Committee (CEC) has raised about \$8,000 for the past two years for the 5k Race. He noted that he has been working closely with the CEC. He noted that they doubled the size of the race last year, and they plan to double it again this year. He noted that Stray Winds Park was dedicated providing  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of trail that will be used eventually. He noted that they put some significant bridges in that could be driven on, and it will be a nice addition to the parks system. He noted that we are trying to do the best we can within our mission statement for trails, walkways and sidewalk connections. He noted that there is a large Greenway Plan that was put together some years ago and it has been very difficult to get trails in those corridors. He noted that the Committee has been working on different projects over time and some have strayed from what was expected.

Mr. Hawk noted that the Nyes Road Trail has N/A listed after it, so, does that mean that it is not applicable. Mr. Seidler answered that the original grant that Mr. Luetchford applied for fell through and that is why it is listed that way. He noted they will work to update the list and it will probably be removed from a high priority listing.

Mr. Hawk noted where you have a check mark after items are those items completed. Mr. Seidler answered that they are items that have been completed.

Ms. Wuestner noted that Mateer Field is currently being used in place of one of the baseball fields that was removed from the Public Works Facility. She noted that Committee has met with the President of the Community Association for Mateer Field, Joe Victor. She noted that the Greenway Committee along with the Parks and Recreation Department have been working with Mr. Victor to utilize the fields within the three-year contract. Mr. Hawk noted that the items that have a check mark are items that have been completed; however there are other things within the priority listing that need to be followed up on. Ms. Wuestner noted that there are items the Committee has dabbled in or some have been completed. She noted that the

Greenway Committee is looking to continue the George Park trail through the next phase having completed one phase up to the Edna Mae George Memorial. She noted that the next phase will go around George Park. She noted that the Greenway Committee has been working with the Capital Area Soccer Association (CASA) who will be building their new storage shed and concession building near where the path is planned. She noted that CASA has reviewed the plans and they moved some of their building to the left so it will not interfere with the walkway.

Ms. Wuestner explained that the Committee continues to charge through the list noting much was done over the last year with the help of Public Works, CEC, and Parks and Recreation Board. She noted that the walking brochure was recently updated and it will be going to print soon. She noted that they will provide a copy to the Board members as soon as it is done. She explained that new trails will be added to the walking brochure in the future years. Ms. Lindsey questioned where the residents can get the brochures. Ms. Wuestner answered at the Friendship Center, the Municipal Center, and a link will be on our website.

Mr. Crissman questioned if the information that was shared tonight needs to be revised since it is not reflective of not receiving the local share grant. Ms. Wuestner answered yes. She noted that she only found out before this meeting that they did not get the grant. She noted that one of the major concerns for the Greenway Committee is what to do next since they did not get the grant.

Mr. Crissman noted when Mr. Seidler was discussing the items that have been done, noting that the race has double in attendance in the past two years, he was expecting him to make a plug for the event since this is a televised event. Mr. Seidler noted that the title sponsor for the race is Highway Supply. He noted that the date of the race is July 16<sup>th</sup>, starting and ending at the FC. He noted that the Variety Bank will be playing again and the entrance fee is \$20 with online registration available next month. He noted that sponsorships letters will be going out shortly. He explained that the event is a credit to all those who work on it and to those who participate in it.

Mr. Seeds noted that information and sign-ups will be available at the FC as well.

Ms. Lindsey questioned if anyone contacted the school district in regards to the sidewalk at Paxtonia. Mr. Seidler answered yes. Ms. Wuestner answered that they gave the approval but

were not interested in supporting it financially. He noted that they would lose several parking spaces but they were fine with that.

Mr. Hawk noted that the Greenway Committee made a recommendation to purchase property from Chris Chianos. Ms. Wuestner noted that Mr. Chianos currently owns the land in question. Mr. Seidler noted that we were looking to use Mateer Field as a trail head but there is another property owner who is adamant against letting the trail cross his property even though it is located on the other side of the stream. He noted that it looks like we will not be able to run the trail from Mateer into Oak Park Road. He noted that Mr. Luetchford, the Greenway Committee, and Parks and Recreation Board were able to get the use of Mateer Field as the land was not being used. He noted that the association was idle and they reconstituted their organization and it was our hope that they would donate the land to the Township. He noted at this time the Township is leasing the land but he does not know what will happen after the end of the three year lease.

Ms. Lindsey noted that the Public Work Department is doing a fantastic job in getting the field in shape, rebuilding the bleachers and maintaining the fields. She suggested that the neighbors are probably happy as well.

Mr. Hornung questioned if you have looked into seeking funding from the private sector. Mr. Seidler noted that other than what the CEC is doing for our race, we have not done that. He noted that the CEC is proposing to have money in place that different organizations may use through some small grants. He noted in regards to the Greenway fundraiser, we have not done that.

Mr. Hornung questioned if they could put up plaques for the Greenways stating that it was donated by an organization or group. Mr. Wolfe answered that they could put up recognition plaques but no advertising signs.

Mr. Seeds noted that the Parks and Recreation Board is looking to get sponsors in the parks and at the FC. He noted that he belongs to the Capital Area Greenbelt and over the years they have done fundraising as he has purchased trees and did memorials. He noted that you may want to look at their organization to see how they run it and raise funds. Mr. Seidler noted that

they have the Friends of the Greenbelt. Mr. Seeds noted that Dr. Lacasse from our Shade Tree Commission is very active with that group.

