

**LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
March 14, 2012**

The Lower Nazareth Township Board of Supervisors held a regularly scheduled meeting in the Township Municipal Building on Wednesday March 14, 2012. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Present were:

Eric E. Nagle	-	Chairman	Gary Asteak	-	Solicitor
Robert S. Kucsan	-	Vice Chairman	Albert Kortze	-	Engineer
Gerald R. Green	-	Supervisor	Timm A. Tenges	-	Manager, Secretary/Treasurer
Martin J. Boucher	-	Supervisor	Eric A. Albert	-	Municipal Office Coordinator
James S. Pennington	-	Supervisor			

Absent was:

Tammi Dravec - Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Approval of Minutes

A motion was moved by Mr. Pennington and was seconded by Mr. Boucher to approve the meeting minutes for February 22, 2012. The motion carried.

New Business

Liquor License Hearing – Resolution # LNT-09-12

Solicitor Asteak stated that on January 26, 2012 the township received a letter from RARE Hospitality requesting the transfer of a liquor license for their new restaurant Long Horn Steak House. Solicitor Asteak stated that the request for a transfer was extended from its original 45 day window do to the fact we needed to advertise for a public hearing and could not meet the timeline for the advertisement requirements. The hearing was granted the time extension in a letter dated February 9, 2012 by RARE Hospitality. Solicitor Asteak showed that this public hearing was published and advertised within all of the mandated guidelines and that it was up to the Board of Supervisors to decide if they were willing to grant RARE Hospitality the Liquor License transfer that they were pursuing and to report to the Liquor Control Board the Board's decision.

Attorney Mark Kozar was on hand to state why his clients felt they deserved the approval of a liquor license transfer for their new restaurant. Mr. Kozar stated that RARE Hospitality was a subsidiary of Dardin Inc. which is the world's largest restaurant corporation. He stated that Dardin Inc. has 87 restaurants in the state of Pennsylvania, including 18 Long Horn Steak Houses. Mr. Kozar said that they will not have any loud music coming from the restaurant and that they will not offer any take out of alcoholic beverages from that site. This site is proposing to create roughly 100 jobs, and have estimated that the sale of alcohol will only represent 9.5% of their total sales. Mr. Kozar concluded by stating they feel that the addition of a Long Horn Steak House will be a great asset to the Lower Nazareth Township Community.

After hearing the comments from Attorney Kozar, Mr. Green made a motion to pass Resolution #LNT-09-12 and was seconded by Mr. Boucher. The motion carried.

Reports

All reports are available to review at the Township Office and on our website.

Mr. Nagle acknowledged the receipt of the Financial Report for January 2012, as well as the Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company Incident Report for February 2012 and the Hecktown Volunteer Ambulance Corps Incident Report for February 2012.

Correspondence

There were no items to discuss under Correspondence.

Subdivision and Land Development

Lehigh Dialogue Center – Martin Gilchrist of Urban Research & Development wanted to present the idea they were having for the development of a Dialogue center to be located on a 9-acre tract off Commerce Park Drive. Mr. Gilchrist wanted to see if the Board might consider a zoning amendment to their current regulations for Light Industrial and consider the possibility of placing a small cemetery next to the proposed site. Mr. Gilchrist said they would like to develop this land in three phases. For the first phase they would like to build a community/cultural center where Sunday school would be provided to children between the grades of K – 12. As well as a traditional feast twice per year. The second phase would be the construction of a hotel, not a chain and lastly they would like to be allowed to place a cemetery on part of the land, and classify it as an accessory use. Solicitor Asteak asked if they could give specific examples of how a cemetery would be classified as an accessory use, and was told by Mr. Gilchrist that he would research it and provide him with an example at a later time. After hearing the presentation the Board of Supervisors decided to table this topic until the next Board of Supervisors meeting to be held on March 28, 2012 so that they will have time to give this some thought.

Supervisors' Comments

Mr. Kucsan and Mr. Pennington had no comments.

Mr. Nagle stated that the Colonial Regional Police Department has recently donated a Ford Expedition to Lower Nazareth Township.

Mr. Green commented that at an Ambulance Corps meeting they were informed that the state would be mandating new changes to the way an Ambulance Corps is run.

Mr. Boucher also commented on the Ambulance Corps and said that the all Corps will need to be open 24/7 by next January.

Mr. Tenges added his thoughts on this subject and said it may be in the Township's best interest to start developing a contract with our Ambulance Corps. A motion was made by Mr. Kucsan to authorize Mr. Tenges to meet with Solicitor Asteak to discuss what would be needed for this to transpire, it was seconded by Mr. Pennington, the motion carried.

