

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – JULY 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on July 19, 2023. Dr. Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and called the Roll.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors: Fredric K. Weiss, Chair
Suzanne Blundi, Vice Chair
John B. Lewis, Secretary
James McCartney, Treasurer
Daniel Grenier, Supervisor

Others: David W. Kratzer, Jr., Township Manager
David Truelove, Township Solicitor
Andrew Pockl, Township Engineer
Isaac Kessler, Township Engineer
Kenneth Coluzzi, Chief of Police

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no one from any youth groups or any other organizations wishing to make an announcement at this time.

Dr. Weiss stated a member of the Lower Makefield Park & Recreation Board is hosting a free shredding event at the Township Building, 1100 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA on Saturday, July 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Dr. Weiss stated Lower Makefield Township will be hosting a Blood Drive for the Red Cross on Friday, August 18, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Township Building, 1100 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA. To sign up or get more information log onto [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: LowerMakefield.

Dr. Weiss stated Community Day will be held on August 26, 2023 at 1050 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA. Join us for food, fun, rides, and more. For more information visit [lmt.org-specialevents](https://www.lmt.org-specialevents).

Dr. Weiss stated the Ad hoc Property Committee is creating a long-term Master Plan for Patterson Farm and asks for community involvement. This Township-owned property is at a crossroads with historic buildings requiring expensive repairs or they may be lost. Potentially millions of dollars could be needed, but such expenditures cannot be made only to have buildings saved and sit idle. The Committee is working with a team of architects, engineers, and economists to determine best and compatible uses for the buildings that could benefit our community and thus support maintenance for future generations. The public is asked to become engaged by: (a) attending public Zoom meetings held the second Thursday of each month, (b) learning more at [LMT.org/Community/Patterson Farm](https://lmt.org/Community/PattersonFarm), and (c) attending future public forums.

Ms. Blundi announced that on Sunday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m. community residents are invited to the Garden of Reflection/Memorial Garden to be together in solidarity for everyone who was impacted by the flooding. A moment of silence was held in honor of those who lost their lives as well as property damage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greg Luzeckyj, 18 Maplevale Drive, stated he had just gotten to Maine for vacation when he received a call that their property was underwater and that power and gas was intentionally cut to his home and his neighbors on each side. He stated when they came home the next day he found that his back yard, his shed and everything in it was gone. He asked the Township's plan as to how and when they will fix the hole where his yard was and correct the problem properly as well as fixing the water channelization issue that they have been complaining about for a long time. He stated he has been here for thirty-two years and flooded four times, with this time being the worst.

Mr. Luzeckyj stated the Township is very good about approving continued building in areas that used to be farmland and forests which were some of the reasons why we all moved here. He stated he has seen nothing done in his immediate area to improve the expected increase in water movement. He asked the plan to fix and implement that. He stated he also would like to know the Township's plan to fix the hole in his yard because he is not paying for it and asked about being reimbursed for the vegetation that he lost that he had planted and maintained as well as the Township's plan for reimbursement of his shed. He stated he does not have flood insurance because he does not live in a flood zone, although "the Township managed to manufacture one." He stated he does not want to hear that the Township will follow up and will not forget them

as he had heard that three times before in the thirty-two years that he has lived here. He stated the Township knew that they were not done after the last flood two years ago. He stated he has learned that they had taken a single-grate storm drain and put two in but it was the same size pipe which had been installed backwards. He stated the Township is supposed to have certified, professional engineers who know what they are doing; and he asked why that individual is being paid with his tax dollars and "living someplace bigger and better than his house and is not in person this evening, but is on the TV screen."

Mr. Luzeckyj stated he wants to know how he is going to be reimbursed because his insurance company is not going to cover it. He stated he feels what happened is the result of negligence and incompetence on the Township's part. He stated the Township has a Budget of a half million dollars for trees, and he stated if trees are planted "they will end up in his driveway." He stated the Township should take that money and fix the water problem.

Ms. April Bollwage-Cloer, 20 Maplevale Drive, stated she and her husband have a seven-year-old son who has not been back in the home. She stated her property is on top of the collapsed drain pipe. She stated they were not home or they would have been trapped in the house watching the yard collapse with water. She stated she is thankful that her husband and neighbors were not out clearing the drains or they could have been lost like the families in Upper Makefield Township. She thanked her family, friends, neighbors, and strangers who continue to come by their house to check on them and to those who have taken them into their home. She thanked Mr. Grenier and Mr. Lewis who came out to her home. She also thanked Mike Kirk, Fire Marshall Chamberlain, Police Chief Coluzzi and anyone else who worked to get their power restored after the lines were cut in fear that the houses would collapse. She also thanked Representative and Mrs. Warren and Senator and Mrs. Santarsiero who have been helping escalate matters as their previous pleas have resulted in even worse flooding and a ravine.

Ms. Cloer stated they saw this coming and told the Supervisors after the last flood that the pipe was exposed and they were worried about what they had already lost. She stated she had advised the Board at that time that she and her husband were concerned about letting their son play too close to the Canal. She stated at this point her son's playhouse and outdoor toys are between their home and the lock on Afton, and she has people reaching out to her with photos asking if the toys they have found belong to her son.

Ms. Cloer stated bike paths and tennis courts get money and there is \$9 million in surplus from the State, but she needs to know what the Township is going to do to repair the homes and repair what they have lost. She asked when someone will come out to her home and tell her if the new crack in her patio does not go under her home and that it is okay for her to be on her second floor where her son's room is leaning to the other side of the home. She stated she wants someone to certify that their land is stable now as she cannot yet bring her son home.

Ms. Cloer stated there are links to photos they have been collecting from the Maplevale, Meadow, and Taylorsville Road families which she can provide. She stated she has sinkhole policy coverage; but because her house did not fall in, she gets nothing, and it would still not cover the flood damage. She stated they cannot afford to keep doing this. She stated her son is traumatized, and she needs her son to be able to come home and be safe.

Mr. Barton Cartwright stated he has lived here since 1960, and this is the worst flood that he has ever seen. He stated with regard to the tributaries, debris and trees are falling; and that is part of why this is all happening. He stated if it were free flowing all the way to the Canal, he does not feel there would be an issue about a flood even with the large amount of water that came down. He suggested that at least one person come out at least once a month to monitor all the creeks in our Township which would save a lot. He also asked the timeline of finishing the paving of Maplevale as they were told it would be June 21; and since we all pay taxes, he does not know why it has not been done.

Mr. Harry Gamble, 16 Maplevale Drive, stated he has lived here over forty-nine years, and this is the third major flood that we have had. He stated he lost a heating system, a washer and dryer, the boiler for hot water, his car, and paneling on one wall; and there was a lot of labor-intensive clean-up. He stated they felt that this problem was corrected with the road work and the piping that was put in that directed the water into the woods, but nothing with that construction helped. He stated a number of relatives were at his house during the flood, and eight cars were involved with six cars totaled. He stated one of the cars cost \$70,000. He stated he feels something must be done. He stated they enjoy the neighborhood and the neighbors who have been very helpful. He also thanked the "political people" who came, and he hopes that something is done after seeing what happened.

Mr. Tim Daley stated he came tonight because one of his daughter's friends lives in the community, but was on a "higher plane." He stated he saw the damage which was devastating. He stated he understands that the neighbors had brought these issues to the Board, and they did not do anything.