Mr. Hornung requested Mr. Wolfe to show the viewing public how to access the sign up for the 5k Race. Mr. Wolfe noted that it is very easy to sign up on line for the race.

Mr. Crissman noted that he would like to get an updated copy of the Action Plan once the Committee has revised it. Mr. Hornung noted that it would be good for those making presentations to provide the handouts ahead of time so that we can show it to the viewing public.

Presentation by Bob Thomas representing the  
Linglestown Area Civic Association (LACA)

Mr. Bob Thomas noted that he is the president of the Linglestown Area Civic Association. He distributed a copy of his presentation to the Board members.

Mr. Thomas noted that the purpose of his attending the meeting is to explain what their small association of about 50 volunteers is doing. He noted that they are a 501-C3 organization and it is their fifth year of existence. He noted that their purpose is to try to improve the community atmosphere of Linglestown through civic engagement. He noted this past Saturday they took part in the first of four annual roadside pickups. He noted that LACA serves as a liaison to the Township to represent the local citizens, and he wanted to let the Board know some of the things they have planned for this year. He suggested that LACA should do this every year.

Mr. Thomas noted there are three events that he wanted to make the Board aware of and the fourth item is a request for help. He noted that last year the Village celebrated its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they had banners that were hung from the light poles in the Village. He noted that LACA has been in discussion with PPL to rehang the banners. He noted that LACA has signed a contract with PPL and is waiting for their approval in order to hang the same anniversary banners for this year. He noted in order to hang any banners a new contract will have to be signed yearly. He noted that forty banners will be hung and those banners need to be removed by the end of October of each year. He noted in 2017, they will look into hanging different banners, noting that it will be the Township's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and maybe they could be mixed in with the Village's banners.

Mr. Thomas noted that they plan a new event, a Memorial Day Mile to coincide with the American Legion's Memorial Day parade. He noted that it will be a fundraiser event to occur solely in the Village and the funds will be used for the Heroes Grove Memorial in keeping with the spirit of Memorial Day. He noted that we had a great turnout for the 5 k Race last year and the only complaint that it was a long walk for walkers so this year it will only be one mile that will work through the Village right before the parade. He noted that the Legion will extend their parade permit on the front end to get some additional time.

Mr. Thomas noted that Linglestown will once again do the Taste of Linglestown Event that was conducted last year as a fundraiser for the 250<sup>th</sup> event. He noted that it will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup>, a Monday night from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. He noted that tickets will be \$15 for an adult and \$10 for a child. He noted that you will get a wrist band and walk your way through the Village noting that the food vendors and all businesses will have tables to show what Linglestown has to offer. He noted that they plan to have a historical exhibit and there will be entertainment. He noted that the proceeds from this event will help to fund a second Welcome to Linglestown sign. He noted that the sign that is going up is over six feet and it will be located next to the cemetery on Mountain Road.

Mr. Thomas noted that LACA is responsible for decorating the Christmas tree at the Square. He noted that we have a carol sing, tree lighting, and a Linglestown Jingle on New Year's Eve. He explained that there is a lack of an electrical supply in the outer area of the square. He explained that he was told that the poles belong to PPL and the projected cost to put in a receptacle would be between \$800 to \$1,300 per pole. He noted that they would like to have one near the Christmas tree as there is a light pole near that location. He noted that we would also like to have electric by the new clock. He noted that is where we do the tree lighting and carol sing. He noted as these events grow we now have a need for a public address system and those providing entertainment need a power source. He noted, in the past, we used a battery powered megaphone. He noted that the crowd was so large last year that people were unable to hear what we were trying to say.

Mr. Thomas questioned if the Board would be willing to look into this.

Mr. Seeds noted the Eagle Hotel supplied power to the tree in the past and now Murphy's Automotive is supplying the electric power. He noted if those properties would change hands there is no guarantee that they would have power for the tree. He noted that it would be beneficial to be able to power the lights for the tree off of an electric pole. Mr. Seeds noted that the Township pays for the electricity for the lights as PPL owns the poles. Mr. Wolfe answered that is not true. He noted that we don't pay for the electricity, we pay a rental fee for each pole. He noted that there is no meter for the street lights in the Township. He noted that we have a meter on the square, in the northwest corner to power the clock and he suggested that the northwest corner could be provided with a receptacle, but getting power from a street light, if PPL says you are okay to do it then you are okay to do it.

Mr. Thomas questioned if that is something he should initiate on his end with PPL. Mr. Seeds noted that there would be a cost to switch it from the 220 to the 110 watts. He noted when we have the carol sing we get the electricity from the restaurant. He noted that he did not know how to do this. Mr. Wolfe noted that you would take it off the same power source.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Township has power on the northwest corner, assuming that it is sized properly, we could put a receptacle in. He noted for the southwest corner that is a PPL streetlight, PPL would have to approve the installation of a receptacle. Mr. Wolfe noted that it would be used once a year for the Christmas tree. Mr. Seeds noted that he did not know how they would charge the Township for that. Mr. Hornung suggested that Mr. Thomas should get with PPL as they will probably want to do the work and they would provide a bill for that work. He noted if you come back to the Board with that information then we would know if we could put it in next year's budget. He noted that we need more information before we can commit to this project.

