

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2021

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, April 14, 2021, 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:

- Cindy Schweitzer, East Hempfield Township (via Zoom)
- Ralph Hutchison, East Lampeter Township (via Zoom)
- Ethan Demme, East Lampeter Township (via Zoom)
- Karen St. Clair, East Prospect Borough (via Zoom)
- Stephen Campbell, Lancaster City (via Zoom)
- Diana Black, Lancaster City (via Zoom)
- Bill Laudien, Lancaster Township (via Zoom)
- Iber Guerrero Lopez, Lancaster Township (via Zoom)
- Mike Kyle, LASA (via Zoom)
- Alex Rohrbaugh, LCPC
- Barry Kauffman, Manheim Township (via Zoom)
- Ryan Strohecker, Manor Township
- Lauren Hauck, Millersville Borough (via Zoom)
- Anthony Cazillo, Pequea Township
- Andrew Stern, West Hempfield Township
- Kent Gardner, West Hempfield Township (via Zoom)
- DeeDee McGuire, West Lampeter Township (via Zoom)
- Barry Hershey, West Lampeter Township

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Chairman Laudien entertained a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from the special meeting held on March 10, 2021. Kent Gardner so motioned, Lauren Hauck seconded and the motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports – Chairman Laudien entertained a motion to approve the Financials from February 2021. DeeDee McGuire so motioned, Kent Gardner seconded and the motion carried.

Chairman Laudien asked that everyone introduce themselves as many were attending via Zoom.

Guest Participation

No members of the public were present.

Old Business

- 1) **Public Works Meeting.** A meeting had been scheduled in late 2020 to discuss ways municipalities could help each other with snowplowing. Due to a snowstorm the day of the meeting, it was cancelled.

Chairman Laudien has since scheduled a new meeting Thursday, May 6, 2021. The first meeting will be via Zoom. Future meetings will hopefully be held in person. All Public Works Directors have been invited and are welcome to bring their staff as they deem appropriate.

New Business

- 1) House Bill 957

Chairman Laudien asked Mike Kyle to explain HB 957 which is currently being considered in the PA House of Representatives.

Mike explained that HB 957 proposes to require water and sewer authorities to bill multi-family facilities as a single commercial unit. Thus, if there were an apartment complex with 100 apartments, they would receive one bill based on actual sewer flow instead of 100 bills, each for one EDU sewer service.

LASA has about 1,110 accounts that have multiple units ranging from 2 to 459 units, which would be affected by this bill. If this bill were to become law, LASA would lose an estimated \$2.6 million in revenue per year that we need to continue improving infrastructure in our service area. To make up for that loss of revenue from the multi-unit customers, we would need to increase the sewer bills for about 37,500 single family residential customers by 17%, or by nearly \$20 per quarter.

Mike is encouraging everyone to reach out to their Representatives and Senators to express concern about the potential consequences of this bill.

Andrew Stern commented from a planning prospective, such facilities would be required to plan for one EDU (approximately 350 GPD). Pipes, pumps, treatment facilities, etc. would need to be sized for this capacity, even if such flows were not actually anticipated. HB 957 would allow significantly reduced payments based on actual use, even though planning would still be required based on higher standards.

- 2) LCATS. Chairman Laudien announced that LCATS has scheduled a meeting April 29, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Yoders to discuss the proposed County Health Department and the status of the Drug Task Force.

Municipal Exchange

LCPD (formerly LCPC). Alex announced that the next round of regional Places2040 meetings will start in May and will focus on people, places, and opportunities. These meetings will be at the Farm and Home Center with a virtual option. Alex also reported that the grant of the water/sewer study has been submitted to DCED and they hope to hear a response this summer. Rettew will be starting soon using existing funds.

Manheim Township. Barry Kauffman announced that Manheim Township has a new manager, James Drumm (jdrumm@manheimtownship.org). Manheim Township has sent letters to all municipalities encouraging support for a proposed County Health Department. Their police department is currently running a night out scavenger hunt program.

