

Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee Meeting Minutes - August 12, 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, August 12, 2020, at 7:30 a.m. Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, several attendees joined remotely via Zoom.

Attendees:

- Mark Stivers, Columbia Borough (via Zoom)
- Cindy Schweitzer, East Hempfield Township
- Ralph Hutchison, East Lampeter Township
- Iber Guerrero Lopez, Lancaster Township
- Bill Laudien, Lancaster Township (via Zoom)
- Ray D'Agostino, Lancaster County Commissioner (via Zoom)
- Mike Kyle, LASA (via Zoom)
- Alex Rohrbaugh, LCPC
- Barry Kauffman, Manheim Township
- Ryan Strohecker, Manor Township (via Zoom)
- Lauren Hauck, Millersville Borough (via Zoom)
- Anthony Cazillo, Pequea Township
- Andrew Stern, West Hempfield Township
- Kent Gardner, West Hempfield Township
- Dave Dumeyer, West Hempfield Township
- DeeDee McGuire, West Lampeter Township
- Barry Hershey, West Lampeter Township
- Amanda Hickman, West Lampeter Township (via Zoom)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Bill Laudien entertained a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from February 12, 2020. DeeDee so motioned, Kent Gardner seconded and the motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports – Bill Laudien entertained a motion to approve the Financials from December 31, 2020. DeeDee so motioned, Kent Gardner seconded and the motion carried.

Guest Participation

Ray D'Agostino, Lancaster County Commissioner – Commissioner D'Agostino joined remotely to discuss a few topics of general interest.

- **General Communication.** Commissioner D'Agostino expressed an interest in bettering communications between the County and the municipalities and is glad to join us for this meeting.
- **COVID.** Commissioner D'Agostino explained the County's approach to providing CARES Act funding in the community and to municipalities. A workgroup of municipalities had been brought together to determine how to provide us funding in a fair and equitable manner as quickly as possible. The County has set aside \$5 per resident in each municipality for reimbursement of eligible expenses. Police payroll is an eligible expense. Municipalities have received information from the County on how to request this funding. There are additional funds fire companies can request to help with lost revenues which may have arisen from their inability to hold fundraisers.
- **Drug Task Force.** Commissioner D'Agostino reported that District Attorney Heather Adams has put together a report with her recommendations on the DTF

from top to bottom – all aspects from funding to operations. There will be a lot more discussions on this topic. Ryan Strohecker spoke up on Manor Township's position, which is shared by a number of other municipalities – essentially that they do not intend to provide the one dollar per resident contribution to the DTF for 2021 as the DF should be funded by the County as it supports the entire County. Ryan also pointed out a concern about a lack of communication in prior years. Ryan also pointed out that many County expenses related to police have been pushed down to municipalities to pay directly, such as email, reporting software, etc. Decentralization of services has been discouraging to municipalities and has increased municipal costs. Ralph Hutchison pointed out that the DTF is a vital part of public safety in the county and needs to be properly funded and operated and hopes that is the direction the County is headed.

- **Police Radio Encryption.** Ralph Hutchison thanked the Commissioners for making the decision to keep police radios encrypted. Andrew Stern brought up the need to continue discussing encryption for fire and EMS so they too can benefit from the ability to speak candidly on the radio without concerns of privacy and potential HIPPA violations.

Alex Rohrbaugh, Lancaster County Planning Commission – Alex Rohrbaugh joined us to follow up to recent PLACES 2040 Implementation Workshops. These workshops have really focused on two major policies: preserving large contiguous areas of ag and natural land and improving water quality and working together on stormwater management.

LCPC is working on a two-year process to create regional implementation guides. Key takeaways from the regional meetings:

Rather than waiting for the guides to be done, LCPC is throwing out some ways to begin implementing the policies now. Ideas and maps were provided at the LIMC meeting. Alex will be emailing additional information to the members after the meeting. There will be winter workshops coming up soon. Alex encourages anyone and everyone to attend – elected and appointed, especially staff and planning commission members.

Old Business

GLHP Update – Ralph Hutchison reported that Lancaster Heritage Pathway, the eastern section was proposed and then incorporated into the Active Transportation Plan. The High Company is working on a plan for an extension of Walnut Street to the College of Health Sciences for about a mile and have agreed to do the engineering and design for the pathway. West Lampeter will be leading the effort to keep this moving and may return to the LIMC for support for funding.

Central Penn Update – West Lampeter has been tracking cost differences between LNP and CPBJ and there are definitely savings to changing to CPBJ.

UCC Board of Appeals Update – DeeDee has been working to update the documents and procedures for appeals and for the appointment committee. Once she is done with this she will provide everything to those members who are part of the UCC BoA. Kent asked about having a dinner for the committee – there is money in the budget so its ok as long as everyone is able to gather.

LIMC Website – Andrew Stern has created a new website and will be maintaining it going forward. The domain has remained the same

www.lancasterintermunicipalcommittee.org. Please visit the site and offer suggestions and documents to Andrew for inclusion on the site.

New Business

Police Radio Encryption – This item was already addressed during Commissioner D’Agostino’s report.

Fireworks – Everyone was inundated with complaints about fireworks this year, worse than ever before. Hopefully we can work together to encourage the state to repeal or change the law. Even if we have local ordinances, it is nearly impossible to enforce given the number of violations and limited number of officers to enforce.

Committee Appointments – Bill Laudien’s term as Chairman end at the end of this year. He is making a few appointments to help transition to the next leadership group.

- Membership Committee – Ryan and Ralph have been appointed.
- UCC BoA Committee – DeeDee has been appointed.
- Nominating Committee – Andrew Stern has been appointed.

Municipal Exchange

Columbia: Recent protests have been a drain on their police and on their ability to provide mutual aid.

Manor: Starting preconstruction meeting for the bridge for the Enola Grade Trail. Hope to be done in about a year.

Millersville: Projects are still waiting for water permits and waiting on the completion of the water tower construction.

Lancaster Township: Negotiating with a fiber optic highspeed internet provider to compete with COMCAST in the Township.

East Lampeter: Continuing to work on the Lincoln Highway Corridor. Recently implemented their new stormwater fee and have been fielding a number of calls and inquiries about it.

Manheim Township: Nothing to report.

Pequea Township: Extending their police contract for a year. Police will be getting a new home. Police were in their Township meeting room since 2017.

West Lampeter Township: A number of large projects are moving forward - Willow Valley, a new Sheetz, and a project at Village Park. Also just finalized a new five-year police contract. Refinanced some debt through RBC with very low rates.

East Hempfield Township: Recently completed some refinancing of debt with RBC. Extended police contract for two years a year ahead of schedule. State Road is moving along. Centerville Road project is delayed a little bit but also moving forward and should start construction in 2022.

West Hempfield Township: Moving forward with the creation of a stormwater fee with hopes to implement in early 2021. A few very large projects underway – Americold and Sensible Portions, both on Hempland Road. We refinanced our new building as well – in order to extend the fixed portion of our loan and shorten the variable portion.

Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2020 at Millersville Borough. Additional information will be sent out closer to that time.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