Ms. Lindsey questioned Mr. Thomas if he has talked to PPL about this. Mr. Thomas answered no and he also had to sell his membership on this. He noted that he wanted to know if the Board would support this as he was looking to maybe split the costs with the Township but that is a discussion down the road.

Mr. Hawk noted that the Board has been considering ways to enhance the visibility of Lower Paxton Township along the Route 22 corridor and Linglestown corridor, but you had a

very successful 250<sup>th</sup> celebration and it brought people from all over to Linglestown. He noted that you are bringing Linglestown notoriety in a very unique and special way by capitalizing on the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He noted that you have the parade and the Taste of Linglestown and it reminds him of a community on the West Shore, Mechanicsburg that has their Jubilee Day. Mr. Thomas noted that we are trying. He noted that our challenge is that we are a small organization as we have big ideas but few funds. He noted after the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration the people were saying that we should do this every year but everyone realized that it was not realistic. Mr. Hawk noted that it is all about getting people excited about living in our community. Mr. Thomas noted that we are unique in Linglestown and we are trying to build on that.

Request to modify the Deavon Woods subdivision plan  
to remove a curbed median on Plowman Ridge Road

Mr. Wolfe noted that Dave Ionni is the developer of Deavon Woods and he is requesting permission from the Board to modify the subdivision plan as it relates to traffic calming.

Mr. Dave Ionni explained that he is a custom home builder in the Township and is the builder and a resident of Deavon Woods. He noted that in the recent past, many residents have approached him about the traffic calming devices in the development. He noted that he has three medians that are landscape islands that were installed as traffic calming devices. He noted that generally, you will see them located in the Township in long stretches of straightaway where you are trying to slow traffic down by narrowing the cartway. He noted that he has a unique neighborhood, a curved linear development. He noted that the total development has 35 homes on 35 lots. He explained that it is not super high density and has only one way in and one way out. He noted that he has a loop but it is not a thoroughfare road. He noted that no traffic from outside Deavon Woods comes into the development to gain access to other areas.

Mr. Ionni noted that the roads are not straight in the neighborhood which is part of the design. He noted in the area of the first ten lots there are three medians. He noted that is allot compared to Old Iron Estates, as they have two at the entrance and one in the neighborhood in a straight run of homes that are 15 to 20 homes long on each side, so for 1,000 feet they have one median. He noted that they have 120 homes in Old Iron Estates and he has 35 homes; they have one median he has three. He noted that they generally don't have much traffic coming through

their development which is similar to his development, but they do have two entrances. He noted that he tried to calm some of the neighbors down as they are upset about three things. He noted that it is very difficult to plow snow noting that he is doing that as this time. He explained that the Township will take over the roads soon and they will have to plow the road and the people will come to complain to the Board and not to him. He noted that he is trying to head this off before it becomes the Township's problem. He noted that the road is narrow where the median is and there is no place to push the snow. He noted that he ends up doing a poor job of plowing and the residents will complain.

Mr. Ionni noted that driveways are the second issue. He noted when you have a median drivers can only enter their driveway from one side. He noted as a builder he always tried to put the driveway on the high side of the property as it creates an easy driveway for the property and with medians you sometimes have to put the driveway in the lower side of the property, and it may require building it up and putting in a retaining wall to make it level. He explained that it makes it tough for him and there is another builder who is building in the development and it makes it tough for him as well. He noted when you have a 100 foot median there is no place for street parking. He noted that you can't park in front of a driveway, mailbox or fire hydrant or where the medians are. He noted that you can't park 20 feet before or after the medians. He noted that he has very little on-street parking and people get frustrated, and they park next to the median. He displayed some pictures that he took in the past few weeks to show what the parking situation looks like. He noted that a UPS Truck stopped to deliver a package in the median, and a homeowner drove down the opposite side of the median in the wrong direction and was almost hit by an oncoming car. He noted that it creates an unsafe situation. He noted that the second picture shows a cleaning lady who parked her car in front of a fire hydrant as she could not park in the driveway or in front of the house as there is a median there. He noted that he has issues with all the driveways and mailboxes that prohibit parking. He noted that he came to the Board to find a way to solve this problem.

Mr. Ionni noted that Old Iron Estates and Mindy Meadows have one median in their developments, both are located in straight stretches of the road. He noted that he does not have a straight stretch of the road in this community.

Mr. Hornung noted that the Board has the idea and he suggested that it is time for questions.

Mr. Crissman noted that Mr. Ionni is the developer and he proposed this as it is in the original plan and now he is saying that he has three reasons for why he should not have designed it this way. He questioned why he didn't know that when he started the project. Mr. Ionni answered that he did not foresee it. He explained, when he met with the engineer and Mr. Wolfe to question what he could do, he did not perceive the problem but he is trying to get it fixed. He noted that he met with his engineer to find out why there are so many traffic calming devices in such a short space and he was told that it was required because the Township Engineer wanted it and we asked for a waiver. He noted in theory this is a longer cul-de-sac than what the Township normally approves. He noted that more traffic calming devices in a shorter span was proposed for this as it was a longer cul-de-sac. He noted that it stands to reason that a straightaway or a thoroughfare road would need more traffic calming devices but a cul-de-sac gets less traffic. He noted that it did not seem like a logical reason but that is what everyone went along with. He noted if he would have seen this in the beginning he would have said it doesn't look right.