Mr. Daly asked Mr. Grenier where he was on Sunday around 4:30 p.m. as he has witnesses who know where he was, and he wants to communicate that to those present. Mr. Grenier stated after leaving the neighborhood he went to Upper Makefield Township to meet with the Governor who was giving a presentation there as well as State Senator Santarsiero, Representative Perry Warren, and Senator Fetterman. Mr. Daly stated everyone saw the photo ops where the politicians all came in, and that is where Mr. Grenier was as he "wanted to be in the pictures for photo ops." He stated there was also a scheduled campaign fund-raising event afterwards at \$25 a head which is the reason why all of those "politicos were here." Mr. Daly stated if the neighbors wanted to know why it did not get done, it is because the five Board members are "not here about governance and doing their jobs, and they are here to be politicians and become popular in the community." Mr. Daly stated to understand why things did not get done, it is because Mr. Grenier felt we needed traffic circles and we wasted money on those and "little pet projects." He stated we also had the road that they wanted to build for a bike path near people's houses who sit on the Board that would increase the value of their homes.

Mr. Daly stated he may be known as "the guy that Pennsbury threw off and told him that he could not speak, and he sued them, and won the First Amendment case." He stated this was done through RTKs, and he encouraged all of those present to start submitting RTKs because that is how you will find the answers. He stated he has been submitting RTKs over the last six months, and he started learning about what is going on in the community. He stated thanks to a "whistle-blower person in the Government here" a whistle-blower investigation has been opened up with the Attorney General's office in Harrisburg to investigate all of the things that are being done here, but especially in the office of "Mr. Coluzzi." He stated the reason they are not focused on the issue of those present is because there are "these other issues." He stated there was a female Police Officer who was "egregiously harassed and wrongfully terminated," and our Township has to pay \$305,000 out of the taxpayer dollars because of what occurred. He stated we also had a ransomware attack that was the result of them not doing their job and doing a "patch that had been out there." He stated the cost to the taxpayers for that was \$520,000 because they did not "put in a simple patch." He stated \$170,000 of that went to "somebody in Russia who stole everything." He stated he

also uncovered that we have a “no-show Police Officer that they have been paying \$700,000 over the last three years, and now they are all scrambling to figure out what they are going to do about it because he found out about it.” He stated the worst thing that he uncovered was that “Dan Grenier and Chief Coluzzi initiated against him and his family an illegal surveillance at the request of someone that they do not want to share.” He stated twelve days later, gunshots rang outside of his house, and Chief Coluzzi and his Department “falsified the address as to where the shooting occurred because his wife was outside and is the only witness, and she has not been interviewed.” He stated he has learned from the whistle-blower that the interview between himself and Detective Lange does not exist in the file which is against the law. He stated despite all of these things which he brought up a month ago, nothing has been done just like nothing has been done for those present “because they are not interested in doing it.” He stated he encourages everyone to do RTKs and submit them. He stated he is happy to help everyone if they want to learn how to do it and get the information so that they can take the proper legal action against the Township for the things that they did.

Dr. Weiss asked the Township Manager to address some of the questions that have been posed as to what has been done and what will be done to help the residents of Maplevale. Mr. Kratzer asked Mr. Fuller to speak about repair of the back yards and stormwater infrastructure that was within the Easement of the back yard. Mr. Fuller stated the main goal is to repair the back yards to their existing conditions before the flood event. He stated they have a geo-technical engineer to determine the proper materials needed and to make sure that they are placed properly. He stated it is not the Township’s intent to “just throw dirt back in the hole.” He stated they want to make sure it is done properly and a geo-technical engineer will be on site to determine if the materials that are there are not compliant or not proper, and he will advise what materials need to go in there, and that will be executed. Mr. Fuller stated we already have three contractors waiting once the materials are selected, and the material will be placed, and the storm drain will be back on line. He added that there is also the possibility that while they are there, they may add an additional drain; and while that will not solve everything, it will add additional capacity to the system that is already there. They will armor the slope working with DCNR and get the gravel bar that is in the Canal out of the Canal. He stated DCNR and DEP are on board with issuing the necessary emergency Permits, and they are just waiting to make sure of the materials selected and that we are doing it the right way so that this never happens again.

Mr. Kratzer stated beyond that, as was noted by one of the speakers, we continue to work with the Legislative delegation both Representative Warren's office and the Senator's office and they have been very helpful. He stated we continue to interact with them on a daily basis. He stated some of this will require Permitting and coordination with State agencies and both have committed that they will work to try to expedite the process and make sure that the agencies are mindful of the extent of the damage and the importance of restoring the property that was damaged as a result of the storm event. He stated we have also started to interact with PennDOT related to drainage along Taylorsville Road, and there is probably some opportunity for improvement in terms of additional drainage facilities adjacent to that State highway. He stated we are working with that Legislative delegation to try to identify funding opportunities not only to address things in the short term, but to come up with more comprehensive solutions beyond what is currently planned. He stated there is a second phase to what was entitled the Maplevale Project, which is looking at conditions in the stream channel on the west side of Taylorsville Road, making sure that any obstructions are removed and making sure that the efficiency of the stream channel is operating at the proper level, and looking at the installation of some addition inlets on Highland Drive to capture water and prevent that water from discharging at the low point. He stated we are committed to looking at a comprehensive solution, and we recognize the importance of moving fast and appropriately as it relates to restoring the condition in the yards. He stated he knows that the Board is committed to looking at more comprehensive solutions to the drainage issues within this drainage basin.

Mr. Kessler stated that he is with the Bucks County Office of Remington Vernick Engineers. He stated Mr. Pockl is on the screen because he is recovering from a recent surgery and was not able to be in person tonight. He stated it is a priority for the Township engineer to be on site and address what has happened and to look to do three immediate steps. He stated the first is to secure the site, and they are working with the Township Departments on this. He stated the next step is to fix what has happened. He stated the storm drain at the corner of Maplevale and the inlets that go to the open space, even those that are slated to improve the drainage on the nearby roadways, in a storm like we had this past weekend it overwhelms the storms and inlets; but they understand that this is little comfort. He stated the projects are looking to improve the stormwater management in the area, and it is a multi-front look at how to improve it. He stated they are looking at what can be done if the storm drains and the pipes are full during these big storms with the staff and the Supervisors to identify what projects can get funded and implemented as quickly as possible. He stated the geo-tech engineer was mentioned, and that is the first step to

get this repaired effectively. He stated the armoring of where the outfalls are, not only where it washed out but also at another property where there was damage, will be looked at to be repaired and armored in a way that it will be more robust. He stated the MS4 program is looked at every year Township-wide, and it is taken very seriously by the Township engineer to identify what can be done in the Township as well the watershed as a whole. He stated they understand it is of little comfort for what is happening at the moment, but it is a priority to identify how to secure, repair, and do what they can to improve the situation for storms that are more common than they used to be. He stated when the systems get overwhelmed, it is because of the intense, short-burst storms; and the drains fill up because they are at capacity, and the water has to find a way through the neighborhood. He stated they will look to see if there are ways to direct water that is on the surface and try to make sure that it is not going towards properties, and they continue to look at each project that is put together to consider the real-world conditions with these more-intense storms.

