

LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
Lehigh County
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 2, 2017 Workshop Meeting
MINUTES

Present: Chair Donna Wright, Vice-Chair Michael Snovitch, Supervisor John Quigley, Ellen Koplin, Township Manager and Mark Cappuccio, Esq, Solicitor. Eleven members of the public were in attendance.

The meeting was convened at 7:30 pm by Chair Wright.

No public comments were received at this time.

The Lower Milford Township Tax Collector has submitted a request to the Board of Supervisors to increase the fees for collection by 3%.

Motion by Snovitch to approve. Seconded by Quigley and unanimously approved.

Discussion took place concerning the draft Southwest Lehigh County Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan and whether it contains the provisions that are authorized by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code for sharing uses across the six municipal partners. Koplin requested the Board of Supervisors authorize the Solicitor to attend the next Steering Committee Meeting of the Plan Partners. Motion by Snovitch to authorize the Solicitor to attend the Steering Committee Meeting on February 28, 2017. Seconded by Quigley and unanimously approved.

Wright, as a Lehigh County Farmland Preservation staff member, reviewed the program and indicated that the funding the Township pledged for 2017 will not be available to assist the Hausmans appraisal difference in preserving their property because their application was ranked in 2016. Discussion ensued including the audience, concerning if any options were available to the Hausmans including reapplying in 2017 which could impact their rank and position on the list and the importance of preserving our farmland. The Board of Supervisors do not believe they can allocate additional money from the 2017 Budget to assist the Hausmans when approximately 42 other properties were previously preserved in the Township without financial assistance. The Recreation and Open Space Board is requested to research the requirements to have a referendum on the ballot for purposes of a tax to preserve property.

On motion by Quigley, seconded by Snovitch, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen L. Koplin
Township Manager/Secretary