Manager's Report

Time Extension Report – Mr. Tenges reported that Colts Run South has granted the Township an extension until June 18, 2012.

Replacement Equipment Purchases – Mr. Tenges reported that he has received a quote to replace the vehicle that was lost in the fire. He would like to pursue the purchase of a 2012 International 7200 truck off of a state contract for \$123,045.00. Mr. Tenges said he would like to receive quotes on a five year lease with a \$1.00 buyout at the end of the term. A motion was made by Mr. Boucher to allow Mr. Tenges to begin the procedure to purchase this truck; it was seconded by Mr. Kucsan. The motion carried.

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Mr. Tenges also added that he would like to seek approval for the replacement of a 1994 Ford F 350 Dump Truck. Mr. Tenges stated that the Township can purchase a 2012 GMC Sierra 2400 with 4wd for \$59,862.00 off of a Costars Contract. Mr. Tenges also stated that the monies for both of these trucks were already included in this year's budget. The Manager asked for approval to begin getting quotes for a five year lease with a \$1.00 buyout. A motion was made by Mr. Kucsan to allow Mr. Tenges to begin the procedure and was seconded by Mr. Pennington. The motion carried.

Township Clean-Up Day – Mr. Tenges stated that the format for this year's clean-up day will be following a new format. The Township will be holding the event on May 19, 2012 at 4600 Greinar Rd and will be run by the Township itself, not by East Penn Sanitation. The Township will also be responsible for the transporting of all material to the appropriate dumping sites.

Recycling/Park Maintenance Building – Mr. Tenges also proposed the purchase of a 50 x 80 pole building to be erected at 4600 Greinar to be used to aid in the storing of our public works equipment and to house equipment that will be used for our recycling program that is currently being run out of this location. The building can be purchased for \$18,233.14 and can be assembled by Lower Nazareth Township. Mr. Tenges also stated that any purchase under \$18,500.00 does not have to be bid out; it can be purchased after acquiring three quotes. A motion was made by Mr. Green to purchase the pole building and was seconded by Mr. Boucher. The motion carried.

KNBT Land Loan – Mr. Tenges also asked for permission to retire a debt the township currently has. He said that the loan has an outstanding balance of approximately \$250,000.00 and that if we pay it off now it will save the Township approximately \$25,000.00 in interest over the remainder of the loan. A motion was made by Mr. Pennington to retire the debt and it was seconded by Mr. Kucsan. The motion carried.

Engineer's Report

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

Solicitor's Report

There were no items to discuss under Solicitor's Report.

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. Boucher and was seconded by Mr. Pennington to approve payment of the bills dated March 14, 2012. The motion carried.

Courtesy of the Floor

Christopher Zajaick, 269 Presidential Drive, posed the question of when the sewer laterals that were installed on Christian Springs Road will be available for hook up with the sewer authority. He was told by Mr. Tenges that this situation is dictated by the Department of Environmental Protection and they are still working on what options will be available for residents to hook up to the sewer main. Mr. Tenges stated that the Township is working on these issues and will make notice of their findings as soon as they are known.

Adjournment

A motion was moved by Mr. Boucher and was seconded by Mr. Pennington to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.
The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Eric Albert

