

**LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 12, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Connors  
Stephen Zurl  
Christina Fanning  
Lee Irwin  
Kevin Runey

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ken Battin, Township Manager  
Shane Kinsey, Director of Public Works  
Dawn Maciejczyk, Township Secretary  
11 Audience Members

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Connors called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESS RELEASES/FUTURE MEETINGS**

Mr. Connors announced the next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on June 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., the meeting agenda deadline is June 2, 2021 at noon.

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Connors called for Public Comment on agenda items. There was none.

**II. CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of April 14, 2021. Mr. Zurl made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 14, 2021, seconded by Mr. Runey and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**III. REPORTS FOR APRIL 2021**

**Inniscrone Golf Course**

Mr. Connors reviewed the year to date report. There were no questions.

**Code Department**

Mr. Connors reviewed the Codes Department report, prepared by Mrs. Zunino, Mr. White and Mr. Weer. Mr. Connors commented that he is very proud of this Township for how we stayed open and how quickly permits are being processed and out to the contractors.

**Public Works Department Report**

Mr. Kinsey presented the Public Works Department report. Mrs. Fanning asked about vandalism at Goddard Park. Mr. Kinsey commented that for the last 45-60 days there have been little to no issues at Goddard Park. Mr. Connors asked Mr. Kinsey to pass on congratulations to Mr. Harvey on his Road Scholar I Certification and Mr. Yerkes on his Class “A” CDL.

**Finance Department**

Mr. Connors reviewed the Financial Report for March prepared by Ms. Guenther. Mrs. Fanning made a motion to approve the Financial Report for March as presented, seconded by Mr. Irwin and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**Pennsylvania State Police Report**

Mr. Connors reviewed the Pennsylvania State Police Report for the month of March. There were no questions from the Board.

**Monthly Emergency Services Report**

Mr. Connors reviewed the Monthly Emergency Services Report. There were no questions from the Board.

### **West Grove Fire Company**

Mr. Mike Keiser, Assistant Chief 22A, presented the Board of Supervisors with a fleet photo. The fleet photo will be hung in the Township Building lobby.

### **Southern Chester County Emergency Medical Services Report**

Mr. Hotchkiss, Southern Chester County EMS, gave a review of the 2020 with Covid challenges and how operations and communications changed throughout the Emergency Services in the area. He explained that this is the first year that they implemented the new funding formula that Mr. Scott-Harper led the way in developing. He thanked the Board for always being big supporters of SCCEMS.

Mr. Hotchkiss stated some changes for 2021 are their peak time approximately 18 hours a day, they move vehicles around. If the hospital medic is out, they will move the medic from the Avondale Station to the Route 41/ Old Township Garage area, to make sure there is ample coverage for the area.

Mr. Hotchkiss also announced their Capital Campaign to fund the purchase of new Cardiac Monitors. The current 14 year old monitors have reached the “end of life” stage. They are looking to raise \$180,000.00. These new units are able to live stream data, pictures and video on the way to the hospital, it is truly 21<sup>st</sup> century technology. To date 20% has been raised, they are still \$140,000.00 short. The most valuable piece of equipment on the medic unit is the EMS themselves, this is the technology they need.

Mr. Connors asked that we advertise this on Facebook.

### **Monthly Right-to-Know Report**

Mr. Connors reviewed the monthly Right-to-Know report. There were no questions from the Board.

### **DEP Odor Report**

Mr. Connors reviewed the monthly DEP Odor Report. There were no questions from the Board.

## **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **Appointments:**

Mr. Zurl made a motion to appoint Mr. Kurt Engleman to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired Term of 1/1/2018-12/31/2021, seconded by Mr. Runey and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Runey made a motion to appoint Mr. Patrick Tucci to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired Term of 1/1/2018-12/31/2021, seconded by Mr. Zurl and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Zurl made a motion to appoint Ms. Tina Skinner to the Parks and Recreation Board to fill the unexpired Term of 1/1/2017-12/31/2021, seconded by Mr. Irwin and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Irwin made a motion to appoint Mr. X. Sean Zhang to the Environmental Advisory Board to fill the unexpired Term of 1/1/2020-12/31/2022, seconded by Mr. Runey and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Zurl made a motion to appoint Ms. Jane Yeksigian to the Historical Commission for an unexpired Term of 1/1/2020-12/31/2022, seconded by Mrs. Fanning and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Vacancies: Zoning Hearing Board Alternate (1), Golf Course Advisory Committee (1), Twp. Auditors (2), Environmental Advisory Council (2), Tree Committee (2), Historical Commission (4), Agricultural Security Area (1), and Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals (3)

