

**LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP (LDT)
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' (BOS I) MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisors Lou Simone and Richard Brown were in attendance. The BOS I Meeting began at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mindy Acres residents, Janet and Kevin Witman, as well as Sheila and Rich Wetzel, were in the audience. Mark Parker and Marvin Johnson from Eastern Shore Natural Gas (ESNG) were also in attendance. Mrs. Witman began by acknowledging that the ESNG expansion project has proved to be a noisy and unpleasant enterprise. Since she works from home, the noise, house vibrations and odors have proved stressful over the last two summers. In one instance the odor/emissions lasted two weeks and she wondered what the pollutants were? Marvin Johnson noted there was a letter from the Mindy Acres HOA requesting and permitting the **planting of trees** on or near the properties adjacent to the ESNG facility. Mr. Johnson presented an aerial view of the ESNG Compressor Station with the surrounding properties as well as photographs of the residence(s) under discussion. He pointed out the location of the new mature trees to be planted. He explained the location selected made the most sense from the standpoint of wind break, visual blockage and noise abatement. A maintenance plan over time for the trees was discussed. There was some concern expressed by Sheila Wetzel regarding tree diseases and pests, but a maintenance plan was suggested that would seek to address these and any other issues over time. Mr. Johnson asked if the BOS were in agreement, and the Supervisors responded "Go for it".

Mark Parker addressed Mrs. Witman's concerns regarding **emissions**. He noted ESNG holds a permit from the PA DEP whose regulations are extremely stringent. There are annual emissions testing by both the state and federal authorities. He explained the odors come from the deodorant in the gas and, by the way, the gas comes from the Gulf of Mexico not from fracking. Further the methane gas when emitted is no more damaging than cow manure. Mr. Parker moved on to discuss the **noise** issue. He explained the workings of the exhaust stacks and the exhaust silencer. ESNG and their third party fabricator are studying the noise problem – testing the location and decibel levels while fabricating a solution. The noise/vibration was an unexpected issue and ESNG is committed to fixing the problem. As solutions are created testing will continue to make the operation of the Compressor Station as quiet as possible. Mr. Parker noted there MAY be further expansion in the future, but this may be installed in another location altogether and possibly not for another 5, 10, or 50 years. There is no way to predict when, if or where there will be further expansion. In the meantime ESNG is committed to being a good neighbor and responding to any concerns/complaints from the public.

BOS I MINUTES FROM ORGANIZATION MEETING – JANUARY 07, 2019:

Lou Simone made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes from the Organization Meeting on January 07, 2019 as submitted. Richard Brown seconded the motion and the vote was 2-0 for approval.

BOS I MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 07, 2019: Lou Simone made a **MOTION** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 07, 2019 as submitted. Richard Brown seconded the motion and the vote was 2-0 for approval.

TREASURER’S REPORT - January, 2019: The Supervisors reviewed the January Treasurer's Report as submitted by Treasurer Alison Emmons and found it to be in order. Mrs. Emmons reported the Liquid Fuels Audit was conducted with no findings. LDT had received the equipment insurance renewal with less than 1% increase. David Sweet had submitted an invoice for work performed throughout the year of 2018

TOWNSHIP REPORTS:

A. ZONING OFFICER / BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT – JANUARY,

2019: Bill Beers' was in the audience and explained he had been away during the previous week taking continuing education courses. He read to the audience the following from his January report: There were two (2) Building Permits issued; two (2) Building Permits are pending and one (1) exempt Stormwater Permit was issued. Total permit fees collected were \$1,150.00. (This was a correction from his written report.) Six (6) Use and Occupancy (U&O) permits were issued which included three (3) re-sale/rental U&O permits, three (3) regular U&O Permits, and six (6) various construction inspections were conducted. Census Form C-404 and the Chester County Permit Summary were submitted. The rental property at Hood Road and Route 41 has been tentatively scheduled for a U&O inspection on February 21, 2019. A District Court Citation will be delivered to Mr. Morales via Constable Sheller to two locations including his new home at 221 Stanton Road in Quarryville and the address at 254 W. State Street. The 30 day time period for an appeal has expired and he did not appeal the notice. Mr. Beers will need a check from LDT for District Court. In addition Mr. Beers has been holding discussions with ESNG regarding a noise complaint and ESNG is currently conducting investigations as to the source of the noise.

B. ROADMASTER: Nate Stoltzfus, Jeff Bratton and Dalton King have been manning the plows/salt spreaders during LDT's snow events. Lou Simone noted he had met with the London Grove Public Works Director who said they were short staffed, but would do all they could for us on an emergency basis. The BOS discussed the possibility of having to hire a Roadmaster full time and the cost to LDT should this be necessary. Lou Simone requested Alison look into the Income Statement to determine costs. This topic will be discussed at future BOS meetings.