Mr. Seeds noted that he did not recall the plan but it is longer than what is allowed in the ordinance and you would have had to get a waiver and he assumed that Mr. Ionni got a waiver as you put in the traffic calming devices. He noted that Dauphin Engineering did the plan but now you have to get all the residents to sign off in order to remove the islands. Mr. Ionni noted that is his proposal. Mr. Seeds questioned if he has done that yet. Mr. Ionni answered that he has not but he questioned if he was able to come back with a unanimous approval from the residents as well as land owners, would he get the support of the Board to remove one. He proposed to keep the beginning and ending median and only to remove the middle median. He noted that he would do that at his cost. He explained, two to three years from now when the development is completed, and he requests the Township to take over the road you will have more people coming to the Township asking the Township to remove the medians. He noted by doing this now he is trying to solve the problem.

Mr. Hornung noted that you have several legitimate reasons for pulling them out, why are you only pulling one, why not two or three. Mr. Ionni answered that he would be glad to, and

explained when he met with Mr. Wolfe he was told that taking away traffic calming devices is a very difficult thing to do. He noted that he is aware that he needs some traffic calming but if the Board would be in favor of removing all three, the residents would want that. He noted if that is reasonable he would be glad to do it.

Mr. Seeds questioned if the first median coming into the development is part of the split to make it one way in and one way out. He questioned if it goes all the way to the intersection. Mr. Ionni answered yes, but it also goes in front of the first two homes. He noted that they have zero parking in front of their home. He noted that he is willing to leave it in. Mr. Seeds noted that your request was to remove only the middle median.

Mr. Crissman noted that the goal was to put traffic calming devices in the roadway and since you relied on the expertise of the engineer who recommended it, and now you want to remove one median, what do they suggest replacing it with. Mr. Ionni answered that he met with Dauphin Engineering as they were the original engineer asking for suggestions and he was told that it was not needed as it is an excessive amount as it is. He stated that they suggested that two is reasonable but three is excessive. He suggested that there was no need to propose anything in addition to it as we have a nice curved linear fashion development. He suggested that removing one would be reasonable.

Mr. Seeds questioned if Mr. Ionni stated that all the owners and lot owners have agreed to this. Mr. Ionni noted that he is proposing to seek their approval, and if they do he questioned if the Board will support the removal of one median.

Ms. Lindsey questioned when the first house was built. Mr. Ionni answered in 2009. Ms. Lindsey questioned if he had complaints from the very beginning or did it just happen this year since we had 30 inches of snow. Mr. Ionni answered that he had complaints but not as many since he did not have as many residents living in the development before. He noted as the community fills in, the parking issues becomes bigger and bigger. He noted that snow was not a big issue until we had the big snow fall this year. He noted that it is difficult for a snow plow and soon the Township will be plowing the street. Ms. Lindsey noted that she went out there and she was thinking the same thing that when we take over the roads they are very narrow.

Mr. Crissman noted that it is not unique as we have other developments within the Township that do have those dividers going into their developments. Mr. Ionni answered that he agrees, but not as many. He noted that he has three within ten homes and most have three within 100 homes. He suggested that it is excessive.

Mr. Crissman noted that he understands the problem but he does not know how to resolve it. He stated that he feels bad that it was not resolved before you started. He noted that we can't go back and we have to move forward.

Ms. Lindsey questioned if they have to have some type of calming device with that road. Mr. Wolfe answered that the Board approved the waiver with traffic calming as a grounds for the waiver. He noted that it is not to say that they have to have it, but that is how it was approved. Ms. Lindsey questioned if there has to be some type of traffic calming, not necessarily the islands. Mr. Hornung noted that there is no requirement for traffic calming, it was just a tool to encourage the Board to provide the waiver. He noted that he thinks the only one needed is the one at the entrance and he is not sure about that one. He noted if you drive into the development with a trailer it makes it very difficult. He noted that it is also difficult for plowing as well. He stated, at some point, it will become the Township's problem and he is not in favor of any medians. Ms. Lindsey noted that she agrees with Mr. Hornung. She noted that parking is an issue having someone park by the fire hydrant, and she is looking to the future when the Township has to take it over.

Mr. Wolfe noted that he hears what the Board is saying and Mr. Ionni has offered a reasonable proposal. He noted if the Board wants them to be removed, it is the Board's decision but when it is completely built out and the developer is gone and it matures and teenager's start to drive, we will get the calls about people speeding up and down the streets. He noted that we are getting them in Amber Fields in a situation where there is just local traffic. He noted that he is throwing that out as a cautionary thought that when people speed up and down streets like this they call us and ask us to do something. He noted in this situation and others like it, there is nothing we can do. He noted that we spend much of the Police's time sitting in front of a person's home looking for the one car that goes 55 miles an hour up and down the road.

Mr. Seeds questioned if it is true that he has to get all the residents to agree to this. Mr. Wolfe answered yes and Mr. Ionni stated that he would do that. Mr. Seeds noted that it would be up to the Board to agree to approve it.

