

**LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Scott Harper
David Connors
Robert Weer
Michael Pickel
Steven Zurl

STAFF PRESENT:

Dawn Maciejczyk, Township Secretary
Shane Kinsey, Director of Public Works
65 Audience Members

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Scott Harper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He said that in our regular monthly meetings the Board said that it would have another Town Hall meeting. We finally got it together and would like to share some information with you all this evening. Tonight, we are basically here to talk about two things On-Street Parking and Contract Law Enforcement. I would like to thank Leelan Key and Bill Van, when we came in tonight it was supposed to be set up and was not. These two-gentleman helped us to set up the chairs and stuff so we would like to extend a thank you to them for their help. Mr. Scott Harper said he will be sharing the information regarding the parking and Mr. Pickel will be sharing the information regarding the contract law enforcement. At the end of the meeting there will be a public comment, questions and answer session, we would like to limit to five minutes per person so that we can try and give everyone who wants to speak ample time.

II. ON- STREET PARKING

Mr. Scott Harper said, there is a little back ground information that he would like to give before we get started. When London Grove Township started to grow the street width standard was originally set at 18 feet. There was a lot of reasons for that, one being trying to keep the county feel and nature aspect in the community. The Board, at the time, did not want London Grove Township to turn into a Kennett Square. They wanted to keep that rural feeling here. Some of the other reasons being that it effects the cost to repave the roads, stormwater runoff and open space.

As development pressure continued, those of you who were here in the late 90's when the sewer plant finally got organized you saw a massive growth. As that pressure continued, the street width started to change. It went from 18 to 20 and presently the Board of Supervisors, just in November after discussions with the Fire Marshals in the area, decided to set the minimum street width to 26 feet. Unfortunately, that does not resolve any of the existing problem we have with parking on the street.

As time went on, the way the Township delt with parking issues was that a resident would come to a Township meeting. They would say I have school kids or whoever parking on my street, there not supposed to be, so what can you do about it. We would have some discussions and as time went on, if the Township deemed it necessary, we would contract with one of our consultants and they would do a traffic study. If the traffic study showed that it was an issue then up went the signs that said no parking. We have a standard across the Township that none of the Township roads are allowed to have

parking on them.

Since this issue was not confined to one street, one development this Board decided to try and solicited opinions from our residents. We've had some suggestions from some residents and we wanted to try and get a broader basis as to what and how people would like to see this dealt with. That was the primary reason we decided to get together tonight.

We are going to try tonight to help and educate an understanding of the rules we have and the importance of those, identify concerns that you all have and identify a possible resolution to the problem. No decision will be made tonight. What we are trying to do is open a dialog with as many residents as we can and over the series of the next couple of months we will continue to discuss this at our Board meetings to see if we can come up with some solution that satisfies some of the new needs of residents that now have children who have cars and things like that and still help us.

One of the things that came up from previous Boards dealing with this was, the street by street person by person complaint system. We started to realize that this was not the most effective way to deal with it and different people were bringing different issues. One that came through very loud and clear was enforcement. We do not have any type of enforcement in our Township. We as a Board, questioned should we continue this street by street because if we want to change anything that's on a plan we must do a study and that study cost money. If you do it street by street over the course of time that adds up to a lot of dollars.

The Township also got into a situation where at one meeting a gentleman came in and said I'm tired of this you have got to put up signs, so the Board said ok we will do another study. The very next meeting another person from that same street came in and said I do not want any signs. We have had several residents throughout the past months say hey why can't we park on our streets.

We realize there is a problem but there is also an issue with safety, that's where we, as a Board must really concentrate. The Township has some Ordinance conflicts that exist between our Zoning, SALDO and the newly adopted Fire Code. Up until November 2016 we did not have the present fire code.

One of the things that we, as a Board did in preparation for this evening's meeting we had our road crew go out and take some actual measurements of some roads. We also had them go out with the fire company and take some pictures. The picture shown of a fire truck on one of the Township roads with a vehicle parked on the road. The Fire truck mirror to mirror is ten feet and they need four feet on both sides of the truck to work. This picture clearly shows that it is not there.