Mr. Kessler stated they are committed to working closely with all of the staff including the Manager. He stated the professional engineers have been on site as consultants, and there were also other professionals and Supervisors on site. He stated the Township engineer's role is to assess and give their professional expertise so that the Supervisors can take that information and have actions start to take place. He stated they are looking to get a fix, *improve the situation, and get the feedback from the neighbors who live there on a daily basis and identify the spots that need the most attention.*

Mr. Luzeckyj stated he understands Mr. Kessler's comments, but he feels that flash flooding really occurs because the infrastructure that is in place is insufficient to handle water that comes into the area. He stated the Township has been very good allowing development to continue "out of control and he does not know who is getting that money or who is paying what to who." He stated development continues, and he has seen nothing in improving what Mr. Kessler has been talking about in the years that he has been here; and it has only gotten progressively worse. He stated this is not a poor community, and he knows they are professionals and "not stupid." He stated he did his job and took care of his property and paid for it, and he pays his taxes; and that his taxes go in part for those in the Township to do their job, and he asked them to do their job and get it right now.

Ms. Susan Gradl, 233 Meadow Drive, stated this is a community of old-fashioned, caring neighbors who care about each other. She stated when the Township is coming up with the solutions, they need to remember that it is more than just property, and it is families being traumatized. She asked that they consider while making plans if it were your family and your property would you be satisfied; and if the answer is no, go back and re-think it.

Mr. Stebbens stated he is a resident, and his mother-in-law has lived at 233 Taylorsville Road for about sixty years. He stated the bridge in the driveway has been there since the day she bought it. He thanked Mr. Fuller and the Road Department for what they did and worked well with them. He stated they overcame a lot of obstacles to get us through that day. He also thanked the Police and rescue people as well. He stated they put safety first and were concerned about getting through for future needs and they took care of that. He stated Mr. Fuller told him that he needed to be concerned about PennDOT and the lack of a driveway. He stated the road has been compromised. He stated he does not know how quickly PennDOT will get out to there, and it is hard to get into the house. He stated a lot of the debris is in the neighborhood and he is sorry about it, and they will try to figure out what to do. He stated it comes down to money and compatibility. He stated money was spent, but he questioned if it was spent wisely and documented in a way that we could look at it.

Mr. Fuller stated there was a meeting today with PennDOT. He stated PennDOT had some major issues on River Road, and they finally got River Road open late last night. He stated they are working diligently on Taylorsville to get that open for emergency vehicles, and he will have a meeting with them tomorrow. He stated he will get Mr. Stebbens an answer as to when PennDOT is addressing the side of Taylorsville Road by the driveway.

Mr. Michael Brennan, 6 Maplevale Drive, stated he was not effected any way near the way his neighbors were. He stated he sent an e-mail to the Supervisors with photos which he believes was forwarded to the engineer as well. He stated he lives next to the pumping station. He stated he knows work was done for the drainage at the top of the south side of Maplevale Drive, but it does not work. He stated the drain pours into the area behind Maplevale which is partially owned by Aqua Pennsylvania, and he feels that it is also partially still the Township's although no one has been there; and the neighbors mow the area. He stated he does not feel it works because there is a lot of debris which was left there, and it has effectively created a dam. He stated all of the water that comes out of the drains wraps around and

goes back through the spur at the end of Meadow Drive and makes that area worse for a number of properties on Meadow Drive although not as bad as others were impacted in the neighborhood. He stated if it were not for that situation, he may not have been effected at all. He stated the other issue is that where the drains are located, they do not catch where most of the water is coming through as most of the water is coming from the end of Highland Drive. He stated it comes into Maplevale, across Taylorsville, and it goes along the back of the yards on Meadow Drive and Taylorsville. He stated the water is not coming from Taylorsville immediately west of the south entrance of Maplevale. He stated that specific area of the creek has been an issue since the early 1990's, and it overflows. He stated the Township knows it overflows. He stated even if there is a minor storm it overflows, and the Township Police and Public Works people are always consistently there moving logs out of the way. He stated it has always been an issues and it will continue to be an issue until the creek is expanded. He stated water will be in Maplevale until the creek is expanded. He stated he feels thirty years is sufficient notice for the Township that this is an issue, and it needs to be addressed.

Ms. Kim Mumme, 36 Maplevale, stated she has lived there for thirty-five years and prior to that she lived on Highland Drive. She stated it is a great neighborhood, and a number of neighbors were great about emptying the drains during the storm. She stated Mr. Grenier has been very informative, and she asked him if they could have emergency workers from now until whenever we know this will not happen again who would be able to be the ones who are clearing the storm drains. She stated at the bottom of Highland there used to be a grate the whole way across Highland, and she was recently told that was changed, and there are now just small areas on either side with a grate; and when the water comes down the hill, which comes down at a raging force, it comes over into the neighborhood. She stated she was told that Greg Hucklebridge, who is no longer with the Township, had something to do with this change; and she would like to know why it was done.

Ms. Mumme stated this is the first time that she has ever had water, and she had a stream in her back yard. She stated there is a drain at the bottom of Highland on Taylorsville that goes nowhere adding that is what the State told her when they were doing the road. She stated growing up in the area the stream was dug out. She stated at the January meeting she called in, and the Board advised that Pennsylvania owns the waterways; but she asked why nothing was done between January and now. She stated the water has been diverted behind the houses, but it was not dug out so that water came straight across because it had nowhere to go.

Ms. Mumme asked if the impact to the neighborhood of the sound barrier wall was ever considered. She stated there are no drains there, and that backs up to Upton and Highland; and that water can no longer go down to the State land. She stated she talked to the people who were paving the road. She stated there was supposed to be a drain that goes from Taylorsville back through her neighborhood, the north end of Meadow, and there were supposed to be two drains to go into a pipe; and she was told that there was not money to do that. She asked what impact would that have had to her neighbors in the back of the neighborhood. She stated that when the Township develops a plan, it should be conveyed to the neighbors so that they can monitor what will be done and how it will impact them.

Mr. Bill Rednor, 236 Taylorsville Road, stated he appreciates the Township listening to his neighbors and hopes that the actions discussed will take place with some expediency. He stated the creek that dissects the driveway across from his property was the reason for the sinkhole, and the water goes past his house and goes to the back of the neighborhood. He stated three years ago the creek did the same thing, and it has done it several times before. He stated it is predicted to rain again on Friday, and he feels something should be done with the creek immediately even if it is just something temporary before the full plans can be implemented. He stated someone should look at the creek within the next forty-eight hours because that is what caused the problem. He thanked the Supervisors because they were hands-on and came to the neighborhood on Saturday and talked to the neighbors.

Ms. Kathy Tipton stated she lives off of Creamery Road, and she is here so that this does not happen to her property. She stated tonight there was supposed to be an Extension of the Plans for the Torbert Farm that is across from her on Creamery Road and for the Final approval of the Katzoff property that will be behind her. She stated we do not need any new developments, and there will be a development behind her and in front of her. She stated "what was fixed on Creamery Road there is a drainage right by the farmhouse," and you could not drive your car because the water was up to the car doors. She stated there was also flooding on the other side of Creamery Road, and she could not leave her house. She stated now there will be proposed development in front of her and behind her, and she does not want what happened to the people present tonight to happen to her house or her neighbors' houses. She stated any development should be "squashed" until the drainage in the Township is fixed.

