

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee

Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2020

The LIMC meeting was called to order by Bill Laudien, Chairman, at the West Hempfield Township Municipal Building located at 3476 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 7:30 a.m. Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, most attendees joined remotely via Zoom. The public was able to attend in-person or via Zoom.

Attendees:

- Mark Stivers, Columbia Borough (via Zoom)
- Cindy Schweitzer, East Hempfield Township (via Zoom)
- Ed Lefevre, East Hempfield Township (via Zoom)
- Ethan Demme, East Lampeter Township (via Zoom)
- Karen St. Clair, East Petersburg Borough (via Zoom)
- Jess King, Lancaster City (via Zoom)
- Bill Laudien, Lancaster Township (via Zoom)
- Mike Kyle, LASA (via Zoom)
- Alex Rohrbaugh, LCPC (via Zoom)
- Barry Kauffman, Manheim Township (via Zoom)
- Ryan Strohecker, Manor Township (via Zoom)
- Lauren Hauck, Millersville Borough (via Zoom)
- Anthony Cazillo, Pequea Township (via Zoom)
- Andrew Stern, West Hempfield Township
- Kent Gardner, West Hempfield Township
- DeeDee McGuire, West Lampeter Township (via Zoom)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Bill Laudien entertained a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from October 14, 2020. Kent Gardner so motioned, Ryan Strohecker seconded and the motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports – Bill Laudien entertained a motion to approve the Financials from December, 2020. Kent Gardner so motioned, Ryan Strohecker seconded and the motion carried.

Guest Participation

No Guests were present.

Old Business

GLHP Update – Ethan Demme reported that the Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway (GLHP) project continues to move forward. A presentation was recently held to discuss the bridge design and Walnut Street extension portion.

Central Penn Update – Ethan Demme reported that there was no new information since the prior meeting.

PLACES2040 – Alex Rohrbaugh reported and thanked everyone who attended the recent fall workshops. Moving forward there will be more workshops in late winter or early spring which will focus on rural industrial and special districts as well as rural residential districts.

New Business

Bylaws – Ryan Strohecker explained that he reviewed the previously approved bylaws from many years ago. Overall, the bylaws are still a good document, especially Article 1 which addresses LIMC's original and current purpose. He noted that there are some areas which we may want to review and update at some point, but for now he focused on Article 4 – Officers. Updates clarified each position, terms, and that elected or designated municipal officials can hold these offices.

Bill Laudien entertained a motion to approve the bylaw updates. Mark Stivers so motioned, Kent Gardner seconded and the motion carried.

Dues – Ryan Strohecker is recommending 2021 dues be set at \$500 for member municipalities and \$100 for Associate members (as defined by the bylaws). The dues are being reduced from \$720 in 2020.

Bill Laudien entertained a motion to approve the 2021 dues. Ryan Strohecker so motioned, Kent Gardner seconded and the motion carried.

Budget – Ryan Strohecker provided copies of the proposed 2021 budget.

Bill Laudien entertained a motion to approve the 2021 dues. Ryan Strohecker so motioned, Kent Gardner seconded and the motion carried.

Election of Officers – Andrew Stern, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for 2021:

Chair: William Laudien (Lancaster Township)
Vice-Chair: Ryan Strohecker (Manor Township)
Treasurer: Anthony Cazillo (Pequea Township)
Secretary: Andrew Stern (West Hempfield Township)

Bill Laudien asked for a vote on the slate of officers. The slate passed.

Snow Plowing – Bill Laudien has scheduled a Zoom meeting for December 18 at 9am for those interested in discussing an intermunicipal cooperative effort to helping with snow plowing in the event one or more municipalities is shorthanded due to COVID illnesses or quarantines.

Municipal Exchange

Columbia – Mark Stivers reported that the Borough is updating their agreements for the Borough farm being used for municipal yard waste. They will be sending out new contracts later this week or next week. Anyone else that wishes to join should contact Mark. The Borough's Market House project is delayed but should open May 2021.

East Lampeter Township - Ethan Demme reported that their Industrial Commercial Redevelopment Authority (ICRA) selected Merge to do a gateway wayfinding project and hopes to integrate wayfinding with neighboring municipalities. The Township is finalizing the purchase of Nolt's Mill at the headwaters of Mill Creek which will give the Township ownership of the dam and allow them to undertake streambank restoration projects for MS4. The Township is also working with LCPC to look at expanding some commercial and other uses beyond the Rockvale Overlay Rezone project. Ethan asked is anyone else has received requests from businesses to waive sewer bills while their business was closed – no one else is aware of such requests, other than waiving late fees.

East Hempfield Township – Cindy Schweitzer reported that State Road between 283 and Harrisburg Pike remains closed but should reopen by Christmas. The 283 interchange should be completed and open in 2021. The new hospital should open in the summer of 2022. The Township is currently working on an Official Map.

East Petersburg Borough – Karen St. Clair reported that the borough is considering rejoining the LIMC for 2021. They are also very interested in the upcoming intermunicipal snowplow discussions.

Lancaster City – Jess King reported that the City will be launching their first new Comprehensive Plan since 1993. The City is beginning the accreditation process for their police. The City's new Interim Police Chief, John Bey, just started. The City's partnership with Manheim Township's fire department has been working out great. While the City builds new fire stations, the City is collocating with Manheim and responding on calls together.

Manor Township – Ryan Strohecker reported that their bridge project is continuing. The Township is also very thankful for the recent two rounds of COVID CARES funds allocated by Lancaster County which has been a big help to the Township's budget.

Millersville Borough – Lauren Hauck reported that a proposed Millersville Town Center Development at 741 and 999 has kept them busy. They have set up a FAQ page on their website to report what they know. The developer has not yet made a formal submission to the Borough.

Manheim Township – Barry Kauffman reported that they are seeking a new Township Manager. They will also be seeking an interim manager for a couple of months after the new year. They have contracted with Keystone Municipal Solutions to help with their search.

Pegua Township - Anthony Cazillo reported that their project to move their police to a new facility is about ¾ complete. He thanked a number of area businesses and residents who have contributed to and supported this project.

West Lampeter Township – DeeDee McGuire reported that they have been dealing with several staff COVID cases. The Lancaster YMCA is planning to merge with the York YMCA. A YMCA facility is located on WLT property at Village Park. WLT is seeking information from other municipalities on sport field rental fees.

West Hempfield Township - Andrew Stern reported that the Township has received significant grants in 2020 for stormwater and recycling projects. West Hempfield plans to adopt a stormwater fee in a few months which is anticipated to be about \$72/residential property per year, with non-residential to be based on impervious surface.

Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2021. The schedule and locations will soon be announced.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Andrew Stern, Secretary