

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee Meeting Minutes

The LIMC meeting was held at the West Hempfield Township Municipal Building located at 3476 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 7:30 a.m.

Attendees:

City of Lancaster: Stephen Campbell

East Hempfield Township: Cindy Schweitzer

East Lampeter Township: Ralph Hutchinson, G. Roger Rutt

East Petersburg Borough: Karen St. Clair, Jennifer Guzejko

Lancaster County Commissioners: Ray D'Agostino, John Trescot

Lancaster County Planning: Christine Le

LASA: Mike Kyle

Columbia Borough: Leo Lutz, Mark Stivers

Manheim Township: Rick Kane, Barry Kauffman

Manor Township: Ryan Strohecker

Millersville Borough: Lauren Hauck

Mountville Borough: Steve Mitchell, Derrick Millhouse

Pequea Township: E. John Hlavacek

West Hempfield Township: Kent Gardner, Barry Carter, Andrew Stern, Lindsay Gerner

West Lampeter Township: Barry Hershey, Rebecca Denlinger

Senator Scott Martin's Office: Terry Trego

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Financial Report – Ryan Strohecker entertained a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and financial report from October 11, 2023. Kent Gardner so motioned, Barry Hershey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- a. The UCC agreement has been updated. All participating municipalities have received the signed copy for their records.

New Business

- a. Senator Scott Martin Legislative Update. Deputy Chief of Staff Terry Trego updated the group on recent and current legislation. A few highlights:
 - The Senate is still working on the final budget items which lagged behind from the last budget adoption.
 - Senator Martin is aware of that Right-to-Know continues to create issues for many of our municipalities, mostly due to out-of-town businesses.
 - With the current makeup of the legislature, bills are taking a long time to move.
 - Radar remains a hot topic. Legislation gets closer to adoption each year, but hasn't quite made it yet.
- b. Nominating Committee.
 - Motion by Mark Stivers, seconded by Kent Gardner, to elect Ryan Strohecker - Chair, Barry Hershey – Vice Chair, Rick Kane – Treasurer, Andrew Stern – Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Audit Committee.
 - Audit committee member Andrew Stern indicated that the audit determined all was in good order with our finances.
- d. Budget.
 - Chair Ryan Strohecker commented that we are doing well fiscally and are recommending a dues reduction in the 2024 budget. Motion by Lauren Hauck, seconded by Kent Gardner to adopt the 2024 budget. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Adjacent Municipalities.
 - Chairman Ryan Strohecker explained that a municipality expressed interest in joining LIMC but is not adjacent to a current member, as required by the LIMC agreement. After brief discussion, it was decided to discuss this at a future meeting.
- f. 2023 LIMC in Review
 - February- discussed LUAB and UCC
 - April- County Homeless presentation and discussion
 - June- ROW ordinance discussion and salary survey
 - August- Added Lancaster Township to the UCC
 - October- Appointments and 2024 LIMC dues discussion
 - December- Legislative update and organizing for 2024

g. 2024 Meeting Locations

- February 21- Manor Township
- April 10- East Lampeter Township
- June 12- Millersville Borough
- August 14- Columbia Borough
- October 9- City of Lancaster
- December 11- West Lampeter Township

County Commissioners' Update

- The 2024 budget should pass next week.
- The jail project is moving forward.
- The swimming pool will be ready to open on time for 2024.
- The MPO had four applicants for their Smart Growth program:
 - City of Lancaster
 - East Hempfield Township
 - Manheim Township
 - Mount Joy Borough
- The Bike Share program has been approved to go outside of the City to East Lampeter Township and Manheim Township.
- The County is still reviewing requests for ARPA funds for infrastructure. LCPD helped rank the projects. Deliberation will occur soon.
- The County adopted a volunteer fire firefighter credit of \$150 towards County real estate taxes. Will be a rebate check from the County. Volunteers can go to the County's website to download an application.

Municipal Exchange

Columbia Borough:

- Looking into what to do with large street trees. If any other municipality has ideas, please let Mark know.
- Looking into what to do with for-profit events, related to fees. Please let Mark know if you have ideas.
- Mark attended a meeting about outdoor recreation and how it has helped with promoting economic development.

Mountville Borough:

- Their auditor decided not to do municipal audits anymore. They were able to contract with White Rudy for their 2023 audit. Bertz and Hess was also interested.
- Council voted to close Spring Street at the rail crossing. Now waiting for the PUC to approve.
- A new traffic signal has been installed and Main and Manor. It has red, yellow, and green lights.

West Hempfield Township:

- We have been advised that we may have to collect 'alternative fuel taxes' for persons using our electric vehicle chargers. We are awaiting further clarity from the Department of Revenue.

- Working to promote rain gardens. Municipalities should make sure we aren't prohibiting recommended plants as "weeds".

Lancaster County Planning:

- LCPD is planning Spring regional planning meetings.

Manheim Township:

- This is Barry Kauffman's last meeting. The Township thanked him for his contributions.
- They have a new Police Chief – Duane Fisher.
- They have a new Finance Director.

Millersville Borough:

- New Manager Rebecca DeSantis-Randall.
- No new taxes for 2024.
- The last large tract in the Borough has been purchased.

Pequa Township:

- This is E. John Hlavacek's last meeting.
- The New Danville Mennonite School is starting a \$9 million upgrade.

LASA:

- Completed their union collective bargaining agreement.

City of Lancaster:

- Approved a new Comprehensive Plan.

East Petersburg Borough:

- Looking for a new auditor as theirs no longer does municipal work.

East Lampeter Township:

- The USGA golf tournament is return.
- Route 30 streetscape project is starting.
- Housing plan finishing in 2024.
- Comprehensive Plan starting in 2024.

West Lampeter Township:

- DeeDee retired and Rebecca Denlinger is their new Manager.
- They have a new Public Works Director.
- Looking into salt brine systems.
- Looking to hire a new Community Development Director.
- Starting a document management system project.
- Will be amending their zoning ordinance.
- Will be developing a Capital Improvement Plan.

East Hempfield Township:

- Centerville Road project is going well.
- Old Rohrerstown Road bridge project continues to drag – trying to resolve utility issues.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.