Ms. Alex Rishel, 220 Meadow Drive, stated she has lived here her whole life; and while they have dealt with floods before, it is the kind of neighborhood that you do not want to have to leave. She stated she is studying to be a nurse, and is learning about “care-fatigue” and it is a “point of success to be able to go home and disassociate.” She asked that the Township not disassociate from this as this is her family in a special way. She stated her family moved here from a floodplain neighborhood when she was three. She asked that they understand what they are all going through.

Ms. Laurena Stoddard, 220 Meadow Drive, stated she heard what was going to be done, and they worked with the Township in the past. She stated she would like to hear their assessment of the Maplevale Project that was already done and the success of it. She stated she had moved from the Borough to this “non-floodplain” because she could not deal with the water in the Borough. She stated her house in the Borough has never been flooded since, and she has been flooded here three times. She stated she was here two years ago asking the Township for help. She noted damage she had in the garage, the laundry room, the lower level living room, and the crawl space. She stated she cannot deal with this again. She stated they were promised a lot two years ago, and they are tonight promising the same thing, and she does not believe them. She stated people were paid for a “10% design plan that she said she would help with, and she never heard from anybody.” She asked that they comment on what they feel the success was of not cleaning out the creek because it was “not your job – it was the State.” She asked why no one asked why the water turned so brown all of the sudden, and “maybe only because in the last two years, we have a basin that fills from 95.” She stated that water is not coming from “all of the hill.” She stated she has pictures that show water not just coming from Dolington and Highland, but it is coming between the houses. She stated we spoke about the farmland that was developed ten years ago, and there are “tons of beautiful homes up there,” and their drainage comes between the houses in Maplevale. She stated it does not come down Taylorsville, and it comes right from the hill; and nobody has dealt with that.

Mr. Pockl stated we are not done. He stated the first phase was to install drainage inlets at the intersection of Taylorsville Road and the southern leg of Maplevale Drive. He stated they did capture run-off, and there are photographs that demonstrate that it did capture the run-off although there was some that by-passed because of the size of the storm. He stated it did direct the run-off down south of the homes and into the Township open space. He stated as part of the Road Program we did lower the centerline of the

roadway, and the intention was to provide additional capacity within the road as opposed to up on the lawns. He stated the drainage improvements that were made were intended for more-frequent, smaller-intensity storms. He noted the magnitude of this storm. He stated going forward we are implementing improvements on Highland Drive. He stated they understand that the stream is a major contributor to the flooding that is in Maplevale, and they are continuing to look at that to determine solutions that can keep the water in the upper reaches of the watershed so that it does not impact this neighborhood.

Mr. Kessler stated the inlets that were installed at the corner are considered Phase One of a multi-step project. He stated those were installed to direct water to the open space. He stated as was noted earlier, there is debris in that open space, and the flow did not go in the intended direction; and they are following up with that. He stated this weekend, it did not work. He stated the inlets and the pipes, not only in this community but in the whole region of Lower Bucks County, were overwhelmed by this storm. He stated the inlets that were installed at the corner were designed for a certain capacity, and the rain that fell over the weekend and the storm in particular, could not handle it. He stated even if they added ten inlets at that corner, they could not have handled the storm over the weekend. He stated they have seen where the main issues occur when the larger volumes come through. He stated the storm inlets handle as much as they can and they are going to look at where the water goes from there to make sure that it is managed as best that it can be to get to the Canal and creek and not go through areas where we do not want it to go through. Mr. Kessler stated there are other stormwater projects planned for other areas in the community, and they would have been overwhelmed as well this weekend. He stated they are taking a multi-front approach to try to tackle what is seen from storms.

A woman stated her yard was decimated. She asked if the plans are just a "guessing game." She stated she got flooded from Highland, but that was in the plan and did not materialize. She stated a crew came out and they had to move their cars and she asked them every morning what they were doing. She stated someone "in authority told her they were lowering her street and adding extra drains." She had asked them how lowering the street was going to help when they get such high water, and she was told "it will not help." She stated she feels that they have added a "band-aid on a broken arm." She stated they added two drains but the pipe is still the same size, and she feels that is why the water came through her property

and took away most of her yard. She asked how that would help the problem with the water coming from Highland. She stated she moved into the neighborhood for a sense of security and to provide a good home for her family, but they have been flooded four times. She stated they are always told it is "a ten-year flood and it is always catastrophic." She stated she has "gone through all of these hundred-year floods." She stated when it rains in the neighborhood her family take "watches." She stated it is "their survival, and they stand at the window and watch the road, and they get up at different points during the evening to check the water in the road or to go out in storms to clear the debris." She stated it is "always them, and she is grateful they were away when this happened, or one of them would not have been here because one of them would have been swept away." She stated it is not maintained. She stated it was catastrophic and lives were lost and their property is gone. She stated the reason why this happened was neglect because two years ago when the last flood happened she spoke to Mr. Majewski who had no idea we were getting flooded. She stated she advised that the pipe was compromised. She stated many officials came out and looked at it and assured her. She stated the pipe between her and Ms. Cloer's yard was all exposed, and it was getting washed away, but no one listened.

The woman stated they have now had to endure another flood. She stated none of them have flood insurance because they do not live in a floodplain. She stated "Allstate" is telling them that they will not get covered for any other damages to their homes. She stated they "do not have a yard, and they do not have a home to live in." She stated there have been four floods and they are getting worse, and nothing is getting done, and nothing is getting improved. She stated we are telling the Township that it is the creek, and it has always been the creek, and the Township knows that. She stated they should fix the problem at the source, and not put in drains that do not do anything for them. She stated it has to be done higher. She stated it is a waterfall coming down to her home, and her home is the lowest point which is why it went through. She stated if they are going to re-build their land once, at the next collapse if it is not addressed, it will never improve.

Ms. Louise Geers, 17 Maplevale, stated this flood was a little worse for them, but the three floods prior to them were "just as evil." She stated her husband is out there with a few others, and the drains and all the water gathers at the center of the horseshoe at their houses. She has been concerned in the past that someone is going to be sucked down the drain. She stated she does not understand with all the resources we have in this community we are allowing this to go on. She stated numerous neighbors have come to meetings in the

past pleading, begging, and trying to plan. She asked if there is something that the State needs to do, can the neighbors be given that resource to get the State to come in to work with us. She stated they want to hear a solid plan as to how this water will be diverted which is coming from all of these different areas. She stated it is pouring into their neighborhood. She stated she has watched neighbors pulling debris from drains, and she asked where the Township is when that is going on.

Mr. Robbie Kollar, 14 Maplevale, stated he is a new neighbor, and he bought the house in March. He stated the flooding was a big point of contention before he bought it. He stated he had extra inspections done, and he "did not quite trust what the seller was telling him." He stated they told him that there was a storm in 2021, and he got a "nice finished basement, nice downstairs and bathroom and appliances and eventually he did not know what to do." He stated he was fighting it through his attorney and his Realtor and there was no flood insurance because it was not a flood plain. He stated the reason he finally bought the house "over that issue was that the seller told him that the Township had told them that they had come in and fixed it and come in and done work to start changing it to make sure that this does not happen again." He stated he lives there with his eleven-year-old son who is traumatized. He stated he has no flood insurance, and "his tab is up to \$95,000 so far which includes his car." He stated he had three and a half feet downstairs, and they were trying to not allow the water to come in the top floor.