Ms. Lindsey questioned how many homes are built. Mr. Ionni answered that there are 24 sold lots or homes and 35 total lots so he has 11 unsold lots. He noted that he is two-thirds of the way there.

Mr. Seeds noted that you would only need to get the permission for the lots that were sold. Mr. Ionni noted that he would go to all 24 lot owners to seek their approval.

Ms. Lindsey noted if we remove the islands what the width of the street is from curb to curb. Mr. Wolfe suggested that it would be 30 feet. Mr. Crissman questioned if the discussion to remove the one you requested or is it to remove all of them. Mr. Ionni answered that he is confused as well as it has evolved from the center median to all three. He explained that he is willing to do either but he would like to know what the Board thinks and he is happy to propose that.

Mr. Crissman noted if we kept the first one at the entrance and removed the second and third ones that would give you the elegance of coming into the neighborhood and it will alleviate the problems. He noted that it would be consistent with other developments that we have within the Township as well.

Mr. Hornung noted if you are looking for traffic calming he would keep the second one and get rid of the first and third. He noted if they are coming through they won't be able to go that fast so the first one is totally useless for traffic calming and the third one is at the other end would have less people encountering that one. He noted that the middle one would be the most appropriate one to calm traffic. Mr. Crissman noted that he does not disagree with that either, but he questioned what the right solution is. Mr. Hornung noted if we want to keep traffic calming, we should remove all but two. Mr. Ionni noted that is a great point but look where number two is located, on a curve. He noted that it is as sharp a curve as we have in the community. Mr. Crissman noted that it is a traffic calming device as it is a curve, a natural traffic calming device.

Mr. Seeds noted that he looked at the road and the middle one makes it very difficult to access the driveways. Mr. Ionni answered that is why those lots are not constructed yet. Mr.

Seeds noted that he did not see a problem with the first and third islands but there could be with plowing or trucks. Mr. Ionni noted that he is having issues for the people who are trying to move in near the third median. He noted that the second one is not as big an issues since no one lives in front of that island.

Mr. Seeds noted that some of the residents may want to keep one or two. Mr. Ionni noted that may be the difficult issue trying to get the residents to agree to which ones to keep and which ones to get rid of. He stated that he will be stuck with the status quo. Mr. Crissman suggested that Mr. Ionni should stick with his plan.

Mr. Seeds noted that he would go along with what the residents want. Ms. Lindsey noted that you have 24 residents and they may not agree on which ones should be removed. She suggested that you don't give them a choice. Mr. Crissman noted that he has to have 100%.

Mr. Hornung noted that he is fine with the removal of the second median. Ms. Lindsey noted that you said if we would allow the removal of all three you would be in agreement. Mr. Ionni noted that he would be okay with that but he is not sure what the residents would say. He noted that they have not given him specifics as he told them that he would approach the Board to see what could be done. He noted if he had known that the Board would be open to the removal of all three he would have gotten the residents opinions. Ms. Lindsey questioned if anyone bought their homes because they like the medians. Mr. Ionni answered no but they may enjoy having the plaza entrance with the first median. Ms. Lindsey noted that they may like keeping the first one and removing the second and third. She questioned, for the first one, how many houses on either side are affected. Mr. Ionni answered one for each side. Ms. Lindsey noted that they would have to park down the street from their home. Mr. Crissman noted that it is no different from any other developments where they have that set up that we have approved that has worked well. He noted that his support would be for the recommendation to remove the second median as the road has a curve itself.

Mr. Ionni noted that he will take it back to the residents and hopefully he can get a unanimous approval. Mr. Wolfe noted that Mr. Stine can tell you what you need to do once you get the residents approval. He noted that it would be a simple plan amendment. Mr. Ionni questioned if he would have to go before the Board. Mr. Wolfe answered, once you have the 24

signatures, you come before the Board with one plan sheet showing the amendment with the removed median. He noted that it would not go before the Planning Commission.

Ms. Lindsey questioned if Mr. Kline could look at the third median to determine how the plow would be able to work around it. Mr. Wolfe noted that staff would use a pickup truck to plow in a cul-de-sac. He noted that he would have Mr. Kline look at it. She noted that she is concerned about the third median for plowing when we take over the roadway. Mr. Crissman questioned if we have it within other developments in the municipality. Mr. Wolfe noted that we have it all within the Township. Mr. Crissman noted that we have it in the Forest Hills development.

Review of a sketch plan for Vanguard Realty Group proposing the Development of 12.65 acres northwest of the Linglestown Road/Colonial Road intersection

Mr. Wolfe explained that this sketch plan is for the property that is northwest of the intersection of Colonial Road and Linglestown Road. He noted it is behind the existing Sheetz building and west of the Weis Market. He noted that this property does front a small portion of Linglestown Road and extends back to the area across the street from the Weis Markets. He noted that Mr. Kessler is proposing a commercial development with retail and restaurant activities.

Mr. Eric Kessler noted that the property is under 13 acres and is zoned Commercial Neighborhood (CN). He noted that the current sketch plan shows 80,000 square feet of various retail buildings which will be a combination of retail, restaurant and a small financial office. He noted that it is a typical neighborhood community center.