## **IV. HEARINGS**

## **V. FIRST BUSINESS**

### **Code Department Truck Replacement- Shane Kinsey**

Mr. Kinsey explained that the Code Department SUV is failing and is beyond repair at this point. He is having trouble finding a vehicle for the Code Department that is not selling immediately due to covid-19. Mr. Kinsey is asking for a motion to purchase a 2021 RAM 1500 SSV from New Holland Auto Group at the Co-Stars price of \$29,634.00, and if that vehicle is now unavailable to approve the purchase of a vehicle up to and not to exceed \$32,000.00.

Mr. Fanning made the motion to approve the purchase of the 2021 RAM 1500 SSV from New Holland Auto Group at the Co-Stars price of \$29,634.00 and if that vehicle is now unavailable they may purchase a vehicle up to and not to exceed \$32,000.00, seconded by Mr. Irwin and approved by a vote of 5-0.

### **Plow replacements- Shane Kinsey**

Mr. Kinsey is recommending the purchase of two Falls, 12' reversible plows, with Passenger side mailbox trim, from US Municipal Supply at Co-Stars with a cost not to exceed \$30,000. This is part of the equipment replacement plan. Mr. Kinsey was provided a quote of \$25,525.00 for these plows, however due to the volatility in the steel and manufacturing markets, he is unable to obtain a quote, which is valid for more than 1 day.

Mrs. Fanning made a motion to approve the purchase of two Falls, 12' reversible plows as recommended by Mr. Kinsey, with a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00, seconded by Mr. Irwin and approved by a vote of 5-0.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

### **Zoning Ordinance Discussion**

Mr. Battin explained that pre-Covid the Board was working on the AP Zoning District changes and when Covid hit everything sort of came to a standstill. Now that we are able to resume some normalcy the Township is getting things back on track and would like to set up a special meeting to discuss the AP Zoning District ordinance. A date of Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. was agreed upon. The Board asked that the Township notify the farmers again like last time.

### **Resolution No. 765 Purchase of Equipment for the Golf Course**

Mr. Runey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 765 Purchase of Equipment for the Golf Course, seconded by Mr. Irwin and approved by a vote of 5-0.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

## **VIII. LAND DEVELOPMENT**

### **PLANS:**

#### **284 Chatham Road Stormwater Management Plan Waivers**

Mr. Battin explained that 284 Chatham Road is asking for a few Stormwater Management Plan Waivers that Mr. Ragan is not opposed to. The waivers are below: 22-610.4, 20-401.B, 20-402.2G- All require a review of the E&S Plan by the Chester County Conservation District. The applicant is requesting that the Township review the E&S plan and that it not be sent to the CCCD for review. REA does not oppose this waiver request since the Township reviews the E&S plan anyway and the CCCD has expressed a preference to not review plans that disturb less than 1 acre.

Mr. Runey made a motion to approve the waivers as listed above, seconded by Mr. Irwin and approved by a vote of 5-0.

#### **Sycamore International Land Development Preliminary/Final**

Mr. Battin reviewed the plan and explained that all outstanding items have been

completed except for some administrative stuff that can happen after approval.

Mr. Zurl made a motion to approve the Sycamore International Land Development Preliminary/Final plan as presented, seconded by Mr. Runey and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**London Grove West 1 Year Extension Request- May 25, 2022**

Mr. Zurl made a motion to approve the one year extension for London Grove West till May 25, 2022, seconded by Mrs. Fanning, and approved by a vote of 5-0

**IX. EXTENSIONS**

**NO ACTION NEEDED**

| Development            | Application       | Date Received     | 90 Day Expiration | Planning Commission Approved  |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Barbara Yeatman        | Preliminary/Final | October 1, 2018   | June 17, 2021     |                               |
| Needham Farms          | Preliminary       | March 15, 2005    | August 6, 2021    |                               |
| Sycamore International | Preliminary/Final | February 24, 2021 | May 25, 2021      | April 28, 2021                |
| Development            | Application       | Date Received     | 5 Year Expiration | Planning Commission Approved  |
| London Grove West      | Approved Final    | December 22, 2010 | May 25, 2021      | April 27, 2011                |
| Marks Properties       | Approved Final    | February 26, 2020 | December 2, 2025  | November 18, 2020             |
| December 2, 2020       |                   |                   |                   | Board of Supervisors Approved |