The road width up until just recently was twenty feet, it is now twenty-six feet. That is by the Township SALDO ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance has different widths of street in it for two lane or one lane roads. Then there is the Fire Code, which was just adopted, which says the minimum width is twenty feet and if there is a fire hydrant it must be twenty-six feet. One of the things we, as a Board realized in preparation for tonight's meeting was that we have some issues that we need to address. All these Ordinances should parallel each other and say the same thing. So that's one of the things the Township is going to be doing in the next six months or so, is to try and revamp this and get everything consistent. The Fire Code is the jewel that trumps them all regardless of what you have in your Zoning the Fire Code dictates over everything.

If the Township were to allow parking on the streets that are narrower than accepted, an Emergency Vehicle or Fire Truck could not get through or have enough room to do their job effectively and tragedy happens then the Township is mostly likely going

to be held liable. They're the ones that had the ordinance that allowed that. What that means to you and me as residents is, that if the Township were to get sued and lost, that money has to come from somewhere. It comes out of all our pockets. We would take it out of Township funds first and if insurance didn't cover it then it would be up to us to cover the difference. I understand if you want to park in front of your house as families grow. I can't park in front of my house never have and never will be able to but I understand why you might want to. I have to show you why we can't.

Reinforcing again parking on the streets creates a problem for the emergency responders. One thing that I just learned last night in preparation for this meeting, what makes us different from West Grove, Kennett Square or any place that has through traffic is in most of those areas those streets are not twenty-six feet wide, but there are two accesses to the house or the building. What is unique about a cul-de-sac is that you cannot do that, and most of our developments are set up around cul-de-sac's.

Our new Township Manager, Ken Battin, came from East Whiteland Township and he is very involved in the fire company. He showed us this slide it goes 0-10 minutes the first is the observance, phone call, dispatch and time to get there. In the first four to five minutes, the fire in almost all cases, is very controllable. When you start getting in the 7-10 minutes' mark it does what is called flash over. What that means is if there is anybody in that house they are most likely not coming out. Time is very critical to the safety of being able to solve things in a nice way.

Regardless to if any changes are made to this ordinance or not enforcement has been and still is an issue. The Township has spent five months exploring basically four different options. One is to hire a Parking Enforcement Official (Meter Maid) where they would come out and tag, option number two is to make this part of the duties of the Code Official, one of the things that the Board has been discussing for approximately a year now is that we are going to start to beef up our Code Department so this becomes a viable option. Third option is to simply do nothing and continue with how it is, the fourth option is contract police to do the enforcement. These are the options that we have discussed and gone over. Mr. Pickel wants to address you since he was the one that originally crafted the idea of us joining the Regional Police back in 2014.

III. CONTRACT LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Pickel; I asked if I could address the audience tonight because of two things; One, I have eight months left in my term and I am not running again so really this is the last time I will get to address a large group of residents. Unfortunately, if there is not issues like parking, police enforcement or composting we really do not see a lot of you at our monthly meetings. We would like to see more of you there since that is where we share a lot of our ideas. I also think if more people came to our monthly meetings there would be a little less spreading of rumors and disinformation.

I wanted to address the audience because back in 2014 it was my idea to ask the other municipalities if I could join in the conversation about joining the municipal police force. That was in 2014, in May of 2015 we held a meeting in this room and in an almost unanimous vote of 98 to 2 you voted that we should not move forward with the Regional Police Discussion. In 2016, as Mr. Scott Harper outlined we started getting more and more complaints about parking issues and one of the ways to control that would be considering contracting with the newly formed Regional Police Force. We had one or two meetings where we discussed that in a public forum. There are two gentlemen in the first row and one gentleman in the last row, who I asked if I could call out personally and they are the gentleman that said well have you done a study. We said no, we partook in the Regional

Police Force that was Grant funded and that told us our needs but we have not done our own independent study. At the time, we were currently engaged in the study to address our fire and ems to see if the two companies and the Southern Chester County EMS were adequate for what London Grove Township needed. We contacted the company VFIS, Dr. Bill Jenaway and asked if we could include law enforcement as a part of that study.

I wanted to address the audience tonight to let you know the findings of that study. The findings of this study are also by a part enlarge how the Board of Supervisors feel. London Grove Township does not need additional police coverage, nor will we be moving forward with joining the Regional Police Force. We are not entertaining any talks about contracting with them for forty hours a week. What this study does say is that in 2018 we should meet semiannually with the Board of Supervisors Chairman, The Manger and the Pennsylvania State Police Avondale Commanding Officer to discuss what is happening in the community. In 2019 and 2022, it does suggest that we revisit this study. Possible reengage with VFIS to determine if our current coverage is still adequate. This study will be an ongoing process and guide the Board of Supervisors in their decisions based on police. As of tonight, I am here to tell you that we are not moving forward with any other police service then our Pennsylvania State Police. I will apologize for letting rumors spread because I wanted to get the room as full as possible for you to hear directly from us the truth. I was going to apologize for people going door to door and spreading false information or people sending emails if you happen to live in an HOA, but I'm not going to do that because I was not spreading false information. That's all I have. I hope that answers a lot of questions for you. I'm sorry if you got upset I did let the rumors flow.

