

WARWICK TOWNSHIP

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WARWICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 2, 2022

7:00 a.m.

MEETING HELD BY VIRTUAL FORMAT

Chairman, Kenneth Eshleman convened the March 2, 2022 meeting of the Warwick Township Board of Supervisors at 7:00 a.m. In attendance were Supervisors Ken Eshleman, Ken Kauffman, Jeremy Strathmeyer, and Kelly Gutshall. Also in attendance were Brian Harris, Township Manager; Chuck Haley, Township Engineer; John Bear, Executive Director, Lititz Regional Community Development Corporation; Mike Vigunas, President, Lititz Regional Community Development Corporation; and Laura Knowles, Lititz Record Express.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A REDUCTION OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT FOR 651 EAST MILLPORT ROAD – On a motion by K. Kauffman, seconded by J. Strathmeyer, the Board unanimously approved the reduction of the letter of credit for 651 East Millport Road to \$2,500.00 based on the ELA letter dated February 21, 2022.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 03-02-22-01 AUTHORIZING LRCDL TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION – Mike Vigunas and John Bear presented on behalf of the Lititz Regional Community Development Corporation and discussed the tourism grant application. Brian Harris provided an overview of the three infrastructure improvement projects incorporated into the application. The projects include construction of Sewage Pump Station #13, construction of a 1,000,000-gallon water storage tank and intersection improvements at Newport Road and Brunnerville Road. Brian Harris stated that the projects are necessary to continue the commercial growth in the 501 corridor and further expand the entertainment campuses. On a motion by K. Kauffman and seconded by K. Gutshall, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 03-02-22-01 authorizing the LRCDL to submit the Tourism Grant application on behalf of Warwick Township.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 03-02-22-02 AUTHORIZING DCED LSA APPLICATION – B. Harris stated that this grant is through DCED's Local Share Program and historically this grant application was only available to municipalities in counties that had casinos. The grant is now available state wide. B. Harris stated that Senator Aument mentioned that there is roughly \$100 million dollars available for distribution to municipalities for projects. Harris is proposing the Township apply for DCED funding for the 501 North pedestrian improvements to extend sidewalk on the east side of 501 from Wynfield Drive to Newport Road. Harris noted that some curbing and sidewalks have been done and the Township would ask for \$600,000 in grant money with the Township matching with \$200,000 from the CARES allocation. Harris stated that there is no match requirement for this grant. One of the proposals was to replace the entire culvert over the Santo Domingo and the opinion of probable cost was \$1.3 million. The other option would be to extend the culvert and the opinion of probable cost is \$800,000. The application is due by March 15, 2022 through DCED Single Application Program. Most of the work would be extending sidewalks, crosswalks, and some utility pole relocations. K. Kauffman shared his concern regarding the pedestrian traffic along 501 and stated that he travels the 501 North corridor frequently and he sees people walking along 501 all the time. Harris stated that he did reach out to Red Rose Transit Authority and they have agreed to provide a support letter as did Senator Aument's office. The Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department did provide crash data for the northern portion of the corridor, showing a fair amount of accidents in that area, which will enhance the application. K. Gutshall asked if the official map shows a pedestrian crossing, and if it does, that would be good to include with the application.



B. Harris stated that he will check in with George Smith and Chuck Haley about off-site trail improvements in that area from a connection standpoint and include that with the application.

On a motion by K. Gutshall and seconded by K. Kauffman, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 03-02-22-02 authorizing the DCED LSA application.

DISCUSSION ON UPDATING THE WARWICK TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY MAP – B. Harris stated that the community map was done in 2014 and most municipalities update these maps every five to seven years. Print Company solicits businesses in the community, and they take care of the finance side of the map so there is no cost to the Township other than the leg work of updating the map. It is a great source to get information out to the community. One of the challenges for the Township is stormwater, BMP maintenance and property maintenance, which makes the community map a great way to get information out to the public. The 2014 map had information on it about the Supervisors, the police force, zoning and code enforcement, etc. B. Harris provided an overview of the process and indicated it typically takes 7 or 8 months and it would likely hit resident mailboxes in late fall of 2022 or early 2023. K. Eshleman stated that the map should include information about the Lititz Regional Community Development Corporation. K. Eshleman and K. Gutshall shared their approval of this project.

DISCUSSION ON ADOPTING AN ENGINE RETARDER BRAKE ORDINANCE – B. Harris stated he received a concern from a resident, living along Newport Road, regarding the engine brake retarder noise from trucks. The resident asked if the Township would consider implementing a restriction against the use of engine brake retarders. There are some requirements to implement this restriction. The speed limit cannot be greater than 55 mph and there cannot be a grade greater than 4% on the road for 500 feet. If the Board is interested in implementing an ordinance a traffic study would need to be conducted per PennDot requirements. ELA would do that study and submit the appropriate forms to PennDot for their review and approval. After approval, the Board would then adopt the ordinance and then put up the signage. The estimate from ELA is approximately \$2,500 for time and material to perform the study and submit it to PennDot. There was a discussion about the use of engine brake retarders along Newport Road. J. Strathmeyer stated that this type of ordinance is typically used as a tool for when complaints do come in. With a residential complaint, officers will then go out and enforce the ordinance. The Board agreed to have the traffic study completed by ELA to definitively determine if the area meets the requirements for a brake retarder ordinance.

LANCASTER FARMLAND TRUST – B. Harris noted that the letter identifies all the farms that have been preserved in Warwick Township. He did note that the Shenk farm on Disston View Drive is not identified in this letter. The Board discussed the difference between the Farmland Trust and the Ag Preserve Board and B. Kreider stated that Farmland Trust is a private entity and does not require agricultural zoning, just agricultural use. The county has restrictions. Farmers are required to be part of the agricultural security area first, must be zoned agricultural, and the property needs to be outside the urban growth boundary.

LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT OUTREACH MEETINGS – B. Harris provided the board with the meeting dates and stated that he plans to attend the March 24, 2022 meeting at Penn Township.

ARPA FINAL RULING – The final ruling changed the allowable use so municipalities can now elect a one-time standard election for up to \$10 million. Harris recommends that the Township take advantage of this election. It would give the Township broad leeway in how the funding is used. With that funding, as projects become available, Harris will bring them in front of the Board for approval. This money would remain in a separate account for ease of audits. The deadline for filing is April 30, 2022.

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JANUARY 2022 FIRE & AMBULANCE REPORT FROM ROTHSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY – The report was included in the board packet.

B. Harris stated that with the recent redistricting, Warwick Township will be represented by Ryan Aument on the Senate side and Mindy Fee in the House of Representatives.

NEXT MEETING – March 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by K. Kauffman, the Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting at 7:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Harris,
Township Manager