Mr. Kessler noted that his engineers are continuing to work with PennDOT. He stated that the Weis Markets is also expanding and he is using the same people at PennDOT to coordinate the project. He noted that he is working with DEP, having a meeting with them tomorrow. He noted that the property is now out of the flood zone and he has received a letter of map revision from Federal Emergency Management Agency. He explained that it took him five years to accomplish this.

Mr. Crissman questioned what triggered that since for so long it had been wetlands. Mr. Kessler answered that the land had been in the flood zone not because anyone did any work there or examinations, it just was. He noted that is what the charts showed. He noted that no one ever looked at it and when he purchased the property he had his engineers look at it. He noted that they surveyed the wetlands etc. and discovered that baring the boundaries which is the stream, it is out of the floodplain area. Mr. Crissman noted that as long as you have the documentation. Mr. Kessler answered that it took five years of work and the Township has signed off on the map revision.

Mr. Kessler noted that the property is zoned commercial neighborhood and what you see before you requires no waivers or variances; it meets the ordinance. He noted that he has over 500 parking spaces making the parking lanes of travel wider than what he has on Route 22. He noted that employee parking is located in the rear and truck deliveries are in the rear and the main entrance is directly opposite the Weis Market main entrance on Colonial Road. He noted that they line up and he has a secondary entrance on Linglestown Road. He noted that he is working with PennDOT regarding that intersection. He explained that the traffic survey work is completed and he is coordinating everything with PennDOT and working with the Weis Market's Engineer.

Mr. Crissman questioned if there has been any discussion if a traffic light will need to go in at that location. Mr. Kessler answered that there is no warrants for a traffic light. He noted that the discussion was very pointed; PennDOT said he wouldn't get the warrants for a traffic light. He noted Colonial Road north of Linglestown Road is not a state road, it is a Township road.

Mr. Seeds noted that Mr. Kessler mentioned that Weis was expanding but in the past they pulled those plans. Mr. Crissman noted that the Board has discussed that. Mr. Kessler noted that he knows what the Board knows. He noted that they are looking into expanding the store and it looks like they are going to purchase the land next to them to make the store larger.

Mr. Crissman questioned if you could discuss the entrance on Linglestown Road. Mr. Kessler answered that he is not sure of what they will be doing as this is a very preliminary plan; but he noted that it has not been determined if it is a right-in and right-out or maybe also a left in

as you are driving east along Linglestown Road. He noted that there is already a stacking lane for the Sheetz and this would just turn off short. He noted that he has met with many retailers and their brokers and they all agree that they need the entrance in and out along Linglestown Road. Mr. Crissman questioned if the entrance would be the tiny street next to the old school house that was converted into a private residence. Mr. Kessler noted that Mr. Crissman is thinking about Forest lane; he already has a curb cut at this location. Mr. Seeds noted that it would only be an entrance not an exit, at least to go left. Mr. Kessler noted that we don't know what it would be at this time as Grove Miller Engineering is working with PennDOT to decide what they will agree to.

Mr. Kessler noted that it will be public sewer and public water and will have fire hydrants and will be sprinklered.

Mr. Seeds questioned how many square feet are proposed. Mr. Kessler answer that it is between 80,000 to 83,000 square feet. He noted that he is working on stormwater system and he is meeting with DEP.

Mr. Crissman noted on the left side three quarters of the way up it shows it is R-1, there is a little street shown on the plan; will it become a problem. Mr. Kessler noted that Forest Lane intersects on the left side, it is the street you were referring to. He noted on his property all along that area is a flowing stream and it is heavily wooded. He noted that it will stay that way. He noted that the trees are very tall, all overgrown hardwood trees. Mr. Crissman questioned if there would be an issue with the R-1 zoning that is continuous with your property and that the street will dead end. Mr. Kessler noted that Forest Lane goes from Linglestown Road to Wimbledon Drive. He noted that it is not paved as most of it is stone and only 150 feet is paved off of Linglestown Road. He noted that there is vacant land as the houses are kind of pushed in. Mr. Crissman noted that he did not know where Rustic Lane would go.

Mr. Kessler noted that he wanted to share the plan with the Board to seek its feedback explaining that it has taken about a year to get this plan to this stage, trying to get it to the point where there are no waivers or variances needed.

Mr. Hornung noted the one thing he does not like, especially in the area of Paxton Towne Centre, is that to get to the retailers you have to go past the front entrance of the stores. Mr.

Kessler noted that he is not going to do that and explained that it is an intentional design. Mr. Hornung noted that he regrets that we approved that. Mr. Kessler noted that this will not be that way. Mr. Hornung noted, to get to the back retail area you have to go past all those retailers on the left side. He noted in order to get to some retailers people would have to drive past the other retailers to do so. He noted that people walk across the driving area and cars have to stop to give the pedestrian the right-of-way, noting that it creates a pedestrian issue and it stops traffic a lot. He suggested if they could drive in another way to get to the other retail areas. Mr. Kessler noted that we have looked at this and will continue to do so. He noted that the next step is the stormwater management system, which will probably be below grade. He noted on the left side, the shaded retailer will probably be one anchor store, not a grocery but a discount type of store. He noted that some of the buildings will morph a little as the tenants step up, having their own design issues trying to make everyone happy. He noted that he made the parking lot isles wider.