Mr. Kollar stated he had seen people coming into the neighborhood "in packs," but no one had come to his house. He stated he saw Mr. Majewski walking by his home today, and he was the first person he was able to talk to. He stated this is an amazing community, and he does not want to leave. He stated he would not be able to sell the house because it is National news. He stated we need money for things that could have been prevented. He stated things could have been done in his yard to keep this from being "a four and a half foot double river." He asked where is FEMA, where is disaster relief, and where is the State on this.

Mr. Grenier stated there was a meeting today with DCNR in the field about the Canal and the hole because that backs up to DCNR so they have to be involved. He stated he also called the DEP because they have to issue Emergency Permits to do things along the Canal, and that meeting will happen in the field early next week to work with the Township to approve a plan and an Emergency Permit. They want to fix the hole first and make sure that homes are secure. He stated there is a multi-tiered approach.

Mr. Grenier stated there was discussion about Phase 2 doing the inlets on Highland, starting to clean the stream, etc., and that should happen quickly. He stated we are trying to get the State to approve that so that we can do it ahead of getting any funding and get reimbursed afterwards. He stated that is what Senator Santarsiero and Representative Warren are looking at, and that is what we are talking to the Governor's office about. He encouraged everyone to reach out to them as well.

Mr. Grenier stated the inlets on Highland will go right in front of his house where the pavement and his driveway are ripped up. He stated it will not solve the whole problem, but it will help for smaller storms. He stated the watershed that includes the stream is 364 acres, and he reviewed what is included in that watershed. He stated we need to clean up the stream and get into the watershed to see what can be done to improve the basins. He stated there are about ten of them, and when they drove all of them on Saturday night to see how they were working, every one of them was full. He stated it starts all the way back up at Woodside and Dolington. He stated we need to look to see what can be done, and it will probably be a series of projects using stormwater best management practices along the stream to try to slow down the water, manage the water, and direct the water. He stated we have an MS4 (Municipal Stormwater) Permit for the Township, and that will have to be part of the consideration.

Mr. Grenier stated as to funding for this, we can go for State funding, but there are a lot of Municipalities in the State which are also looking for funding for different things. He stated for the past six years that he has been on the Board, he has been "screaming" about infrastructure and having a plan for stormwater management. He stated we just sold our Sewer system for about \$50 million dollars some of which is now in a Trust. He stated because these projects are so big he would like to explore if we can use any of that money now because it is necessary. He stated we approved about \$1,250,000 for new Park & Rec projects this year that have not been built yet, and he feels we should "forget these Park & Rec projects and build this infrastructure and keep people safe." He stated we need to look at ways to get this funded and get it done quickly.

Mr. Grenier stated on Saturday evening he could see the water rushing down Highland and the pavement coming off the end of his driveway. He stated he went down to the end of Highland to see how bad it was flooding. He stated May of 2018 was the last time that he remembers Taylorsville getting flooded up to Highland at that same culvert. He stated that pales

compared to what was seen on Saturday. He stated the elevations were high but the rate of flow that was seen on Saturday was much higher than before. He stated the Gambles were having a party and lost a number of cars, and he went out to help push a car out of the road so it could be towed once the water receded.

Mr. Kollar stated it does not sound like there is anything to prevent it from happening again tomorrow which is what is so scary, and they feel helpless. Mr. Grenier stated he understands as he did not feel safe walking across the road.

Mr. Grenier stated Chief Coluzzi, Mr. Fuller, and Mr. Kratzer made it into the area very quickly, and the Public Works staff came in to do what they could do which helped with the recovery. Mr. Kollar stated he does not feel anyone came to the neighborhood for three to four hours. He stated he was calling 911, and the neighbors were ripping open the storm drains to unclog them. Mr. Grenier stated by 7:30/8:00 Township staff was coming into the neighborhood when the water started to recede.

Mr. Grenier stated we need to immediately fix the yards and stabilize things as there is more rain predicted. He stated the State is working with the Township to try to do this quickly. He added that we have even been making phone calls to local developers to see what dirt they might have on their developments that they could bring in quickly, and the developers came in to see what they could offer. He stated the Township staff has been working on this non-stop to see how we can immediately fix the most important issues. He stated we have to clean the stream and implement Phase 2 quickly, and we then have to look at the entire watershed to see what can be done to protect people from the 1% or worse storms. He stated the streets will probably still flood in a one hundred year event after everything is done, but it will probably not flood the basements, the homes, remove the yards, or float the cars away.

Mr. Kollar stated it is clear that everyone is admitting that there is a problem that is not going away anytime soon, and he asked if there is a mechanism for the residents to be able to get flood insurance. Mr. Majewski stated currently FEMA requires that any Federally-backed mortgage have flood insurance if you are in a designated flood zone. He stated the properties in this area with the exception of the very rear portion of the yard where the Canal is, are not in a designated flood zone. He stated flood insurance is therefore not required; however, you can still get flood insurance from FEMA. He stated the rate for

that would be very low because according to FEMA's books, the risk of flooding is very low. He stated anyone interested in this could contact him tomorrow, and he can provide information on people who could help with this. He stated FEMA does not cancel flood insurance on people, although rates could go up. He added that there are also brochures available in the lobby. He stated if your sump stops and your basement floods, that is not considered a flood and would not be covered. He stated where you have a stream jumping the banks and water goes into a home and destroys the lower level, that would be a covered event by FEMA. He stated flood insurance is available for all major systems including flooring, drywall, electric, hot water heaters, etc.

Ms. Nicole Mumme, 36 Maplevale, stated she has lived there her entire life, and the people present are extensions of her family. She stated she was home alone with three dogs; and her Grandmother who is ninety-two lives at the top of Highland, and she could not get to her. She stated there has never been water behind their home. She stated her back yard was a lake. She stated if they are diverting the water behind the homes, you cannot expect the ground to absorb it especially if it is a flash flood. She asked why there is not a "big canal leading to the canal." She stated there must be plans that make sense and will fix the problem. She stated she understands that it was a lot of water in a short amount of time, but this should not have happened. She stated the stream/creek should have been dug out. She stated she has never seen it this bad. She stated the water was coming across Taylorsville, and through the homes onto Meadow. She stated there was nowhere for the water to go on Meadow. She stated the drain that was put in at the opposite end of Maplevale will not collect the water that is coming into the neighborhood. She stated if it is going to rain on Friday, the creek needs to be cleaned out.

Mr. Michael McPeak, 24 Maplevale, stated their damage was less than a lot of people. He stated there should be a resource point from the Township listing everybody who can help. He stated he works for Habitat in the Home Repair Department, and the County has programs and Habitat has programs. He stated it is income-qualified so probably only the Seniors in the neighborhood can get it, but they should be aware that there is help. He stated there is help from FEMA and people from the Township should help with cleaning up. He stated there are Seniors who cannot clean up their own yards and their own basements. He stated the neighbors have been great helping each other.

Mr. McPeak stated there will not be a Phase 2 if the Township does not have a Budget for it. He stated they need to know what will be done in the future with a timeline. He stated with regard to the work to be done in the yards, it

should take a week to get the engineering report and a week to get the Permits. He stated it could take a week or a month to get the materials needed, and there should be a timeline laid out as to when those things are going to be done. He stated the one house especially should be stabilized now. Mr. McPeak stated if anyone needs information about the repair program, they should contact them.