Mr. Scott Harper said presently somewhere in the State House is the Bill where the government is contemplating charging Townships like ourselves \$25 per capita for the services that the State Police provide. The difference this time compared to all the other times is the Governor is behind this. I did meet with the Lieutenant at the Avondale State Police Barracks to go over question with this decision-making process and how we wanted to proceed. He is aware of our decision and what we are doing. We do have an open dialog with him but if that bill passes then we may have to visit this again. We will have roughly a \$230,000 hit out of tax dollars just to keep the service that we have. One of my questions was if we pay you \$230,000 what control do we have and the answer was none. You may hear in the future that we are talking about this again and we will do our best to try and bring everyone together again to discuss this.

We have decided that the best way for us to deal with this enforcement is through our Codes Department. Our new Township Manager, Mr. Ken Battin is extremely knowledgeable in Codes has given us some guidance and we will through the next couple of months start to rebuild and build a true Codes Department. They will be charged with that enforcement, commercial inspections of buildings, fire inspections of buildings so that we have a safe community.

IV. QUESTION AND ANSWER/COMMENT SESSION

Please stand tell us your name and where you are from if you would like to share with the Board, please limit your comments to five minutes.

Sandy Bowman, Bently Road. I have had problems with the kids parking on the street outside my house. I called the Principal of the school to take care of the issue, I asked him to find out who those kids where and tell them if they continued to do this they would never get a parking permit and it stopped. The only kids that park on our street now are the ones that are guest. We do not have a lot of parking on our street and I do not want to see a no parking sign. If there is a family event I do not want to have to

run out and get a permit to have my family and guest park on the street. If it's something that you are going to have to mandate can you have just one side of the street be no parking and we can park on the other side of the street?

Mr. Scott Harper said, before we decided to have this meeting one of the residents suggested that we try to meet with the school district and say this is your problem. The school district does not accept that responsibility. Basically, they only control students on their property. They cannot control someone driving to school and parking someplace else. We did ask that they notify the students again that this is an issue and the Township is looking into how they can rectify it. The Principal of the High School was going to draft a letter and send it home to all the parents of the students reminding them that this causes a problem for our residents. That was in January.

Steve Annan, Sunset Court, this problem started twenty-six years ago when the Township created this ordinance. It's been twenty-six years and you are continuing with saying we cannot park on our streets. We have to think of everyone here. The most recent Ordinance 205 that was just passed with twenty-six feet wide streets and there is still no parking on the streets. I was the one that went out on the street, door to door and the point is, people are a little concerned with someone coming over and having people park on the street and you are restricting it. We have to look at it in a logical way of we live here, we do not park on the street all the time but we should not be restricted or get a ticket for parking on the street or get towed. Yes, it's a safety issue but this safety issue has continued for twenty-six years and is still going. In the past four years, Avondale PSP has handled about 2,400 calls for London Grove Township. Looking at it, there has been no increase in crime, so I don't know why we are talking about needing increased police with the population growing and so on. Why we would even think about Regional Police. I have the proposed bills right here and these are what could happen. Mr. Scott Harper said that is not what our solicitor has told us. Mr. Annan said these are the facts. Every time you report out every month saying there is so much crime, here is a compilation over the past four years. There have been 2,400 calls that they have handled in London Grove Township and they are doing a great job. Mr. Scott Harper said yes, he is and the report that we put out every month is his report. Mr. Annan said this tells you that what he is doing is keeping the crime down. The things that you are talking about are things that you couldn't enforce 15-16 years ago and now want to enforce. We need to be concerned with the residents and how we live our lives and more concerned in the sense that if you have to coat your driveway and you put your car on the street you're now going to give us a ticket, if we host Christmas and have relatives come over and park in the street you're going to give them a ticket. You need to look at these other things. There are other factors involved and putting signs up is not the answer, because the problem lies with the Township and you have not done anything to change it.