Mr. Seeds noted that Paxton Towne Centre is not good but for Colonial Commons, you drive along all the stores and there are always people walking out in the travel lane. Mr. Hornung noted especially when you see parents with kids. He noted that so many people are going in and out of Giant you need to brake all the time. Mr. Kessler noted that they are the victim of their own success. He noted that he is not sure what the answer is but we are aware of it and he has hired a civil engineer and a separate firm for parking and traffic.

Mr. Seeds noted that Karns is the same way as you always have to stop for pedestrian traffic.

Mr. Crissman noted that all the parking is pull in but he suggested if you had a pedestrian space in the middle of the parking lot that goes across the entire parking lot from east to west it would be good for those people who are heading for the building to the west. He noted that they must walk between parked cars. He questioned if you could provide a walking isle for pedestrians, a central walk space to get to the western building. Mr. Kessler noted that he would lose 20 parking spaces to do that. Mr. Crissman noted that it would provide safety for people to get to where they need to go. Mr. Kessler noted that he would look at it. He noted that he exceeds the ordinance for parking but he never feels that there is enough parking.

Mr. Hornung noted that there are islands at the end of the parking areas. He questioned if they could be moved in the center. Mr. Kessler noted that he could look into it but one of the functions of the end island is to provide a safe place for the parking lot lights.

Mr. Hawk noted when you are backing out people walk behind you and you can't see around the cars to back up.

Mr. Kessler noted that he will look at it to see if he could change the light standards into a central 12 foot wide walking path. He noted that he will lose some parking; however, he will meet the ordinance. Mr. Hornung noted that you might pick up the space from the islands located at the end of the isle. Mr. Kessler noted that it is a very preliminary sketch plan.

Ms. Lindsey questioned if he was looking at five retail or offices tenants. Mr. Kessler explained that he has met with a number people, having more national restaurants that he would want to put in as he is limited to a maximum of four. He noted that there are hundreds of homes along the Linglestown Corridor and one of the things the traffic survey engineers found is that they feel having a neighborhood center to service the neighborhood will help to lighten the load off of Route 22. He noted that it is a good by product.

Ranking of short-term and long-term goals developed by the  
Board of Supervisors through a visioning process

Mr. Hornung questioned if it would be easier to do this as a public meeting in Room 174. Mr. Wolfe noted by function it would work better. Mr. Crissman noted that it could go real fast as he is only asking the Board members to rank the short-term and long-term goals. He noted if we rank the goals and provide that information to Mr. Wolfe then he could compile the goals and the next time we work on this we will have that done.

Mr. John Trish, 600 Prince Street noted that he had an observation. He noted that he was watching on television on home and could not make out what the Board was discussing. He noted that he received a flyer (Township Newsletter) in the mail that says what the Board did or didn't do. He noted since Mr. Crissman wants to put his thoughts forward he would appreciate if the Newsletter, where it says what the Board of Supervisors considered and decided to do, he noted that he needs to know that the Board is paying attention to everything, noting that some of

the traffic studies in the plans, where waivers were approved, go back 20 years and back then, he has told the Board not to approve waivers, and he may be wrong. He questioned back then, why the Board approved waivers when the law is the law and now we have a gentleman who has a problem with his development. He noted that he can appreciate if the Board wanted to go into the smaller room to discuss what it wants to discuss but his problem is are we doing the right things. He noted that we are spending a lot of money, half million dollars for a truck wash at the new maintenance building, and that is coming up on the tenth, having a public meeting to discuss that or the bids are coming in on the tenth.

Mr. Crissman noted that the issues that he has asked the Board members to prioritize are items that the Board has been discussing for several weeks. He noted if you had attended any of the other sessions you would have heard the issues that we have been brainstorming. He noted that last week we took all of those items and categorized them for long-term and short-term goals and we defined what a short-term and long-term goal is. He noted that he was asking the Board to prioritize them so we can reach consensus to determine what the number one goal is. He noted that the next step will be to lay out an action plan for implementation knowing that a project has to be started and completed within a two-year period. He noted he is only asking the Board members to prioritize the goals so we can move on to the next step.

Mr. Trish questioned if the Board discussed that during the last meeting. Mr. Crissman noted that we discussed it in public session. Mr. Trish noted that he has that recorded at home. Mr. Crissman noted that Mr. Trish was not in attendance at the meeting last week. Mr. Trish noted that he watched it at home but you are telling me that I could bring that video from home and you will tell me that everything you discussed with the Board is on that tape, he did not think so. Ms. Lindsey noted that the Board met last month at 6 p.m. before the 7:30 p.m. meeting and it was open to the public. She noted that we did the same thing last week at 6 p.m. which is open to the public, but it was not televised. She noted that we were in room 174, and the meeting was open to the public and Mr. Fisher was in attendance. Mr. Trish noted that the only reason he came up to the meeting tonight is that you said that something that was not on television, that he could not record, the Board discussed it, but you put out the Newsletter, now is everything you discussed in our meeting in that newsletter, no. He noted that the only thing in the Newsletter...