Manor Township. Ryan Strohecker announced the Safe Harbor Bridge construction is continuing. They have a 204 house subdivision under review. They have been working with East Hempfield Township to resolve stormwater issues which have come up as a result of the new LIDL store opening on the EHT side of their border.

Millersville Borough. Lauren Hauck announced Millersville is looking to move up their Comprehensive Plan Update and may put out a RFP later this month.

Pequea Township. Anthony Cazillo encouraged everyone to support their EMS providers so they can continue to function. It is getting tougher for these organizations to exist and to provide the level of services they are expected to provide, so all the help we can provide will be appreciated.

West Hempfield Township. Andrew Stern announced West Hempfield is on track to start billing for their new stormwater fee July 1. They have been fielding phone calls with a lot of questions, but so far not a lot of negativity. Andrew also mentioned HB 765 which is currently making its way through the adoption process. It was drafted by Rep. Brett Miller and is intended to prohibit PennDOT from requiring municipalities to provide indemnification for special event permits when the municipality is not the sponsor of the event. PennDOT began requiring these indemnifications last year, although most municipalities cannot provide such indemnification for third party events.

West Lampeter Township. DeeDee McGuire and Barry Hershey announced that the Village Park dedication was held Saturday. Lancaster YMCA and York YMCA continue to move towards a merger. A few new developments are in the works. West Lampeter is looking at the pros/cons of police accreditation and asked that anyone with thoughts on the topic please reach out to them.

East Hempfield Township. State Road will be open April 22, 2021. The contractor will return in June to complete wearing course pavement.

East Lampeter Township. Ralph Hutchison thanked Karen St. Clair for joining us for this meeting. East Pete is still deciding if they will join LIMC. Ralph also announced the Bridgeport Mobility Plan will have a meeting this evening. www.bridgeportcrossroads.org. The Lincoln Highway Corridor planning continues. The Central Lancaster Trail project continues to forward -currently seeking funding for construction.

East Petersburg Borough. Karen St. Clair thanked everyone for welcoming East Pete to the meeting. They are still finalizing their decision about joining LIMC. No new construction in the Borough at the moment. A new medical marijuana dispensary is soon opening behind Dunkin.

Lancaster City. Stephen Campbell reported they are having issues with the South Tank project which should be resolved very quickly. They are construction management issues. Stephen announced they are planning Public Works week in May and will showcase urban composting. The City will soon be selecting a consultant for their Comp Plan update. The City will be seeking input from nearby municipalities in the comp plan process. The Conestoga Pines Master Plan will soon be underway. Stephen and Mike Kyle (LASA) reported they are making progress with an intermunicipal agreement related to bulk area sewer for Manor Township.

Lancaster Township. Iber Guerrero Lopez and Bill Laudien reported new sewer and gas lines are going in. A Conditional Use Hearing for a public housing project is coming soon. Memorial Day weekend there will be an event at the Stevens Greenland Cemetery on Duke Street which is an African American Veterans Cemetery. Some time ago the Township bought a church with six acres. They explored possible public uses for it but ended up deciding to put it up for sale.

Final Thoughts.

Andrew Stern asked about any changes to COVID policies as we start to move back to “normal”. Manheim and Lancaster Townships are looking to resume in-person public meetings, possibly in May. Lancaster City still has a spike in COVID cases, so they are delayed a bit and hope to begin in-person meetings in June. West Hempfield is open to the public. Manor is open to the public. East Pete has been open all along, and last week they resumed all in-person meetings. Millersville Borough is hoping to return in-person in June. East Hempfield has remained open, and intends to keep a virtual option for meetings moving forward. Pequea has been open. Manor has been in-person all along with no Zoom. East Lampeter and West Hempfield remain in-person and virtual.

Barry Kaufman suggested we have someone from the House or Senate to come to meetings to give updates on pending legislation. Chairman Laudien indicated that from time to time we do have guests from the County.

Lauren Hauck mentioned Millersville participated in the P DEP Climate Action Program. She encouraged others to look into it. Link is: <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/climate/Pages/Local-Climate-Action.aspx>.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2021. Details about the location will be sent in the near future.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 a.m.

Andrew Stern, Secretary