Theresa Zunino, State Road, we bought the houses knowing they are quarter acre lots, two car garages and two car driveways. When you move in there with two babies you do not think about when your children are 16 and learning to drive, it becomes that time and then what? Do you ask people to do move because you cannot park your cars on the street? This happens in every Township and we have all created it by allowing quarter acre lots and two car driveways. Not fair to put these ordinances into effect and say oh sorry you bought the house and now you have two sixteen-year old's and you cannot park there. I really feel it would be a waste of the police time to enforce parking. If you want to do something like that I do not think you should use the police.

Mary Cox, Chartwell Road, I am really sad to hear that London Grove Township will not be doing the contract police. I live right outside of the Borough of West Grove

and the State Police do not respond. There is no barometer for the State Police to report how much actual time they have spent in each municipality. People are parking in front yards, on the sidewalks and in front of fire hydrants and no one is doing anything about it. I have seen dirt bikes, go carts driving through the Heather Grove Development and no one is doing anything about it. People are changing license plates from car to car and no one is doing anything about it. I have called the State Police and they do not come. Two school buses sit down at the stop sign for a half hour each day, cars cannot get around them and they are blocking the stop sign. Please consider the Regional Police Force at least for a couple hours.

Resident, I live across the street. I see the Fire Code is 26 feet, I just want to understand that this was adopted as of November last year. When will this Fire Code of 26 feet take place? Many years from now or November 2016? Mr. Scott Harper said as of November 2016. It effects any streets that get built from now, not the ones that are already built.

Dave McGonical, 1 Deer Path, Heather Grove, if the parking is not enforceable then I think it is a moot point. I think the first thing should be, what can we do to enforce it. The second thing, as a resident I have a couple of kids and friends so the residential I don't think is the issue. If we could put residential only parking signs and no on street parking during school hours and only signs at the entrance of the development and not all over the streets. The issues are not with the residents it's the daytime school hours that the problem seems to be happening in.

Resident, what you guys in the Township might not know is that the Avon Grove Little League opened up there parking lot for student parking. It's \$150 for the year to park there, which I believe is cheaper than the high school parking lot. Mr. Scott Harper said that the Little League took that away. Resident, no they are parked up there every day. Mr. Scott Harper said when we spoke with the school district they told us they took that away and there was a problem with trash. Mr. Pickel correct me if I'm wrong they said the Little League stopped it. The Little League is the one that put out the email to us whenever Little League signups were. Mr. Scott Harper said thank you.

Glen Smith, Bramble Lane, is the VFIS Police study available for the residents? Mr. Scott Harper said it is still a draft, we need to approve it and then meet one more time with Mr. Bill Jenaway before it is finalized. Once that is complete it will be available online on our website as well as at the Township Building. Mr. Smith asked how long will that process take? Mr. Scott Harper said if you would like a copy of it in draft form you may come to the Township Building and pick one up. Mr. Smith said after that it will be on the website? Mr. Scott Harper said yes. Mr. Smith asked do you have a time frame for that? Mr. Scott Harper said within the next couple of months.

Bob Erling, being a retired State Police officer after 25 years, and a resident of this community for 54 years I take pride in what the State Police have always done. I will tell you as many times as you call that Barracks and leave any kind of complaint what so ever a log is kept and an officer must respond. An incident report must be completed at the end of the day. Secondly, complaints come into the State Police Barracks that are not enforceable. You may think they are enforceable and that they are doing something wrong and something should be done, but unless it's a violation of the law there is nothing that the State Police can do. I'm proud of my 25 years, I never past up on any incident that was reported and I don't know of any State Police officer since then that has passed over a response to any complaint.

Kathy Foster, 102 Dillan Circle, to me this seems to be a school board issue, what we are doing is paying our school taxes which pay for busses for students to ride to and

from school. The students are not using the busses. So, with the money from the busses that they are not using, close the busses down and hire a driver. This sounds to me like it's a school board issue and has nothing to do with the Township. Mr. Scott Harper said we did discuss that with them and residents from some of the homeowner's associations wanted to join us, so we asked to be placed on the agenda, as an agenda item and the school board said no. We will meet privately but we do not want a room full of people talking about parking.