Mr. Lewis stated the Township has been asking everyone to register and tell if they have been effected by the floods. He stated you can e-mail this to admin@lmt.org, and they have also put a link up that is available to enter a form. He stated they are looking to collect everyone's information, and so far we have twenty-nine households which have been directly impacted by the flood. He stated we want to track everyone who has been impacted so that we can easily communicate with all of them so that as we know about plans or programs that would affect you, we can quickly get to everyone consistently. He stated if there is someone who does not have e-mail you can call the Township, and we will find a way to make sure that we will communicate with everyone on programs whether it is PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency), FEMA, or County programs as we go forward.

Mr. McPeak stated the Township is collecting our information, but is not giving the residents information as to who can help us now. He asked who they should call about the road, who they should call about the one yard, and who do they call about home repairs. He stated there are resources out there, but we are not getting that information from the Township. He stated the Township has his photos, name, and e-mail address, but he has heard nothing back from the Township. He stated there should be a page on the Township site about the flooding and the resources.

Ms. Lora Kaczor, 380 N. Flint Court, stated with regard to flooding and water run-off, she has a sinkhole at the end of her driveway that has been repaired twice by the Township, and it is sinking again. She stated someone came out and told her that it was not bad enough to fix again yet. She stated she does not know if anyone knows what is underneath the road. She stated there is also the cell phone tower proposal which is directly behind her house, and she already gets water rushing down between her yard and her neighbor's yard, and she wants everyone on the Board to consider this going forward. She stated she and her neighbors all pay taxes, and the water issue should not be ignored when talking about the cell phone tower. She stated they will be putting in impervious surface behind their houses and taking away

natural vegetation which causes more water run-off. She stated when there is even a slight rain the end of her driveway where the sink hole is fills with water, and she cannot get to her mailbox because it is too deep.

Ms. Renee Barber, 7 Lower Hilltop Road, stated she lives at the top of the neighborhood; and her house flooded, and her water heater, heater, washer and dryer, and her child's room are all lost. She stated part of her back yard is gone, and underneath her fence they had to put boards over it. She stated her husband spoke to someone from Public Works who told him that they own the creek and have to fix it. She stated they do not have the money for that or to replace their appliances. She stated fortunately they moved their vehicles out of the driveway. Ms. Barber stated videos can be seen of her property and her neighbor's property flooding. She stated she has lived here less than three years, and they were told that "this was a new project of 95, and it was all diverted and all great, and she finds out that she suddenly owns this problem and this creek."

She stated Maplevale is at the bottom of the hill, and she is at the top of the hill. She stated it has been five days, and they are still digging out. She stated no one has come to help them or come by other than "guys who pulled the giant stump." She stated no one cares what they are dealing with "up top." She stated they will probably end up having to foreclose on their house because they cannot afford these repairs as well as "maintain normal living." She stated she wants to know how to get help as "somebody needs to pay for it." She stated her insurance "brushed them off." She stated Public Works told them it was their responsibility to fix the creek. She stated she did not put the creek there, and she was told it was a dry creek that was "run-off in winter time." She stated she would not have bought the house or moved to Yardley if she knew that this was an issue. She stated she needs someone to come to her house and talk to her family and find out what is going on at her property. She stated there were not too many people where she is that "were hit with this," but she did as did some of her neighbors. She stated her child cannot live in his house as she cannot "put him in mold, and they cannot walk through their house." She stated she is trying to deal with cleaning this out, and she and her husband are still working full-time jobs.

Mr. Grenier stated he has been in touch with Mr. Barber although he did not meet Ms. Barber. He stated he saw her home and saw the same thing happen on Edgemear, and it is the same stream that eventually flows down to the area we are talking about. He stated Mr. Barber contacted him and provided some pictures, and he put him in touch with the Township Manager and Township

Director of Public Works; and they will be reaching out to the Barbers to look into the issue to see what we can do. He stated there is a basin behind their house coupled with a stream, and that stream makes a 90 degree bend right at their property line. He stated there is a discharge from the basin and a 90 degree bend from the stream at the same spot on the back corner. He stated those homes were all flooded similar to Maplevale.

Ms. Barber stated when her husband talked to "Susan at Public Works she said it was on us." Mr. Grenier stated the Director of Public Works is present this evening, and he will be reaching out to the Barbers. Mr. Kratzer asked when the discussion with Public Works took place. Mr. Fuller stated he was at the Barber property on Sunday assessing the culverts for structural damage and met with Mr. Barber. He stated he gave Mr. Barber his business card and asked him to contact him as he had no information for Mr. Barber at the time about stabilizing the streambank, but advised him that he would look into it. Mr. Fuller stated they are dealing with everything at once. Mr. Fuller stated he believes Mr. Barber advised him that in the past he was told that the stream was his issue. He stated if there is a stability issue, we will get the resources needed to stabilize the stream in their yard.

Mr. Thomas Kubicka, 507 Freedom Drive, stated he was visiting someone on Maplevale. He stated the water pushed his Lincoln out into the middle of the road, but some people were able to push it back, and he thought it was legally parked when he left. He stated the car will never run again. He stated he got a \$550 to \$600 bill for towing his car away even though the car was not in the middle of the road when he left. Chief Coluzzi stated he will look into the tow of that vehicle.

Ms. Gamble, 16 Maplevale, stated when the cars at her party were towed, she was told they would not be charged, and she was told they would be told where the cars were taken to; but she was never informed. Mr. Fuller stated once the flood water receded they got into the area and saw that there were multiple vehicles that could become potential issues as they were calling for more rain. He stated they were advised from Duty Tow that they would be gotten out of the street for safety purposes. He stated in terms of cost, he is pretty sure that those costs were not to be passed onto the residents. Ms. Gamble stated they were. Mr. Fuller stated that is what they will look into. Mr. Kratzer stated he, Mr. Fuller, and Mr. Grenier were there at that time, and it was communicated that there was to be no cost incurred by the residents. Chief Coluzzi asked if they pointed out the cars they wanted towed to Duty Tow, and Mr. Kratzer agreed. Chief Coluzzi asked if it was Rob's that did all

the towing, and Mr. Kratzer agreed. Chief Coluzzi stated he will meet tomorrow to get a list of the cars and look into this. Mr. Kratzer stated those invoices should be directed to the Township.

Mr. David Rishel, 220 Meadow Drive, stated he has discussed this topic before with the Board of Supervisors. He stated he understands how public systems work. He stated the most important mitigation measure that the Township had identified was clearing the stream. He stated the solution to this problem is not additional drains on Maplevale or changing the grates at the bottom of Maplevale, and it is stopping the water from getting into the neighborhood to begin with. He stated that will require three things – clearing the stream, which has already been identified, replacing the grates on Highland the way they used to be, and making sure that there is some kind of drainage along Taylorsville so it does not flood everyone's yards every time it rains. He stated these things have been identified before. He asked why these things did not happen since they were talked about for years, but nothing is occurring.

