## WARWICK BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 7, 2015

Chairman Logan W. Myers convened the October 7, 2015 meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 7:00 a.m. Present were supervisors Herbert Flosdorf, Michael Vigunas, and C. David Kramer. Also present were Daniel L. Zimmerman Township Manager and Gerard Link 14 Buttonwood Drive.

**GUEST RECOGNITION:** A resident would like to discuss the feral cat issue in the Township. In August his daughter-in-law's 2-year old child was bitten by a feral cat. This cat is fed by a neighbor.

The resident was advised by the child's doctor to see if the cat had an up-to-date Rabies shot. The resident was advised the cat needed to be under a 10 day observation for signs of rabies. The resident then put a trap out and caught the cat. He then had to travel to a lab in Exton to have the cat tested for rabies.

The resident stated had done some research on cat bites and found that cats are a special animal and no one in the state is protected from them. A person can feed a cat and as long as it is not in the house it is not considered a domestic pet. After speaking with Zimmerman, the resident found out there is nothing a second class Township is able to do.

The resident is appealing to the Township to know if there is a possibility to pass an ordinance to protect residents and their families from people who feed stray cats to make them responsible for these cats.

Zimmerman stated the fact that the resident when doing research only found two townships that have ordinances regarding cats, is in part due to the enforcement provision. In order to enforce the ordinance it has to be a summary offense. Someone must witness the person(s) feeding the cat and taking care of it. This person would have to testify at the District Justice setting.

A copy of the Rabies Prevention Act was discussed. Zimmerman stated when in contact with Mentzer's office their interpretation of this Act only applies when the cat is kept inside. Flosdorf stated the Rabies Prevention Act only refers to people who keep cats or fail to keep the cat properly; nothing is stated regarding cats without an owner. Flosdorf stated if a dog without a collar is found it is held for 72 hours. He questioned if the same could be applied to cats. Zimmerman stated the difference is under the law the owner of a dog is required to have the dog licensed but this does not hold true to cats. The Board of Supervisors requested that the Township Manager review the options and report back to the Board.

**LITITZ PUBLIC LIBRARY:** The library is requesting the Board appoint Ms. Enders as a Township Representative for the library. In addition, the library would like to thank the Board for their third quarter contribution. On a motion by Vigunas, seconded by Chivinski, the Board unanimously approved Ms. Enders to the Township Representative for the Lititz Library Board.

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MATERIAL MATTERS: See attached letter.

**ROTHSVILLE FIRE COMPANY:** See attached monthly report for August 2015.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF LETTER OF CREDIT FOR HOMETOWN TERRACE:** On a motion by Chivisnki, seconded by Vigunas, the Board unanimously approved the release of the Letter of Credit for Hometown Terrace in the amount of \$79,685.00.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF LETTER OF CREDIT FOR ROCK LITITZ- PHASE I:** On a motion by Flosdorf, seconded by Vigunas, the Board unanimously approved the release of funds as stated in the ELA letter dated October 2, 2015.

**CONSIDER REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE WALTER'S SUBDIVISION PROJECT:** On a motion by Vigunas, seconded by Flosdorf, the Board unanimously approved the release of the Letter of Credit for the Walter's Project.

**DISCUSSION ON SIXTH STREET PROJECT:** Zimmerman wanted to review this with the Board before it is presented at the Joint Meeting. The goal is to make an east west connection between Rothsville Road and Orange Street. The proposal is to obtain a grant fund through the state in collaboration with two developments- one being Lititz Reserve and the other is the Moravian Manor project. The developers for Moravian Manor are in the process of filing a final plan for Phase I which would go from Woodcrest Avenue to Orange Street.

The project was broken down into different phases and cost estimates were given for each phase in order to be able to apply for the grant. Phase I includes the east side from where Sixth Street ends and extends to Rothsville Road. Phase II includes the roundabout at the intersection of Rothsville Road and Sixth Street. There would be a connection for trucks to go on Owl Hill Road. The west side would include the ultimate improvement of the intersection at Woodcrest and Sixth Street. The third phase is the extension of Sixth Street to Orange Street with a roundabout.

Chivinski inquired how much of Moravian Manor is located in the borough and how much is located in the Township. Zimmerman stated the entire project is in the borough. Zimmerman stated the borough is completely committed to the intersection. Zimmerman stated it was discussed at the last Joint Meeting in May that the Borough and Township could sponsor a Commonwealth Funding Authority for up to three million dollars which would help motivate the completion of the connection. To obtain this grant certain criteria must be met and the Township meets all of these criteria. The grant information will be sent in next year.

Myers stated using a lobbyist such as Stevens and Lee would be advantages for the Township. Flosdorf asked if it would make sense to put together a project committee with a representative from each of the entities moving forward. The next Joint Meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2015 at the Township.

**CONSIDER ADOPTION OF WRRC OBJECTIVES:** On a motion by Vigunas, seconded by Chivinski, the Board unanimously approved the adoption of the WRRC Objectives.

**OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD:** Zimmerman stated the next phase for the Rails to Trails has been started. He is anticipating the project to be finished in two weeks weather permitting.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel L. Zimmerman,

Township Manager