Jeff Simpson, School House Road, I want to reiterate that what she said with it's the Townships fault, it's the State Police's fault, it's the School Boards fault. I have a seventeen-year-old that owns his own car that he parks at the house and rides the school bus that my taxes pay for, because me as a parent, sorry if I offend anybody, but we all need to look in the mirror and figure out if our kids are driving to school and they do not have a parking permit where are they parking? We need to police our own kids and police our own selves. It's not a school board problem, it's not a Township problem and it's not a police problem. It starts at home, look in the mirror instead of pointing fingers at everyone else. I pay lots of school tax and barely anything to the Township, so if you sit here and berate these guys and everything they are trying to do, let's start looking in the mirror and see what is happening at home. That would take care of all these problems and we wouldn't be wasting money and time to discuss this.

Resident, Inniscrone, I would like to applaud the gentleman that just spoke, part of the problem is at home, but unfortunately, we can't say anything to those parents. One of my frustrations with this whole thing is I need to understand will this apply to residents will it apply to day time parking or will it be evening parking and I need something concrete so I can bring back to my homeowners association. Mr. Scott Harper said he is not understanding what is being asked. Mr. Connors said I understand that Mr. Scott Harper if I could answer.

Mr. Connors said I've been on the Board for seven years, I think what you are going to see happen from here is the typical Township process will start to take over. I think that we need to clean all this up and make a better vision of what this parking issue is. So, in order to do that, typically when you have an issue in a Township, you run it through the committee's and then it will all come back up at the Board again. There will be an opportunity for residents to get involved in this process and participate in whatever the outcome is whether it is parking on one side of the street or no parking what so ever. 99% of the parking issue is from the schools, everybody knows that. I think what has been happening is in the last year or two we have come to the realization that restructuring and reorganizing our Code Department they can take care of during the daytime school hours. We could probably enforce this our self in house, ticketing the vehicles from those areas specifically and then handling the residential parking complaints as we do with any other complaint in the Township. I think that would be where we are headed, but the process has to take place so keep your eyes and ears open for notices, meeting minutes etc. If you are not on the Township Facebook page go on and join us, go to the website and get information there. Sign up for the monthly newsletters.

We are very fortunate to be able to discuss the possibility of contracting out with our new Regional Police Force neighbors, at least we have that option to look at. It's a tremendous Police Force, Chief Simpson and I'm not just saying that because you are in the room, but it is a great Police Force and financially I think London Grove Township is in a very good position now better than it was 7/8 years ago because we have made significant cuts in spending and we could entertain augmenting our current State Police

services with contracting with the Regional Police Force for 40 hours a week. It would cost about \$200,000 a year. I think for the most part we could absorb that in our current budget without raising taxes. That would need to be look at a little more but that's my thought on it. We are fortunate enough to have that option on the table, hopefully that answers your question. We can't walk out of here tonight saying I'm going to get a ticket if I park on the left side of the street or the right side of the street. It's going to be a process and unfortunately municipal processes take time. Mr. Scott Harper said this is a dialog and from this dialog we will start a process. No decision will be made tonight other than what you have been informed of, we are not participating in the Regional Police.

Leelan Key, Traditions at Inniscrone, one of the things about parking around schools that has always troubled me is that we have a problem. Go to West Chester where they have a University and all the students are parking everywhere. I've always thought that when you have a school in a community setting you should make it a requirement that when they build a new building, like perhaps if they build a new high school, that there is enough parking for all of the people who are going to need it. I know that when you approve a new business coming into the Township one of the things you check is how many customers you would have and then you make sure there is enough parking in there so people are not going to be parking in front of other people's houses. Mr. Connors said the school board already has plans for a new high school up in Jennersville. Mr. Key said I do know that and I know it's in a big field where they should have plenty of room for everyone to park.

Matt Frankin, has there been any talks with the Assumption Church? They have a big parking lot that could probably hold all the on-street parking kids for a fee. Mr. Scott Harper said the Township would not enter into a deal with Assumption it would have to be the school district that would propose and enter into that deal. It just seems logical as it is right there. Mr. Scott Harper said that is not a solution that we can entertain. Mr. Franklin said I'm not saying that; I'm saying we are hearing talking about an issue that involves the school and this is a close by parking option that exist.

Marty Sarkissian, Stone Croft Homeowners Association Board member and resident of Stone Croft, I would like to request that the Board give some sort of statement that I can bring back to make sure that the information that I am sharing is accurate. I have had a lot of residents that have contacted me or our property manager and wanted to know what in fact the facts were. I would love to have a statement from the Board that says this is what this meeting was about so that I can communicate something with authority. Another request is that when you get to 2019 when you enter into a discuss with VFIS, Bill Jenaway again that the residents have some input.