Mr. Rishel stated the engineers have talked about plans, studies, and ways to go about this, but things are not occurring. He stated we have had "a lot of fingers pointed at the State," and many times it was stated that the Township could not fix the streams because that is the State's jurisdiction. Mr. Rishel stated it was known that this was a State issue for years, and he asked why the State has not been engaged as a partner to make this happen. He stated if the Township's professional staff cannot get anywhere with the State regulators, that is what elected officials are for because they should be talking to Perry Warren and Senator Santarsiero to make sure that the State cooperates with the Township to get these things done. He stated the Supervisors cannot just say it is the State, and they need to make the State perform and give the permission needed to do this work. He stated this has not been a high enough priority to make happen. He stated "Government gets done what is important for Government to get done." He stated this has not been a priority that has garnered the resources to push through to get the State to cooperate and make this occur. He stated this needs to become a priority for the elected officials. He stated the professional staff works for the elected officials, and it is the elected officials' job to make the professional staff perform and hold them accountable to get this done.

Mr. Rishel stated he also does not understand why nothing has happened to clear the stream. He stated he is not talking about bringing in construction equipment and re-digging things. He asked why there could not be work crews who could go to the stream and start cutting out vines and weeds and

clear the waterways. He stated there have been three work days since this happened, and he does not feel it was impossible to do anything because there is more rain expected. He stated this water course is now filled with even more debris so its holding capacity is less than it was a week ago. He stated someone should be down there tomorrow cutting out brush to at least improve the passage of water so that if we get additional rain, we do not have flooding again this weekend.

Mr. Rishel stated everyone has been talking to the Governor and all of the State officials that were here and getting their photos taken; and while he appreciates that they are engaged, he asked if anyone told the Governor that we need his approval and help now to get this done. He stated a meeting is not needed about this as it is not a complex issue. Mr. Rishel stated the Township staff is accountable to the Supervisors, and the Supervisors are accountable to the voters. He stated the voters are paying attention and hope that the Supervisors will begin to take this seriously and push it forward and achieve results.

Mr. Guy Stepnoski stated he lives in Maplevale. He stated during the last two floods, the new retention basins that they put in on 95 have both overflowed and flowed down Taylorsville Road. He stated he feels those should be checked out since they are not large enough to handle the volume of water. Mr. Kratzer stated the adequacy of the infrastructure that was installed as part of the Interchange Project was a point of discussion with PennDOT today when we met with them as well as what is along Taylorsville Road. He stated that is being pursued with PennDOT.

Ms. Kim Mumme stated Mr. Rishel brought up a great point that where the stream diverted into our neighborhood there is a divot there now. She asked that something be done about that before Friday when it is predicted to rain, and that they shore up where the stream now sinks before the bottom of Highland. Mr. Kratzer stated they will look at it. Mr. Grenier asked Ms. Mumme to show him where this is tomorrow morning.

Ms. Blundi stated there is a GoFundMe page that the residents should mention. Ms. Alex Rishel stated we need money and donations. She asked that the Board consider providing the money that they have in the Budget as they need money badly now. She stated the name of the GoFundMe page is Help for Maplevale Families.

Dr. Weiss stated as the elected officials, the Board will do everything possible to expedite plans recognizing that rain is coming.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Blundi moved, Mr. McCartney seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of June 21, 2023 as written.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Approval of June, 2023 Interfund Transfers

Mr. McCartney moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the June, 2023 Interfund transfers in the amount of \$977,339.90 as attached to the Minutes.

Approval of Warrant Lists from July 3, 2023 and July 17, 2023

Mr. McCartney moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Warrants Lists from July 3, 2023 and July 17, 2023 for a total amount of \$1,793,411.58 as attached to the Minutes.

PATTERSON FARM MASTER PLAN UPDATE – PROPOSAL FROM FZ CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT SERVICES AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000

Dr. Weiss stated this item is off the Agenda.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Approval of Escrow Release #2 (Final) to Caddis Development LLC for the Off-Site Improvements to the Heartis at Yardley Development in the Amount of \$63,262.40

Mr. Pockl stated this is for improvements on Dobry Road. He stated the work has been completed for quite some time.

Mr. Lewis moved and Ms. Blundi seconded to approve Escrow Release #2 (Final) to Caddis Development LLC for the off-site improvements to the Heartis at Yardley Development in the amount of \$63,262.40.

Mr. Grenier stated Caddis has been a concern for the neighbors, and he asked if they have addressed all of the various issues that the neighbors have raised; and Mr. Pockl stated they have. Mr. Pockl added that Mr. Shennard has been in contact with him on a weekly basis informing him about issues with the fence between the properties and how they repaired that. He stated that is for Item b, and this approval is for the off-site improvements. He stated after we release Escrow for the on-site improvements, there is still money that is being held so that if there are issues that come up, they can be addressed through that. Mr. Grenier asked if all the road improvements and drainage have been properly constructed, and Mr. Pockl agreed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Escrow Release #2 (Final) to Caddis Development LLC for the On-Site Improvements to the Heartis at Yardley Development in the Amount of \$34,792.67

Mr. Pockl stated there would be approximately \$109,000 remaining on the Maintenance Bond.

Ms. Blundi moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Escrow Release #2 (Final) to Caddis Development LLC for the on-site improvements to the Heartis at Yardley Development in the amount of \$34,792.67.

Approval Authorization of a Matching Funds Commitment Letter for the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant for the Makefield Road Streetscape and Sidewalk Improvements Project

Mr. Pockl stated this and a number of subsequent items refer to Grant Applications for the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant which is due the end of the month. He stated he worked with Township staff to identify three separate areas which could be applicable for Grants to improve pedestrian pathways and the Township path system throughout the Township. He stated this one is for the Makefield Road Streetscape and Sidewalk Improvements which would be a 5' wide concrete sidewalk from existing pathways at Sutphin Road which would extend up to Makefield Elementary School. He stated no match is required for this Grant; however, only 10% of engineering costs are covered under the Grant so the matching funds would be for the extra 5% that is typical which is 15% engineering/soft costs of the project total. He stated the amount for this project would be \$24,000.

Mr. Grenier moved, Mr. Lewis seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve authorization of a Matching Funds commitment Letter for the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant for the Makefield Road Streetscape and Sidewalk Improvements Project in the amount of \$24,000.

Approval of Resolution #23-17 DCED MTF Grant – Makefield Road Streetscape and Sidewalk Improvements Project

Mr. Pockl stated the Grant is in the amount of \$541,650.00 to be used for the Makefield Road sidewalk improvements project.

Mr. Lewis moved, Mr. McCartney seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Resolution #23-17.

Approval Authorization of a Matching Funds Commitment Letter for the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant for the Edgewood Village and Oxford Valley Road Pathway Project

Mr. Pockl stated this is for two projects. He stated one is a multi-use path network improvement for gaps in the existing Edgewood Village neighborhood where the Township staff has identified where connections need to be made from existing paths in order to improve connectivity of multiple paths within the Edgewood Village project. He stated this would be an 8' wide asphalt path. He stated the second project involves Oxford Valley Road where there is an existing path, and this would extend the pathway along Oxford Valley Road down to Stony Hill Road from the existing path on Hearthstone. He stated we are requesting a total of \$38,400.

Mr. McCartney asked for further clarification on the area involved with regard to the Oxford Valley Road path. An Exhibit was shown of the Oxford Valley Road path. Mr. Pockl stated it goes to Mill Road on the right-hand side and extends on the left-hand side down to Hearthstone. He stated this will extend the path from Hearthstone down to Stony Hill Road. Mr. Majewski reviewed how the path will be extended.

