

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Board Meeting held July 19, 2016

The business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 7:56 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 L. Lindsey.

Also in attendance was William Weaver, Sewer Authority Manager; Steve Stine, Township Solicitor; and Watson Fisher, SWAN.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Hornung suspended the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance as it was previously recited at the beginning of the Sewer Authority Meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Hawk made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2016 Business meeting. Mr. Hawk seconded the motion, and a unanimous vote followed.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Hornung noted that a group that does robotics from the community has requested to make a presentation under public comment. He noted that Rocky Lalvani has spearheaded this group and has gathered a group of young men and women to work on their interest in robotics. He explained that he invited Mr. Lalvani to come to the meeting to provide a short version of what he is doing with these youths. He noted that Geeta Lalvani, Rocky's daughter will start the presentation.

Ms. Lalvani noted that the name of their group is Informal logic and they are a team located in the Township. She noted that she is Geeta, the team captain, and her other team members are, Bhuvi, TJ, and Tej.

Ms. Lalvani thanked the Board for allowing her team to make this presentation. She noted that they are part of the organization called For Inspiration and Recognition of Science, and Technology (FIRST). She noted that they are one of 46,000 different teams from 86 different countries. She noted that the program encompasses four different smaller programs covering grades K through 12 and she is part of the Grades 7 through 12 program. She noted in this area, there are three other teams, two are Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, and one at the Dauphin County Technical School.

Ms. Lalvani noted each September there is a challenge release and they have to build a robot to meet that challenge. She noted that they will compete in December through April to make it to the World Championships.

Ms. Lalvani questioned, why we do this. She explained that it provides the young people with Science, Technologies, Engineering and Math (STEM) opportunities. She noted that today there is a shortage of young people who are qualified to go into jobs in these fields. She noted that there are major gaps for these jobs with no one qualified to fill those jobs. She noted that the robotics team allows young people the opportunity to learn skills necessary to fill these gaps that are starting to occur. She noted that the First Tech Challenge (FTC) allows us to learn how to build a robot and collaborate and learn some of the different fields. She noted that there is a lack of FTC Teams for this area and they are trying to fill the gap by providing more young people an opportunity to learn these new skills that are necessary for their future careers. She noted that one reason there is a lack of teams is because the program is so expensive. She explained that the

budget for this year's projects is \$18,500 which covers the parts for the robots and all fees involved in the competition to include the travel and registrations costs.

Ms. Lalvani explained that there are very few technology companies in the area and it has been difficult to find funding. She noted that the group is learning to think critically and outside the box, noting that we build the robot in an attempt to win the challenge. She explained that last year her team qualified to be in the Pennsylvania State Challenge. She noted that they also won some other awards for creative robot design because they built a collection system that was unlike all the other teams.

Ms. Lalvani noted that they need to build a website. She explained that the logos that you see on our shirts are on our website that you can visit at [www@informallogic.club](http://www@informallogic.club); everything you see is created by the team members. She noted that they manage their own social media accounts through Facebook and the YouTube is run by the students on the team. She noted that they are learning marketing skills, promotion sales, and technical writing and public speaking skills.

Ms. Lalvani noted that they have two upcoming events, one this Saturday where they will be appearing on WJTL, FM 90.3, Kids Cookie Break from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. She noted that next Saturday, on July 30<sup>th</sup>, they will be doing a demo at the Whitaker Center which will demonstrate the robot that they have with them this evening, in addition to other robots from the area.

Ms. Lalvani noted that this reaches farther than the robots as some of the members are working on other STEM related projects. She noted that TJ is a Boy Scout and he is working on a robotics as an Eagle Scout project. She noted that she is doing the equivalent as a Girl Scout to earn her Gold Award. She explained that she is working with Harrisburg University and Girl

Scouts to organize a STEM Day event to expose middle school age girls to opportunities like this. She noted that it reaches further than just their robot.

Ms. Lalvani noted that the robot is totally awesome, and it can move in multiple directions. She explained that they utilized 3-D printing technology for the adaptor for the wheels to connect to the robot base to make it spin. She noted, since the wheels can move in any direction, they decided to let the robot dance so it dances to the Cupid Shuffle. She explained that it was preprogram to do this as well as play its own music. She proceeded to demonstrate the robot to the audience.

Ms. Lalvani noted in addition to dancing they have a controller connected to it so it can communicate between two phones one on the robot and one in her possession.