Mr. Crissman noted that we observe very tightly in this municipality the Sunshine Law. He noted when we advertise that we are having a discussion about something as Ms. Lindsey just explained, it doesn't mean that it has to be in this room and on television. Mr. Trish answered that he understands that, he noted that his request tonight... Mr. Crissman requested Mr. Trish to allow him to finish, when it is published, it is open for the community. He noted that anyone of the 60,000 people who live in the community are invited to attend, and there are some people who sit in the room who attend every one of our public sessions. He noted that they would attest, if he needed to put them on a witness stand, to say it was discussed publicly. He noted that he does not want Mr. Trish to say that we are doing something in secret. He noted that we are not. Mr. Trish noted that he did not say that what he said was he would appreciate if we, when we receive the Newsletter that we pay good money for, and on the back side of the newsletter we pay for the Friendship Center, which only one third or one percent of the citizens take advantage of, all he is saying is if in that newsletter, other than saying that the Supervisors acted upon the following things, you would say that they considered this and decided to do this. Mr. Crissman noted that is going to happen after we finish the process.

Mr. Hornung noted when the Board decides things for most of the time it is televised but there are some things that are difficult to discuss on TV, not that they are private information, but we sit in a smaller room and the meeting is open and the public is invited and we advertise them. He noted that he has no problem putting that in the newsletter for what we discussed is public information and it is recorded in the minutes. He noted that you could read the minutes from all the meetings so it is all public accessible. Mr. Trish noted when he received the Newsletter, four or five pages has to do with the Township and when you flip it over it is the Friendship Center. Mr. Hornung noted that he acknowledges Mr. Trish's complaint but he is not going to change it. He noted that a small percentage of the Township participates in the Friendship Center. Mr. Wolfe noted that the Friendship Center portion is paid for by the Friendship Center and not the Township. He noted that the Township's portion is filled with the Township's business and it is properly recorded in that all Board decisions show up in the Township's Newsletter. He noted the minutes of Board's meetings are posted on the website including minutes of meetings that are not televised. He noted that everything that you are asking, the answer is yes, it is being done.

Mr. Trish noted that he will accept that but all he is saying since the Newsletter goes out to every resident he would like to see more of what the Supervisors' considered or didn't consider in that other than they took action on certain items. He noted that there are certain things that happen that are not included in the Newsletter and he is not making accusations, but he would like to see more of it in the Newsletter.

“Otta Know Presentations: The 2015 Dauphin County Police Services Study

Mr. Wolfe noted that this is a document that the Board needs to be aware of as it was released by the Dauphin County District Attorneys' Office who commissioned the study. He noted that he will not try to review it with the Board but Lower Paxton Township and the other municipalities in Dauphin County, including all Dauphin County Police Departments were studied in 2014 and 2015 to determine if any regional police efforts could be undertaken and would they be cost effective. He noted that recommendations were made for seven types of regional police efforts and there are financial figures provided for each one. He noted that the document speaks for itself but there is no specific implementation schedule. He wanted the Board to be aware that the documents exists.

Mr. Hornung noted that most of the considerations especially some of the larger consolidations proposed a considerable amount of financial savings. He noted that will be attractive to some municipalities to move forward with this. He noted that some will be large decisions to consolidate police departments in the area. He noted that there are more factors to be considered other than the financial part of it. He questioned what the next step will be. Mr. Wolfe answered that there is no next step that he is aware of. He noted that no one can force any municipality to disband its police department and regionalize. He noted that the next step would have to be initialized by Boards of Supervisors or Commissioners, Borough Councils or City Councils.

Mr. Crissman noted that the study is being release and that is it, there is nothing to say that after a period of six months when everyone has time to read it that they will gather together and have further discussions with the County. Mr. Wolfe noted that the study has been released

and he is sure that someone at a higher level will take that step in the coming year but he knows of nothing scheduled at this time.

Ms. Lindsey noted that we do not need to make comments on the study. Mr. Wolfe answered no.

Mr. Crissman noted that the study would have a major impact on this Township when you look at the statistics recorded within the report.

Mr. Seeds noted that it is a good report and it would behoove many smaller municipalities to take a look at it.

Mr. Hawk noted that he sat in on a few of the meetings noting that Swatara Township and Steelton have combined forces. Mr. Seeds noted that Paxtang Borough has combined with Swatara Township. He noted that you may see, if the State ever gets a budget, you may see the State offer some money to help do something. He noted that he has heard rumors of that.

Mr. Crissman noted that the study is unique to each municipality as the impact is different to each municipality. He noted that we must look at it to see how it impacts Lower Paxton Township and what are the strengths, weakness, and cost factors. He noted that we need to review this. Ms. Lindsey noted that the savings is not the only factor, you have to look at the whole aspect of it. Mr. Crissman noted that every municipalities needs are different.

Mr. Hornung questioned if there is any place the public can go to see the report. Mr. Wolfe noted that it was commissioned by Dauphin County so they could contact Dauphin County. He noted that it has been released publicly. Mr. Hornung suggested that it would be on the Dauphin County website. Mr. Crissman noted that it is on Dauphin County's website so if you are interested you can find it there.

### **Announcements**

Mr. Hornung noted that prior to this meeting and following the meeting, the Board met in executive session to receive information from Mr. Wolfe.

## **Adjournment**

With there being no other business, Mr. Crissman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

William B. Hawk  
Township Secretary