- C. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM):** Lou Simone explained the plumbing and electrical needs of the Township. The plumbing Start Up/Shut Down procedures are in written form, but Walsh Electric still needs to label the circuit breakers in the electrical box. If necessary Richard Brown said he and Secretary Hearne could perform this task.
- D. PLANNING COMMISSION (PC):** There was no PC Meeting in January and the February PC meeting will likely be cancelled.
- E. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (OSC):** The OSC did not meet in January and will likely not meet in February either. Members will be notified.
- F. HISTORICAL COMMITTEE (HC):** The Historical Committee met on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Under discussion was a possible new design for the official Township seal/embosser. No decision was made, but the HC will meet on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM where this topic will be discussed further. Vice Chair, Kevin Witman, announced the Daleville Store Go-Fund-Me page is up and running and currently has a balance of \$1,200.00.
- G. WEBSITE / FACEBOOK:** The website has been updated but will need additional updating for MS4. Secretary Hearne is consulting with the LDT webmaster and ARRO. The website must be updated by the end of June.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. .GARAGE DOORS (5 DOORS) QUOTES:** Secretary Hearne signed the contract for the new doors and submitted the order. The door should be available for installation in the next 4 weeks or so.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION #2019-03 – ENDORSEMENT OF LANDSCAPES3, THE COUNTY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** The Board members had previously received a draft copy of the Resolution for their consideration. Lou Simone indicated the Board was satisfied with the contents. Lou Simone made a **MOTION** to approve Ordinance #2019-03 as presented. Richard Brown seconded the motion and the vote was 2-0 in favor. Both Supervisors signed the document.
- B. ORDINANCE # _____-2019 – AMENDING CHAPTER 170 OF THE LONDONDERRY TOWNSHIP CODE, TITLED “ZONING”, ARTICLE VII, R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, SECTION 170-45.1, CONDITIONAL USE STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR AGE-QUALIFIED COMMUNITY, SUBSECTION G(2)(e), AREA AND BULK REGULATIONS, CONCERNING SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS.** Lou Simone made a **MOTION** to authorize Stacey Fuller to send this Ordinance to the Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC) for Act 247 Review. Richard Brown seconded the motion and the vote was 2-0 in favor. Stacey Fuller will be notified of the authorization.
- C. SPRING 2019 LACROSSE FIELD RESERVATION:** Avon Grove Lacrosse Club requested the opportunity to reserve LDT’s field Monday and Wednesday evenings from 03-11-2019 through 05-22-2019 from 5:30 PM

until Dark. The Board clarified that Avon Grove Lacrosse has reserved the field in past years and agreed to approve the reservation for the spring of 2019. Secretary Hearne will notify Mike McGann.

- D. A W MUMMERT III QUOTE FOR LDT BUILDING REPAIRS:** The Supervisors reviewed line by line the Estimate provided by Mr. Mummert and had questions regarding items #5 and #6 which are major repairs. The Board would like to discuss the particulars of these two items with Mr. Mummert prior to the authorization of items #5 and #6. However, Lou Simone made a **MOTION** to approve the first four (4) items on the Estimate dated 01-07-2019, Estimate #1206, in the amount of \$5,070.00 (Items 1-4). Richard Brown seconded the motion and the vote was 2-0 in favor.
- E. CONTRIBUTION IN JANE SIMONE'S NAME TO ST. JOSEPH'S INDIAN SCHOOL:** Lou Simone's beloved wife of 46 years passed away on December 30th after 6 years fighting cancer. In Mrs. Simone's memory the Township made a contribution to St. Joseph's Indian School, her favorite charity. Lou acknowledged the memorial gift and thanked everyone.
- F. HEART HEALTH SCREENING VOUCHER:** The Township received notification of heart health screening available to everyone, especially women, in honor of heart health month. Screenings are available any Thursday in February at any MinuteClinic (the closest at CVS, Kennett Square). Vouchers were distributed or can be printed from a computer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:30 PM. TASK FORCE MEETING immediately following PC Meeting. CANCELLED.**
- B. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 5:30 PM. CANCELLED**
- C. BOS II MEETING: Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:30 PM.**
- D. HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM.**

PAY BILLS: Bills were reviewed and paid in the usual manner.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business before the BOS a **MOTION** was made by Lou Simone and seconded by Richard Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. The vote was 2-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice H. Hearne,
Administrative Secretary