Mr. Connors said there will be meeting minutes from this meeting that we can expedite them and approve them that you will be able to distribute. Mr. Sarkissian asked what is the turnaround time? Mr. Connors said we can try to speed up the process a little, typically we need to review and approve those meeting minutes in our next public meeting which will be May 3, 2017.

Aimee Orapello, Lamborn Hunt, my concern is we do not have to worry about the school parking, ours is the residents and people wanting to go into the back side of Goddard Park. We have called the police but unfortunately this is something that they cannot enforce. We also have a problem with overnight street parking and it is hard to navigate that in a regular vehicle with no street lights let alone an emergency vehicle.

Stacy Starr, Lamborn Hunt, I have a situation at my house where I can have five cars at my house any day of the week and that could be Monday through Sunday for

events going on at my house with my wife's activities. It poses a problem because I can only get so many vehicles in my driveway and the rest need to park on the street. My Street is 20 feet wide I'm not happy with that and I know parking is an issue. Personally, I think we should be able to park on the street but I don't like parking on the street. I've come down my street many times where people are parked on the street and they are out in the street so then you have to try and swerve and navigate your way through. It's defiantly an accident waiting to happen.

Chad Hager, Hills of London Grove, just a simple request, it sounds like you are looking towards the Code Enforcement to handle this for the communities or people that live on streets that are less than 26 feet. Would the Township give a grace period where they would at least wave the fees for getting permits to widen driveways and things like that. I live in a neighborhood that is going to have like 900 Honda Civics racing through there any day now so the grace period would be nice.

Ed Hatchigian, Rose Ann Lane, I'm pleased to be here tonight to join in on this discussion. I believe I heard you say that at this time you are not contracting with the police. Mr. Scott Harper said that is correct. Mr. Hatchigian said that it needs to be enforced. I am concerned about our first responders trying to navigate their way down the streets. My son in-law is a Pennsylvania State Trooper and I hear it all the time from him. If it is necessary to have enforcement why can't we have a meter maid that would be a lot more reasonable to support.

Mr. Connors, I would like to emphasize the difference between the conversation that Mr. Pickel talked about a year and a half ago about joining the Regional Police Force as a full-blown partner and the cost was in the neighborhood of \$1.2-\$1.8 million a year. What has been discussed recently is contracting out for a couple years at about \$200,000 a year. I just want to indicate that there is a significant difference with that. I like your idea and I'm not saying this as a negative towards meter maids but London Grove Township for a full-time employee does pension and benefits so whatever salary you pay your meter maid you can add 30-40% on top of that so a full-time employee can equate anywhere from \$65-\$100,000 per year. Mr. Hatchigian said yes but you are making money by giving those tickets. Mr. Connors said yes.

Steve Annan, Sunset Court, the problem lies with the Township with the 20-foot-wide streets, that's why we have our problem is that correct? Mr. Scott Harper said yes, but I cannot change history. Mr. Annan said no, but even the 26-foot-wide street you are not allowing parking on, so even if you make them wider you need to look at something from this point forward to make changes. Mr. Scott Harper said if I may answer you, I think one of the reasons we looked at going to 26 foot is to open the doors on those streets to possible allow parking on one side, but that does not solve the existing problems. Mr. Annan said no it does not. Even from your solicitor back in July 2016 they recommended that your Code enforcement become your parking authority and it says here you chose to go with the Police. Mr. Scott Harper said no, we are not going with the Police. The Police Department in some words offered more bang for your buck because you can get other uses from the Police that you cannot get from the Code Enforcement. Every time we have problems come in, our job is to investigate all of the possibilities of what is best for the Township. That still may be a conversation at a future date with the Police Department, that does not mean we are going to make that decisions but as responsible people we have to investigate all the possibilities and see if at the time does that make sense.

Resident, I hear everyone complaining about parking on the roads and most people live in developments where you are the only one on your deed. It is a single-

family home I've heard some comments about multiple people parking on the same side. Should we maybe Code Enforce the fact that maybe they are not single family dwellings and there are multiple families living in there that should not be? Let's talk about that, I mean that's a problem. I live in an older development and most of the houses have sold recently and there is some serious traffic sitting on my streets and I'm going to say it's not good traffic. So maybe the Code Enforcement should go check these homes and see how many families are living in there and Code Enforce that first and then see what we get.