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Connors called for Public Comment on non-agenda items. Mr. Steve Annan presented Mrs. Maciejczyk with a four page bullet point handout for the minutes. Mr. Annan is requesting that the Board of Supervisors place a No Parking sign in the cul-de-sac of Sunrise Court. Mr. Connors asked Mr. Annan are you advocating to bring back into conversation the whole parking issue again. Mr. Annan stated not right now, no. All I'm saying is put the sign up in Sunrise Court. There are other things in the handout that I'm not discussing at this time. Mr. Irwin asked what do you want the sign for. Mr. Annan states I'll be honest, 9 out of 10 people on Sunrise Court brought a petition in front of the Board and the Board said majority rules and they over turned my decision and left the signs up. You can't enforce them because it's a local ordinance. This sign is missing, so now I want the sign that is missing put up.

Mr. Connors asked are you having a problem with people parking in front of your house. Mr. Annan said no. Mr. Connors said so if you're not having a problem with people parking in front of your house, why do you want a sign. Mr. Annan said because it's supposed to be there. 9 out of 10 people on the street wanted the signs and you overturned my decision to take them down so put the sign up. Mrs. Fanning asked is it all the same people on the street still. Mr. Anna said yes, this was only 2 years ago when you over turned by decision. Mr. Connors said I remember at one point we made a decision. Mr. Annan said you made a decision 5-0 in my favor to take the signs down. Mr. Connors stated and then your neighbors came in and the majority of them opposed that. Mr. Annan stated the management company came in and gave a letter which doesn't mean anything because they have no authority over the roads. Mr. Zurl commented the Homeowners Association does and it was the HOA document that was brought in. Mr. Annan stated there is nothing about roads in it. Mr. Zurl commented yes there is, they brought a copy of it in. Mr. Annan asked did you see it because I've gone through the entire document.

Mr. Runey asked you wanted the signs down, but now you're asking for the signs to be put up? Mr. Annan stated I'm just agreeing with the rest of the neighborhood. Mr. Runey asked so now you're asking for more signs. Mr. Annan stated no, I'm asking for a sign in the bulb that the ordinance in 2008 said should be there that is not. Mrs. Fanning stated, I'm confused, a decision was made to put the signs up and the neighborhood doesn't want them but you do? Mr.

Annan said no in 2005 an ordinance was passed in to put up the signs that read “no parking during school hours”. In 2008 a neighbor complained and another ordinance was created to put a sign up in the bulb of the cul-de-sac that never happened. I came to advocate let’s take down the signs and be peaceful we all live here and enjoy our streets. That didn’t go well, it was me against the Board. So now, I’m going with the neighborhood.

Mr. Connors commented, after the new high school is built this is not going to be an issue. Mr. Irwin commented this hasn’t been an issue since we opened the little league parking lot up for parking. Mr. Annan commented that’s very true. So having the other 9 come in front of you and ask to leave the signs up and they weren’t aware that you can’t enforce them. Mr. Runey commented they were aware that they cannot be enforced, they said we know they can’t be enforced but they are a deterrent and we don’t want people to start parking here again. Mr. Connors commented we learned, we do not make a decision based on one person coming in and asking for something. We need the HOA and a consensus from the neighborhood that way we do not have this issue. Mr. Annan asked, Mr. Zurl can you tell me where in the by-laws it says something about parking. Mr. Zurl answered, do you think I have a copy of that with me here now or have that memorized. Mr. Annan stated, no, but they came to you with it right. Mr. Zurl commented, they brought it here and they proved it to the Board, that’s why the decision was reversed. It was not solely my decision it was the Boards decision to reverse it. They brought the documentation and a letter from the HOA. If you’re asking us to review something here.... I’m addressing you and I’m doing it with respect, I sometimes get a little loud because my “ear sight” is not great but what is it you’re asking for tonight? Mr. Annan said to put the sign up. Mr. Zurl asked 1 sign in front of your house. Mr. Annan answered no, in the bulb of the cul-de-sac. Mr. Zurl said that’s where you live right. Mr. Annan answered no, I don’t live in the bulb. Mr. Zurl stated so you want 1 sign in front of your house. Mr. Annan said no. Mr. Connors asked Mrs. Maciejczyk to send him a copy of Ordinance 148 in the morning. The Board ended the discussion with Mr. Annan.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Zurl to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Fanning and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Maciejczyk  
Township Secretary