

**LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2014**

The Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors held a regularly scheduled meeting Lower Nazareth Elementary School on Wednesday March 26, 2014. The Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:04PM.

Present were:

Eric E. Nagle*	- Chairman	Albert Kortze	- Engineer
James S. Pennington	- Vice Chairman	Gary Asteak	- Solicitor
Robert S. Kucsan	- Supervisor	Timm A. Tenges	- Manager, Secretary/Treasurer
Martin J. Boucher	- Supervisor	Tammi Dravec	- Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Gerald R. Green	- Supervisor	Lori B. Seese	- Zoning Administrator

*** *Mr. Pennington noted that the Board held an executive session last Tuesday to discuss personnel matters.* ***

Approval of Minutes

A motion was moved by Mr. Green and was seconded by Mr. Boucher to approve the IDI Conditional Use meeting minutes for March 4, 2014. The motion carried.

A motion was moved by Mr. Green and was seconded by Mr. Boucher to approve the meeting minutes for March 12, 2014. The motion carried.

Reports *(Reports are available to review at the Township Office and on our website.)*

Mr. Pennington acknowledged the receipt of the Financial Report for February 2014.

Correspondence – There were no items to discuss under Correspondence.

Subdivision and Land Development

Fields at Trio Farms – Phase IV – Resolution #LNT-08-14 – The applicant gave a brief presentation. Mr. Doyle explained that they are proceeding with Phase IV prior to getting approval for Phase III because the latter consists of all townhomes and singles are currently selling faster than townhomes. They will proceed with Phase III when townhomes start selling or they will have to go back to the Planning Commission for changes. Mr. Doyle noted that they are still within the limits of the original plan approval. Mr. Kortze reviewed his March 21st letter recommending approval. A motion was moved by Mr. Green and was seconded by Mr. Kucsan to approve resolution #LNT-08-14. The motion carried.

Supervisors' Comments

Mr. Boucher, Mr. Green, and Mr. Kucsan had no comments.

Mr. Pennington attended the COG meeting last evening. Mr. Pennington was unable to attend the CRPC meeting, however he reported that Mr. Nagle informed CRPC that LNT would have a consultant review Mr. Tenges' police budget numbers. A motion was moved by Mr. Pennington and was seconded by Mr. Kucsan authorizing Mr. Tenges to expeditiously find a consultant to review those numbers. The motion carried.

Manager's Report

LNRA – Baseball – Mr. Tenges reported that Township has reviewed the policy, a meeting was scheduled however due to emergencies, individuals from LNRA were unable to attend. The meeting will be rescheduled and Mr. Tenges felt that they would be able to adequately address LNRA's concerns.

2014 FDR Project – Mr. Tenges requested the Board to authorize advertisement for bids for the 2014 FDR project. Roads included in this project are Oakwood, Dogwood, Elm, and Birch. A motion was moved by Mr. Boucher and was seconded by Mr. Green to authorize advertisement for bids for the 2014 FDR project. The motion carried.

COG Attendance – Mr. Tenges attended the COG meeting last evening.

Engineer's Report – There were no items to discuss under Engineer's Report.

Solicitor's Report

Curative Amendment – Stone Post Meadows – A letter has been received from Mr. Preston providing a list of available dates to hold the hearing. The supervisors were asked to review their calendars and let Mr. Tenges know if any dates are not suitable so that a hearing date can be determined.

Bethlehem Township Ambulance Agreements – There was a discussion some of the language in the agreement. Mr. Boucher and Mr. Green did not like "subscription mailing" and would rather it say "fund drive mailing." After further discussion Mr. Green and Mr. Boucher agreed to accept the language as is.

Old Business – There were no items to discuss under Old Business.

New Business – There were no items to discuss under New Business.

Payment of the Bills

A motion was moved by Mr. Green and was seconded by Mr. Kucsan to approve payment of the bills dated March 26, 2014. The motion carried.

Courtesy of the Floor

Mrs. Nonnemacher, 185 Country Club Road, commented that Public Works did a fantastic job with winter operations and with filling potholes this spring.

******Recess from 4:30pm – 5:05pm******

Solicitor Asteak re-opened the hearing with a brief synopsis of last meeting and to remind everyone of the ground rules: (1) Redundant comments and questions will not be permitted. (2) Only those with a direct interest will be allowed to comment. (3) Be considerate, quiet (no commenting aloud & silence cell phones), and respectful.

Nick Noel finished his line of questions with Mr. Tenges.

******Brief break from 6:10pm – 6:20pm******

Joel Scheer questioned Mr. Tenges.