Ms. Lindsey questioned how long it took to build the robot. Ms. Lalvani answered that it took about five hours.

Mr. Crissman questioned if the group is working independently of any school. Ms. Lalvani answered that the members come from several different schools, but they practice at school. Mr. Crissman noted that Dauphin County Technical School does this as they have a major program in robotics. He noted that Messiah College has a tremendous robotics program and they compete internationally with what they do. He noted that they are in great company coming from various schools, but even within your own schools this program is developing. He applauded their efforts.

Ms. Lindsey questioned if there are more than four students on the teams. Ms. Lalvani answered that there are two to three more members. Ms. Lindsey thanked the group for making the presentation.

Mr. Hornung thanked Rocky Lalvani for his leadership.

Mr. Virginia Alexandria, 5906 Pine Hollow Court noted that the garage door at the Public Works building was left open and that is unusual.

Ms. Alexandria noted that she wanted to comment on the discussion that took place last Tuesday in regard to Waste Management asking to have their contract amended for an earlier start time for both commercial and residential. She noted that some residents commented that they were not in favor of the amendment and at least two supervisors intimated that they would vote no. She noted that all seemed to have the same reasons, waking the residents way too early. She noted that there was no vote on the proposal and consequently, Chairman Hornung made a statement to the effect that it was selfish to oppose the change. She noted that Mr. Hornung felt that it should be changed because of the hot weather for one of the reasons. She noted that checking different weather sites it seems that the average number of days above 90 degrees a year in the mid-state is around 20. She noted that it seems silly to change an entire contract for 20 or 25 days a year. She noted if you start that precedent then you will have contractors and construction workers wanting to do the same thing. She noted that looking at it from a perspective of a resident who is awakened at 6:30 a.m. every Monday through Friday by Township workers, she does not believe that it is selfish on the part of those who are opposed to the change. She noted that waking up residents that early all year long to accommodate 20 to 25 days of uncomfortable heat seems extremely unreasonable to her.

Mr. Christ Chianos, 4327 Williamsburg Drive, Apartment A, questioned Mr. Hornung if he was going to meet with him. Mr. Hornung apologized, noting that he will call him tomorrow to set up that meeting.

## **Board Members Comments**

Ms. Lindsey wanted to thank the Community Engagement Committee for the 5K Run/Walk that they sponsored on Saturday. She thanked the volunteers as well. She noted that there were over 140 participants and Mr. Wolfe came in first in his category.

Ms. Lindsey noted that we will be having a Police Academy Reunion for the 14 classes that have participated in this event. She asked if you are watching this and have gone through the Academy to contact the Police Department with you name and address, phone number and email. She explained that the reunion will be held On September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Township Municipal Center. She noted that they plan to have an update annually for those who have attended the Citizen's Academy. She stated, if you have not attended the Academy, it is worth taking 11 weeks out of your schedule to go through it.

Mr. Crissman noted that it was the third year for this 5K Arts Run Walk event and each year it has grown and continues to do so. He noted the success is due to the volunteers and the sponsors, and a little bit of marketing has gone a long way to support this event. He noted that Mr. Wolfe's daughter won in her category as well. He explained that many people also walked the course.

Ms. Lindsey noted that it took her 53 minutes but she finished the race.

Mr. Crissman noted in two weeks on Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the National Night Out event will be held so please mark your calendar as it is a tremendous event for the community. He noted that it provides a time for the community to interact with the police, fire, EMS and other service organizations.

## **Public Safety Director's Comments**

Mr. Hornung noted instead of his making the comments on National Night Out he will have Public Safety Director (PSD) Dave Spotts make those comments. He noted that this is a means to engage a greater connection between the Police Department and the community. He noted that he did not want to steal anymore of PSD Spotts thunder and he will let him explain the event.

PSD Spotts thanked the Board members for their kind comments in regards to the services that the Police Department provides for the citizens of the Township.

PSD Spotts noted that Supervisor Lindsey noted that the Citizen's Police Academy was 11 weeks but it is only one night a week for three hours.

PSD Spotts noted on August 2<sup>nd</sup> the National Night Out for Public Safety event will be held at 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. He noted that anyone who has an interest in anything the Township has to offer, not only government services from emergency responders, civic groups, Friendship Center, anything you can think of that is offered in Lower Paxton Township by the Township or by Dauphin County will be provided. He noted that it is an opportunity to get information about anything that is going on and you get free food and drinks. He noted that it is free for the residents to attend.