Eric Albert
Municipal Office Operation Coordinator

Lower Nazareth Township
Bills To Be Approved
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Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<u>GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>			
12336	Northampton County TCC	2012 TCC Adminiatrative Fee	\$ 882.38
12337	Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company	Fire Company Loan	\$ 965.26
12338	Volunteer Companies Loan Fund	Fire Company Loan	\$ 965.26
12339	Colonial Regional Police Department	Police Contract Payment	\$ 86,944.36
12340	PA Municipal Health Insurance Cooperati	Employee Health Insurance	\$ 17,574.37
12341	Volunteer Companies Loan Fund	Fire Company Loan	\$ 1,011.77
12342	Easton Suburban Water Authority	Fire Company Water	\$ 62.06
12343	Stokes Electrical Supply Company	Fire Company Supplies	\$ 357.36
12344	R.S. Security & Communications	Fire Company Contract	\$ 420.00
12345	ExxonMobil	Fire Company Equipment Motor Fuel	\$ 632.58
12346	Verizon	Fire Company Telephone	\$ 206.75
12347	Knowles LP Gas	Fire Company Fuel	\$ 954.46
12348	Edwards Business Systems	Copier Maintenance	\$ 317.86
12349	The Express Times	Advertisements	\$ 317.40
12350	PPL, Inc.	Traffic Signal/St Light/Municipal/PW/Park Ele	\$ 738.89
12351	AT&T	Municipal/Public Works Long Distance	\$ 75.78
12352	Herceg Hauling	Trash Removal	\$ 125.00
12353	Met-Ed	Traffic Signal Electricity	\$ 313.38
12354	Verizon	Municipal / Public Works Telephone	\$ 611.33
12355	Lori Peck, OCR	Stenographer	\$ 75.00
12356	The Express Times	Subscription Renewal	\$ 59.80
12357	France Anderson Basile and Company, P.(Audit Services	\$ 1,860.00
12358	PA One Call System, Inc.	Monthly Fax Activity	\$ 22.44
12359	ISOBunkers, LLC	Equipment Motor Fuel	\$ 1,598.04
12360	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Refreshment Stand License	\$ 82.00
12361	The Miracle League of Northampton Cour	Contribution	\$ 1,000.00
12362	Chase Card Services	Conference/Website/Equipment Motor Fuel	\$ 2,067.90
12363	Signal Service, Inc.	Traffic Signal Maintenance	\$ 1,775.00
12364	Collis Truck Parts, Inc.	Equipment Parts/Supplies	\$ 115.00
12365	Werner Transmission Inc	Equipment Parts/Supplies	\$ 75.00
12366	Tommy's Small Engine Repair	Equipment Parts/Supplies	\$ 38.00

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GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT CONTINUED

12367	Interstate Battery of Allentown	Equipment Parts/Supplies	\$ 99.95
12368	Valley Industrial Rubber Products	Equipment Parts/Supplies	\$ 14.29
12369	Staples Business Advantage	Office/Zoning/Tax Suplies	\$ 131.88
12370	Flurer's Auto Body	Tool/Equipment Repairs	\$ 75.00
12371	Sam's Club	Public Works / Municipal Bldg Supplies	\$ 29.99
12372	International Salt Co., LLC	Winter Maintenance	\$ 3,000.47
12373	Associated Fire Equipment Co., Inc.	Public Works/Municipal Bldg Fire Safety Mair	\$ 829.20
12374	Nextel Communications	Fire Company Wireless	\$ 475.98
12375	PPL, Inc.	Fire Company Electricity	\$ 608.70
12376	Edwards Business Systems	Copier Maintenance	\$ 88.00
12377	Franklin Tarantino	Local Services Tax Refund	\$ 4.00
12378	Suburban Propane	Public Works Heating Fuel	\$ 1,287.75
12379	CodeMaster Inspection Services	Building Inspection Services	\$ 240.00
12380	PetroChoice	Equipment Motor Fuel	\$ 425.15
12381	Bath Supply Co., Inc.	Miscellaneous Maintenance	\$ 409.02
12382	BWP-Carquest Auto Parts	Equipment Parts/Supplies	\$ 372.32
12383	Harry E. Orkin Inc.	Equipment Parts/Supplies	\$ 2,374.75
12384	Home Depot	Parts/Supplies/Traffic Signs/PW Supplies	\$ 395.19
12385	The Express Times	Advertisement	\$ 269.80
<i>Total General Fund Checking Account...</i>			\$ 132,493.49

PAYROLL ACCOUNT

March 9, 2012

\$ 28,437.29

DEVELOPMENT & INSPECTION ACCOUNT

1701	CodeMaster Inspection Services	Building Inspection Services	\$ 55,372.60
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CHRISTIAN SPRINGS ROAD ACCOUNT

506	Keystone Consulting Engineers	Engineering & Inspection Services	\$	998.50
507	Berks Products	Christian Springs Road	\$	570.00
508	Exeter Supply Co., Inc.	Pipe/Drainage Supplies	\$	359.16
<i>Total Christian Springs Road Account...</i>			\$	1,927.66

CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

757	LNT General Fund	Refund Towing Charge	\$	650.00
758	U.S. Municipal	Equipment Replacement	\$	12,951.92
<i>Total Capital Reserve Account...</i>			\$	13,601.92

RECYCLING/REFUSE ACCOUNT

1125	First Regional Compost Authority	2nd Quarter 2012 Payment	\$	4,681.05
1126	Mr. John	Temporary Restroom	\$	151.55
1127	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Municipal Waste Transporter Application	\$	100.00
<i>Total Recycling/Refuse Account...</i>			\$	4,932.60

MASTER ESCROW CHECKING ACCOUNT (LAB)

1015	Met-Ed	Traffic Signal Electricity	\$	229.79
1016	Signal Service, Inc.	Traffic Signal Maintenance	\$	1,925.00
<i>Total Master Escrow Checking Account...</i>			\$	2,154.79