******Mr. Nagle arrived at 6:30pm******

Michael Vargo questioned Mr. Tenges. Blake Marles questioned Mr. Tenges. Numerous residents also asked questions. Mr. Kucsan also had a list of questions for Mr. Tenges relative to new warehouses being built in Palmer Township next to a school.

Nick Noel called his next witness, Wade Haubert, experienced police officer from the City of Bethlehem. He questioned Mr. Haubert on enforcement of the idling law and issuing citations. Mr. Scheer and Mr. Vargo had no questions. Mr. Marles questioned Mr. Haubert. Mr. Noel had follow-up questions. A resident posed a question as did Solicitor Asteak.

Nick Noel called his next witness, George Cortelyou, 3141 Val Vista Drive.

******Brief break from 7:40pm – 7:45pm******


Mr. Cortelyou presented a brief video demonstrating traffic conditions along Hecktown Road and Route 33. Mr. Noel briefly questioned Mr. Cortelyou prior to concluding for the evening.

Mr. Marles questioned Mr. Cortelyou on residents assisting with attorney fees by making payments to Mr. Noel. He questioned whether payment to Mr. Noel meant these residents were now clients and what role that plays in the ability to comment during the proceedings.

Adjournment

The hearing concluded at 8:45pm and would continue on March 31st at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



Tammi Dravec
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

**Lower Nazareth Township
Bills To Be Approved
March 26, 2014**

<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>			
14209	Pennsylvania State Police	Employee Record Checks	\$ 10.00
14210	France Anderson Basile and Company, P.C	Auditing Services	\$ 1,980.00
14211	PA One Call System, Inc.	Monthly Fax Activity	\$ 15.60
14212	Edwards Business Systems	Copier Maintenance	\$ 444.12
14213	Verizon Wireless	Fire Company Wireless	\$ 459.66
14214	Verizon Wireless	Municipal/Public Works Wireless	\$ 369.84
14215	Suburban Propane	Park Fuel	\$ 300.34
14216	Deer Park	Municipal Bottled Water	\$ 19.62
14217	AT&T	Municipal/Public Works Long Distance	\$ 104.19
14218	PPL, Inc.	Fire Company Electricity	\$ 1,003.05
14219	Jack Williams Tire Company, Inc.	Fire Company Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 109.90
14220	Robert Hammond	Local Services Tax Refund	\$ 48.00
14221	Alyssa Finken	Local Services Tax Refund	\$ 8.00
14222	Alexander Walsh	Local Services Tax Refund	\$ 52.00
14223	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Refreshment Stand License	\$ 82.00
14224	County of Northampton	Property Taxes	\$ 216.97
14225	LNT Real Estate Tax Collector	Property Taxes	\$ 83.38
14226	Liberty Propane Inc.	Municipal Building Propane	\$ 5,581.40
14227	State Worker's Insurance Fund	Workers Compensation	\$ 1,476.00
14228	Service Electric Cable TV Inc	Fire Company Internet	\$ 43.24
14229	Service Electric Telephone Co.	Fire Company Telephone	\$ 39.46
14230	Keystone Volunteer Insurance Group	Fire Company Insurance	\$ 5,569.00
14231	Medical Life Insurance Company	Employee Life Insurance	\$ 1,466.45
14232	Verizon	Public Works Telephone	\$ 160.58

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GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT CONTINUED

14233	Verizon	Municipal Office Telephone	\$ 438.36
		<i>Total General Fund Checking...</i>	<u>\$ 20,081.16</u>

PAYROLL ACCOUNT

	March 21, 2014		<u>\$ 32,671.88</u>
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REFUSE/RECYCLING ACCOUNT

1194	First Regional Compost Authority	2nd Quarter 2014 Payment	<u>\$ 4,681.05</u>
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MASTER ESCROW CHECKING (LAB)

1271	Lori Peck, OCR, RPR	Stenographer	\$ 980.00
1272	Met-Ed	Traffic Signal Electricity	\$ 111.80
1273	Nazareth Area School District	Facilities Use	\$ 150.00
		<i>Total Master Escrow Checking Account...</i>	<u>\$ 1,241.80</u>

DEVELOPMENT & INSPECTION ACCOUNT

1767	Lower Nazareth Township	Building Permit	\$ 954.00
1768	Lower Nazareth Recreation Association	2013 Baseball Safety Reimbursement	\$ 1,618.85
1769	Lower Nazareth Recreation Association	2013 Football Safety Reimbursement	\$ 3,530.15
1770	Lower Nazareth Recreation Association	2013 Basketball Safety Reimbursement	\$ 9,205.00
		<i>Total Development & Inspection Account...</i>	<u>\$ 15,308.00</u>