Ms. Lindsey noted that National Night event will be held at George Park.

PSD Spotts noted that the First Annual Lower Paxton Township Police Department Minute Man Games will be held on August 28<sup>th</sup>; a 5 K Run/Walk that also has stops along the way for skill events. He noted that it is set for any fitness level and he encouraged all Township residents to attend to support the Police Department. He noted that it is posted on the Police webpage and additional information will be available at the National Night Out event.

PSD Spotts noted that the Board asked him to speak to the terrorist attacks worldwide and the targeted attack of police officers in the United States, to provide a brief overview of our level of preparedness here in Lower Paxton Township. He noted before he did that, from the bottom of his heart, and he speaks for every member of the Police Department, he wanted to thank the citizens for the unprecedented outpouring and support that has come the Department's way since the murders of police officers in Dallas. He noted that he posted an open letter to the community on the website last week and had over 13,000 views of that. He added, every member of the Police Department has gained a pound or two in the last week for all the food donations that have been brought to the Department. He noted that people stop the officers on the street to thank them for the job they are doing. He noted that it is indicative of the level of trust that exists between our community and emergency responders and the Police Department that exists in the Township. He noted that it has been a humbling and uplifting experience in a time that is very difficult for law enforcement nationwide to deal with. He noted that he truly appreciates the support that the citizens are showing by word and deed to our Police Department and it will not be forgotten. He explained that he has lived in the Township for over 20 years and has served as the Public Safety Director for over seven months and he loves the job as he witnesses the community and first responders working together as a team. He noted that we will constantly work to make it better.

PSD Spotts noted in terms of where the Police Department is for overall preparedness, for many years all the emergency response services in the Township have been affiliated with South Central Task Force which is the regional counter-terrorism task force recognized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for this region. He noted that we have taken advantage of training and exercises over the years to increase the level of readiness to respond to a high

critical mass casualty incident. He noted that we also partnered with the Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center so that we can both send and receive information and intelligence on threats to our area. He noted that we are getting as much advance notice as we can and are submitting information to them as well for distribution. He noted that he cannot promise that something like what occurred in Nice, Dallas, or Baton Rouge won't happen here, but he can promise you that we are aware of the risk. He noted that we have a plan in place now but we are always looking to improve the plan and while he will not discuss specific tactics with the public, the plan is being addressed and improved. He noted that the bottom line is if you are not improving you are getting stale and getting bypassed.

Mr. Crissman noted that it was an excellent report for the community especially since you have indicated the good things that have recently occurred and it speaks well of our Police Department and the community.

Ms. Lindsey wanted to thank PSD Spotts on behalf of the Board as you are doing a great job and we appreciate it. PSD Spotts noted with this kind of community and talent, it makes the job much easier.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Action on a proposal from HRG, Inc. for engineering services to design channel improvements upstream of the Earl Drive Culvert

Mr. Weaver noted that this agenda item has been tabled. Mr. Crissman noted that Ms. Letavic was unable to attend the meeting.

Action on a proposal from Weber Murphy Fox to provide project  
Management services for the Friendship Center priority project

Mr. Hornung noted that the Township did not receive any bids for this project and it was decided to break the one large bid into smaller bid documents. He noted that the Township needs someone to oversee this process.

Mr. Weaver noted that Mr. Wolfe asked him to review the memo that he prepared, noting that you have a proposal from Weber Murphy Fox to prepare bid specifications for the Friendship Center Priority projects. He noted that it will be divided into four smaller projects to include construction of a climbing wall, movement of the glass walls, reconfiguration of the main reception station including points of ingress and egress, remodeling of the passive activity area into a cardio theatre, and the LED relamping of the light fixtures in the natatorium. He noted that Weber Murphy Fox proposes to prepare the bid specifications for the smaller projects at a cost of \$40,211 based on 6% of the total costs of the priority projects. He noted that the proposal also includes a list of other potential costs which include items that are typically associated with construction projects. He noted that Mr. Stine would be happy to answer any questions that you have.

Ms. Lindsey noted that the supervisor fee is \$5,000 and she questioned if they will have someone on site all the time. Mr. Stine noted that they will not be there full time as typically with construction projects, you don't have full time inspection.

