

Lower Milford Township

Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Board of Supervisors

May 16, 2024 Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Ellen Koplin, Chair; Lowell Linde, Vice-Chair; Timothy Cogle, Supervisor; Mark Cappuccio, Township Solicitor; Emily Fucci, Township Administrator/Secretary; and 9 members of the Public.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34PM by Koplin.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Cogle to amend the agenda to include under "Action on Subdivision and Land Development" the Limeport Commons request for esrow release #1 and the ratification of the stipulation agreement for SJC Development Group, Inc/6341 Hoffman Lane to allow for an extension of time to submit uniform construction and land development plans. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Gary Decker requested the Board provide a reference letter for his appointment as Lower Milford Fire Warden. Decker provided background information on his experience and training. Motion by Linde to provide a letter of recommendation to Gary Decker for his appointment as Lower Milford Fire Warden. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Koplin announced an executive session was held on May 16, 2024 for litigation.

Lehigh County Executive Phil Armstrong provided the Board with an overview of Lehigh County's recent achievements and provided information on the upcoming upgrade of the 911 system that will require the purchase of new radios. Armstrong introduced Adrianna Calderon, Public Information Officer, and provided her contact information. Koplin asked if the Township would be able receive the inspection report for the County bridge located in the Township.

Motion by Cogle to approve the April 18, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Motion by Linde to approve the May 2, 2024 workshop meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Cogle read the Treasurer's report as of April 30, 2024 aloud:

• General Fund	\$ 1,795,329.00
• Historical Registry Fund	5,735.00
• Fee-In-Lieu of Fund	24,000.00
• Sewer Fund	134,960.00
• Capital Reserve Fund	178,295.00
• Fire Fund	211,663.00

- Highway Capital Improvement 332,823.00
- ARPA of 2021 Fund 39,000.00
- State Liquid Fuels Tax Account 325,722.00
- Developer Escrow (Non-Township Funds) 38,659.00

Motion by Linde to approve the Treasurer’s report as of April 30, 2024 as read. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Motion by Linde to authorize paying the May 2024 bills. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Koplin announced the Administrator Report for May 16, 2024, the Zoning report for April 2024, the Public Works report for April 2024 and the Administrative Assistant report for April 2024. Motion by Cogle to accept the reports as presented. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Koplin announced the April 2024 Macungie Ambulance report.

Fire Company representative Ed Miller announced that recent fundraising events were successful, including the craft show, hoagie sale and Mother’s Day flower sale, and that they have scheduled plant bingo for June. Miller thanked the Township for the use of barricades during the recent craft show.

Motion by Linde to approve the Limeport Commons escrow release request #1 for the release of \$80,014.27. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Motion by Cogle to ratify the stipulation agreement for SJC Development Group, Inc regarding 6341 Hoffman Lane to allow for an extension of time for the property owner to resubmit the uniform construction and land development plans by June 5, 2024, and for the land development plans to be reviewed by the Planning Commission by August 5, 2024. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Under Old Business:

Fucci confirmed there has not been an update on vacating Janes Lane and the item was tabled.

Discussion was held on the updated proposal received from Urban Research and Development Corporation (URDC) to prepare the Village of Limeport community improvement implementation plans. Fucci will provide URDC will feedback and request an updated proposal for future review.

Discussion was held on numerous concerns regarding the bids received for the office roof replacement. Motion by Linde to reject all bids received for the office roof replacement. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved. The Board agreed to review the bid specification documents at the June 6, 2024 workshop meeting.

Motion by Cogle to adopt resolution 2024-7 approving the disposal of non-permanent records, as detailed in the list attached to resolution 2024-7. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Motion by Cogle to adopt resolution 2024-8 providing authorization for the Township to enter into a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with PennDOT. Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Discussion was held on the quote received for the purchase of speed display signs (SDS). Cogle would like to quote for the purchase of up to three units. Fucci will provide additional information for review at the June 6, 2024 workshop. Ed Lounsberry commented on the potential requirement to request the purchase of SDS by developers.

Motion by Linde to oppose Docket 24-04 the appeal of Shane McGann and Jeanne McGann for a special exception for a home related business at 4045 Limeport Pike, specifically the home related business's proposed location within the floodplain. Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved. Jason Flexer asking for clarity on why the application was being opposed. Koplin confirmed that the use itself is not being opposed, but the location of the use.

The hiring of a seasonal/as-needed public works employee was tabled.

Under New Business:

Motion by Cogle to adopt resolution 2024-9 supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA). Seconded by Linde and unanimously approved.

Fucci provided an overview of the information that was shared during the May 9, 2024 Public Officials' Meeting for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Extension total reconstruction and widening project for milepost A48 to A53.

Koplin announced Zoning Hearing Board Notice of Appeal Applications for Special Exceptions for Roof Mounted Solar – Docket 24-05 Appeal of David Pollock and Joan Giannini at 8425 Steinsburg Road, Docket 24-06 Appeal of Douglas and Lisa Lowry at 4544 Zionsville Road, Docket 24-07 Appeal of James Funk at 8451 Chestnut Hill Church Road and Docket 24-08 Appeal of Martin Strenk at 2012 Church View Road. No action was taken.

Under Correspondence:

Koplin announced the May 2024 social security newsletter.

Koplin announced the "Open House Public Plans Display" on Thursday, May 23, 2024 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Extension total reconstruction and widening project for milepost A48 to A53.

Koplin announced the Temple University College of Public Health invitation to a paid study on well water and children's health.

Koplin announced the Lehigh and Northampton County vector borne disease program notification.

Koplin announced the Lehigh County Senior Expo on Thursday, May 23, 2024 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM.

Koplin announced the notice from PaDEP on “Defending OT Operations Against Ongoing Pro-Russian Hacktivist Activity”.

Koplin announced the invitation to the Lehigh Aging and Adult Services Meet and Green Luncheon on June 27, 2024 from 11:00AM to 1:30PM.

Under Public Comment:

Lounsberry asked if there was an update from PennDOT on the traffic concerns they were potentially addressing. Fucci responded that there was no update, but that PennDOT has placed their SDS trailer in Limeport and should be relocating it to the area of Kings Highway and Limeport Pike next. Lounsberry asked for an update on the speed humps being installed on Milky Way.

Koplin suggested formally requesting PennDOT perform a traffic count on Limeport Pike for a comparison of car traffic versus truck traffic. Koplin would like to see a truck restriction placed on Limeport Pike.

Flexer commented on the types of vehicles that would be restricted and if it would include school buses or farm equipment. Koplin responded that school buses and farm equipment would be exempt.

Dale Koplin commented on the number of car parts being littered onto Limeport Pike from traffic produced by Copart on Geryville Pike. The Board reached a consensus that a letter be sent to Copart regarding their use of Limeport Pike and littering of parts.

Flexer commented that he does not see Copart trucks on Limeport Pike. Cogle commented that he sees eight to ten a day.

Motion by Linde to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Cogle and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Emily Fucci
Township Secretary

APPROVED