

Lancaster Intermunicipal Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

The LIMC meeting was held at the West Lampeter Township Municipal Building, 852 Village Rd, Lampeter, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 7:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Ryan Strohecker (Manor Township)
Rick Kane (Manheim Township)
Rebecca Delinger (West Lampeter Township)
Ray D'Agostino (Lancaster County Commissioner)
Jeff Kreider (Pequea Township)
Ethen Demme (East Lampeter Township)
Christine Le (Lancaster County Planning Department)
Tara Hitchens (East Lampeter Township)
Ralph Hutchison (East Lampeter Township)
Rebecca DeSantis-Randall (Millersville Borough)
Stephen Campbell (City of Lancaster)
Derrick Millhouse (Mountville Borough)
Cindy Schweitzer (East Hempfield Township)
Tony Dastra (Lancaster Township)
Barry Hershey (West Lampeter Township)
Jennifer Guzejko (East Petersburg Borough)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ryan Strohecker, at 7:30 am.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda – Meeting Minutes and Financial Report

Motion made by Derrick Millhouse (Mountville Borough) to approve the minutes of the October 2024 meeting and the financial report as presented, seconded by Stephen Campbell (City of Lancaster).
Motion approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

Lancaster County Department of Public Safety - Brian Pasquale

The new head of the consolidated Public Safety Department at Lancaster County, Brian Pasquale, offered a brief overview of the new department structure and priorities. Some of those priorities include additional strategic planning on safety technology, space changes, and the Phase II radio system upgrade. Brian spoke of the new capabilities of the Phase II system, including GPS locating and simultaneous communication. The original aim was for all county radios to be “touched” or purchased

by 2027, but that is more of a soft goal, as the department wants to bring more stakeholders together to discuss. More data and information will be coming available in the coming months.

Lancaster City Home Rule Update - Stephen Campbell

Stephen reported that the home rule charter form of government was approved by the voters this past November. The most significant change will be the City's ability to address new income and generate more revenue, without having to raise property taxes. Right now, the City staff are working to rewrite ordinances to meet the new home rule laws.

Nominating Committee Report and Officer Election for 2025

The slate of officers of the proposed positions for 2025 was presented by Ralph Hutchison (East Lampeter Township). The slate is: Chair- Ryan Strohecker, Vice Chair- Barry Hershey, Sec- Rebecca DeSantis-Randall, Treasurer- Rick Kane. A Motion was made by Rebecca Delinger (West Lampeter Township) to approve the 2025 LIMC officers as proposed. It was seconded by Stephen Campbell (City of Lancaster). Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Auditing Committee Report

The auditing report was presented by Ethen Demme. There were no findings to report.

Budget Committee Report

The budget committee report was presented by Ryan Strohecker and Stephen Campbell. The LIMC has very few expenses, which are mostly incidentals. The budget remained relatively unchanged, and the decision was made to keep the 2025 dues the same as 2024 (\$250). A motion to approve the 2025 proposed budget was made by Barry Hershey (West Lampeter Township). It was seconded by Derrick Millhouse (Mountville Borough). Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

2024 LIMC Year-In-Review

The chairman offered a list of highlights from the 2024 meetings and asked those interested in adding potential topics to the list for 2025 to email them to the chair.

The highlights were:

- February- legislative update, Lead service line, homeless update, website update
- April- legislative update, Lancaster Metro Green Infrastructure Plan
- June- ROW update, Centralized booking, simplified zoning, MU Certified Manager Program
- August- legislative update, LASA update
- October- TTAC Alternate, LCWC update, committee appts, High Affordable Housing workshop
- December- Legislative update, organizing for 2024
- Future Topics: Uniform E-bike regulations and Membership to the LIMC from non-adjacent municipalities, UCC Updates

2025 Meeting Locations

The following dates and hosts were decided for 2025:

- February 12- Manor Township
- April 9- East Hempfield Township
- June 11- City of Lancaster
- August 13- Millersville Borough
- October 8- East Lampeter Township
- December 10- Manheim Township

Municipal Exchange:

East Petersburg Borough - Effective 1/1/2025, we will share in regional policing with Clay, Warwick and Penn Township (Northern Lancaster County Regional Police). The pickleball complaints have ceased for the moment, come spring, we will look to see what is out there to help with noise abatement.

West Lampeter Township –

Pequea Township –

Lancaster County Planning Department – No report.

City of Lancaster –

County Commissioners - Commissioner D'Agostino provided a brief update on items the MPO is working on, including an update to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which is open for public comment at <https://lancastercountyplanning.org/335/Unified-Planning-Work-Program-UPWP>; next year there will not be a round of Connects 2040 TIP funding applications as the MPO is working through a backlog of previously approved but uncompleted projects (there had been two back to back years of applications as well), the Microtransit Feasibility Study being undertaken by the SCTA will begin in January. An update on the development of a new correctional facility was provided, it is anticipated that next year consultants will work on design development and construction design drawings.

Lancaster Township – The roll out of the new police force is running smoothly with the swearing-in on 12/16/24.

Manheim Township – Passed FY25 budget, no tax increase but use of reserves to balance the budget. Board signed the first collective bargaining agreement with Firefighters, who are now represented as IAFF Local 5423.

Mountville Borough – No Report

East Hempfield Township - Like other, the FY25 budget has passed with no tax increase but reserves were needed to balance the budget. Suggested to continue to avoid Centerville Road although the project, as a whole, is moving along nicely.

East Lampeter Township – No report.

Millersville Borough – Moving to totter service in 2025 for trash/recycling hauling, recently UCC Board of Appeals hearings regarding short term rentals, completed stream restoration, possible false alarm ordinance, working towards completion of park master plan

Manor Township – Budget was approved with a tax increase including the inclusion of an Local Services Tax. Many new developments going through the planning and permitting process. Two new pickleball courts proposed for 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. Next meeting is **February 12th at Manor Township.**