Ms. Lindsey noted that we are paying for a cell phone at \$100 a month for a total of \$600. She suggested that it seems a little high. Mr. Stine noted that he is not familiar with that. Ms. Lindsey questioned what the roll off dumpster is for. Mr. Stine noted that Mr. Wolfe was looking into that. Mr. Weaver suggested that the cell phone costs are a part of the other incidental costs that could be over \$41,000 depending on how much time they will be on the job.

He noted that it is part of the list that may exceed the \$41,000. Ms. Lindsey noted if they are only showing up once a week for supervision, \$5,000 is a lot of money. Mr. Weaver noted in this day and age it is not a lot of money. He noted that he pays his son's cell phone bills. She questioned if they are using that cell phone on other jobs as well and everyone is being charged. Mr. Weaver noted that it is an incidental cost that may or may not happen. Mr. Stine noted if some from Bink is not on site all the time they will be available by phone.

Mr. Crissman noted that we discussed this during the workshop session as we received no bids the first time and we have no other choice but to accept this proposal in order to move forward. He made a motion to approve the proposal from Weber Murphy Fox to provide project management services to the Friendship Center project. Mr. Hawk seconded the motion.

Mr. Don Haschert, 5908 Pine Hollow Court noted a few weeks ago there was an approval of a certain amount such as \$500,000 to do this project. He questioned what that specific amount was. Mr. Hornung noted that he does not have that information but he could call him with that information. Mr. Stine suggested that was the architect's estimate but since we received no bids we don't know until we get a bid. Mr. Haschert questioned if the Board approved a certain amount for this job. Mr. Hornung answered no. Mr. Stine suggested that an amount was not approved, but the Board authorized to let the job, to be put out for bid.

Mr. Hornung called for a voice vote with four ayes and one nay vote by Ms. Lindsey.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Resolution 16-30; Federal-Aid Reimbursement Agreement with PennDOT for the Jonestown Road Bridge Project

Mr. Weaver noted that Resolution 16-30 will authorize the execution of a Federal Aid Reimbursement Agreement for the final design in regard to the replacement of the Jonestown Road Bridge over Beaver Creek. He noted that Mr. Wolfe provided a memorandum noting that

this agreement is to supplement the existing agreement to provide additional federal and state funds for final design of this project. He noted that the final design is estimated at \$131,000 noting that \$250,000 has already been allocated for this project for a total of \$371,000. He noted that Lower Paxton Township and West Hanover Township are responsible for 5% of the total project costs at \$18,550.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Resolution 16-30 for the Federal-Aid Reimbursement Agreement with PennDOT for the Jonestown Road Bridge Project. Mr. Hawk seconded the motion. Mr. Hornung called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Action on easement agreements for four properties in the  
Winfield Street Storm Sewer Project

Mr. Stine noted that these are the last four easements that need to be acquired for this project. He noted that 297 Care Street is the building where Comcast used to be or is still located. He noted that the other three properties are the Wilkes, Witten and My DYLA. He noted that they are mostly easements for drainage and the installation of new stormwater management facilities pipes. He noted if you have any questions he will be happy to answer them.

Ms. Lindsey questioned if the Board already approved the Witten property at an earlier meeting. Mr. Stine answered that he did not think so as it may have been another one. Ms. Linsey noted that we already approved that one for \$1,300. Mr. Stine noted that HRG is doing these easements. Ms. Lindsey noted that the proposal for Witten was to provide them \$800 and they wanted \$1,300 so it was determined to be easier to settle then go through litigation.

Mr. Crissman noted that the easement agreements will provide for a better storm sewer facility so he moved to approve the four easement agreement properties identified by Mr. Stine. Mr. Hawk seconded the motion. Mr. Hornung called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

### **Improvement Guarantees**

Mr. Crissman noted that there were no improvement guarantees.

### **Payment of Bills**

Mr. Seeds made a motion to pay the bills of Lower Paxton Township, Lower Paxton Township Authority, and payroll checks. Mr. Crissman seconded the motion. Mr. Hornung called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote followed.

### **Announcement**

Mr. Hornung noted if anyone is interested in obtaining more information on the robotics display, they are called Informal Logic. He noted that the students put on a very good demonstration.

Mr. Crissman noted that there is no meeting next week and our next meeting is Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Seeds invited everyone to come to National Night Out Event prior to that meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Crissman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Seeds seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle  
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

William B. Hawk  
Township Secretary