Resident, I saw in one of your newsletters that you are planning on putting sidewalks in on State Road in front of the school. Mr. Scott Harper said yes, we are looking into that. The resident said if you do that you are going to encourage more parking so that our kids can safely walk down State Road to get to school. The school got a permit for an overflow parking lot many years ago, and they never used it and now it's the tennis courts. I don't understand why you cannot enforce on the school that they provide the parking. Mr. Scott Harper said because we do not have the authority to do so. The Municipal Planning Code (MPC) tells us what we can and cannot do and we do not have the authority to regulate parking at the school.

Resident, do you know how much it is to park at the school for a year? Mr. Scott Harper said I do not. Resident said, I hear, I do not have a high school student, but I hear it is over \$500 for one student to get a parking pass for the high school. Another resident said no, it is \$150 for the school.

Resident, it's very nice to listen to some individuals on the Board that think that paying \$200,000 a year for a four-year period of time which become \$800,000 for contract Police I don't know where you would get that from. At the last meeting, I asked for a break down as to how much it is going to cost for each individual Police Officer, who's paying for their training, who's paying for their education, who's paying for the updates of all these people, who's covering the insurance for any Police Officer that is involved in a serious incident? I do not know how you can just come out and say well it's \$200,000 to support our Regional Police Force but we are not going to increase your taxes. I've listened to a lot of politicians on the television that say the same thing and my taxes keep going up, and I'll tell you right now they're the ones that are going to decide as to how much you are going to pay and they won't give you a budget for every year for five years it will change year by year by year. As the cost increases for whatever it may be our cost will increase.

Mr. Connors said I think you misunderstood me, the point I was making was to help support the State Police who do a wonderful job. We do have other issues in London Grove Township besides parking. We have car break-ins we have a major heroin issue in our area. This problem is not going to be solved today. We are going to be back here in a couple of years talking about the Regional Police force again. We are at approximately 10,000 residents right now, what is the threshold for needing your own police force? I don't know what to say about the financial comment because I think I have proven myself on this Board a. to be a man of my word and b. to be knowledgeable and fiscally responsible as well. So, I take a little bit of umbrage with your comments in that regard. I did evaluate it and when you are in a contract for \$200,000 then that's what you get, and that's what you pay for a specific amount of time and then you make a choice on whether you want to move forward or not.

Clarence Willy, N. Guernsey Road, the parking issue is adjacent to the school, how many developments are affected by this problem? Mr. Scott Harper said to answer your question, one of the things that we talked about with how to approach this was

should we sit down with each homeowners association and discuss the problems in that homeowners association? We are responsible for everyone so if we change an ordinance it cannot be just for that development it has to be uniform. That's why we really needed to talk to everyone to find out where the problems are.

Dave Connery, I happened to be on the School Board when the high school was built 25 years ago. We took our plans to the State and the State required us to have parking for not only the staff but for all the children that were over the age of 16. We let them know that we have a bus fleet that we had two contractors, we built parking on the other side of School House Road. We condemned that property and bought 3 acres and put a beautiful parking lot in there and 25 years later tennis won out over the parking lot. I attend Township meetings and there is a gentleman, Mr. Annan, that attends and he wanted these guys to ticket cars, how ludicrous is that? He accused the Township Vice Chairman as siding with one neighbor against the other, I've never heard such a man at a Township meeting. I'm letting you know the problem does not reside here, it resides up there at the school. Maybe we should attend some School Board meetings and look to them for the answers.

Resident, on a positive note, I travel a lot of the roads in the Township and I would like to say Mr. Kinsey has done a miraculous job in repairing these roads that are in such bad shape. Woodview Road was in so bad of shape it should have been totally reconstructed but he got in there and did his work and provided an upgrade on that road that is unbelievable and it's still beautiful today and it's been 4-5 years. Mr. Scott Harper said, in addition to that two things happened Mr. Connors and Mr. Pickel spear headed that temporary tax that gave the Township the funds to fix these roads and then they repealed it like they said they were going to and we now have a schedule that we think we can keep with our funding structure that will keep these roads maintained that way. Mr. Kinsey and the entire Road Department with snow removal and everything are just top notch.

Mr. Scott Harper thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to come to our monthly meetings.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Maciejczyk
Township Secretary