Mr. Kratzer stated these are segments that were identified as gaps within a Planning Study the Township had engaged in previously, and Mr. Majewski agreed. Mr. Majewski added that when we did the Community Trail Project,

this was contemplated to be part of a Phase 2 of that Project to continue the connectivity all the way down to our existing bike path system that runs along Oxford Valley Road, with a small gap, all the way out to Heacock Road.

Mr. McCartney stated at the end of that run at Stony Hill and Oxford Valley Roads the house that is at that corner is very close to the corner, and he asked how far the right-of-way extends to that property. Mr. Majewski stated we may need a little bit of right-of-way there or may need to do a little something different. He stated that is the one point that has some difficulty because of the closeness of the house to the road and the right-of-way. Mr. McCartney stated there are also drainage issues at that corner as well. Mr. Majewski stated this project would help alleviate that.

Mr. Majewski stated there was a question as to whether we were using pervious paving, and they will have to look into that during the development of the plans. Mr. Pockl stated they not yet budgeted out using porous paving. Mr. Majewski stated we will need to do stormwater management or the path would need to be porous pavement as the stormwater will need to be controlled in some way. Ms. Blundi questioned that they will be able to put a path on that corner as the house is practically on the corner. Mr. Majewski stated people currently cross over there at the narrow part of the road around the curve until it widens and there is a shoulder that is safer to go on. He stated this will need careful consideration. Mr. McCartney stated it is good that it is the end of the run rather than in the middle. Mr. Majewski stated it is an area where people are slowing down and/or just starting up.

Mr. Pockl showed a slide of the Edgewood Village path. Mr. Pockl stated there are three separate areas for Edgewood Village. He noted the east side of Mirror Lake Road just south of Stapler, opposite Patterson Farm. Mr. Majewski stated there is a bike path that runs in front of the Willow Wisp Farm Development which ends right past Stapler. He stated this would close this gap. He stated there is one stone house pretty close to the road, so that is something that will need careful consideration for safety, the history of the house, and the cooperation of the homeowner. He stated this would tie into the path where the pond is on Mirror Lake Road where the path currently ends.

Mr. Grenier stated there is a bend in the road where people often cross the yellow line, and asked if that is the area they are looking at. Mr. Majewski noted on the slide Yardley-Langhorne Road at the bottom of the screen is the next intersection. He stated this will take you all the way there and hook up to the whole bike path system in Yardley Hunt and into the shopping

centers. Mr. Grenier asked what the path will look like, and Mr. Majewski stated that is to be determined although for the most part, we would like to put in an asphalt path for consistency. He stated in front of the one house, due to the narrowness, we would have to narrow that down. He stated this will eventually connect the whole northern part of the town to the center of town.

Mr. Grenier asked what will be the protection for those using the path from cars on the road. He stated it is a 40 mile per hour road, and people go much faster. Mr. Majewski stated there is an existing guiderail at the curve and the pond. He stated the bike path is currently behind the guiderail, and it will continue in that configuration. He stated once you are in the straightaway, you are past the danger of veering off the road.

Mr. Kratzer stated these are not fully-engineered plans at this point, and they are concept plans based on the planning documents so some of the considerations related to separation from vehicular traffic, traveling speed, and acquisition of right-of-way still need to be determined.

Ms. Blundi asked if this particular path could be swapped for something else because we are talking about the Patterson Farm and the potential for people to be able to access the Farm. She stated if it comes up that we are going to build a path on the other side of the street where there is room, that would be more logical. Ms. Blundi stated we said to everyone including the EAC that we were holding off doing anything on the Farm while it was being studied. Mr. Majewski stated this will take a bike path that starts on Yardley-Newtown Road, continues in front of a couple of developments, and there is then a gap of 570' that cuts them off from miles of trails that lead all the way to the Township Building. He stated potentially having walking trails in and around the Farm is a separate issue. Ms. Blundi stated she disagrees because the people in the development have been asking for a way to get to the Farm and have walking trails. Ms. Blundi stated we even "got some heat for planting the row of maples."

Mr. Kratzer stated we do not have to send in two Applications; and while this was an opportunity through MTF, it is unlikely that we would get two funded Applications from the Commonwealth. He stated there is nothing to prevent the Township from submitting two Applications; but if the Board feels that there are constructability issues with the Oxford Valley Project in terms of the sufficiency space or if there is some desire to hold off as it relates to the Edgewood Village Project, that is not an issue.

Mr. Lewis asked if we should Table the matter; however, Mr. Pockl stated the Grant Application is due. Mr. Kessler stated these could be worthwhile Applications to bridge the gaps.

Mr. McCartney moved and Mr. Grenier seconded to approve authorization of a Matching Funds Commitment Letter to the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for Edgewood Village and Oxford Valley Road Pathway Project. Motion carried with Ms. Blundi opposed.

Approval of Resolution #23-18 DCED MTF Grant – Edgewood Village and Oxford Valley Road Pathway Project

Mr. Pockl stated the Grant request is in the amount of \$860,160.00. He showed the slide showing what is proposed for Edgewood Village including an area opposite of Veterans Square Park along Edgewood Road where there is a 506' gap from the Giant to the corner of Heacock Road. Mr. Majewski stated along with that would be signalized improvements so that there are accessible crossings at all four legs of the intersection. He stated currently there is only accessibility on the east side of Edgewood Road at Heacock. The other location was shown which is along Stony Hill Road from just north of Fox Hollow Drive down past Roelofs.

Mr. Majewski stated the bike path is on Heacock Road, and then wraps around where the fire station is for a couple hundred feet and then stops. He stated what is proposed would continue it on past Charlann Farm within the right-of-way and continue down to hook up the next couple of developments. Mr. McCartney stated it would terminate prior to the train tracks, and Mr. Pockl agreed.

Mr. McCartney moved and Mr. Grenier seconded to approve Resolution #23-18 DCED MTF Grant Edgewood Village and Oxford Valley Road Pathway Project. Motion carried with Ms. Blundi opposed.

Mr. Grenier asked if we have applied for a Grant for the Woodside/Taylorsville intersection for signalization to get across. Mr. Pockl stated that was applied for in December of last year, but we have not heard back.

PUBLIC WORKS

Approval of the Fuel Contract Bid Through Bucks County Consortium

Mr. Fuller stated he provided information about this in the Board's packet. He stated the Golf Course was included this year so that they could take advantage of the cost savings, and this was not done in the past. He reviewed details of the Contract. He stated the associated pricing is the cost of delivery plus the rack price for the time of delivery.

Mr. McCartney moved and Ms. Blundi seconded to approve the Fuel Contract Bid through Bucks County Consortium.

Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Fuller if he knows what the OPIS Philadelphia weekly, five-day average is to get a sense of the savings when we do this. Mr. Fuller stated it changes, and he does not know what the last delivery was. He stated he believes that our gas was probably \$2.90 cents a gallon. Mr. Fuller stated rack and OPIS are two different market values, but they are similar. He stated we also do not pay the taxes so we are getting pretty good rates.

Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Approve Payment Request #6 (Final) for Contract SWR 20-4D LMT Stackhouse Pump Station Upgrade Project in the Amount of \$41,042.19

Mr. Kratzer stated this is a Sanitary Sewer Project that was commenced prior to the sale of the Sanitary System to Aqua. He stated this was one of the Capital projects that was being completed, and Ebert Engineering has reviewed the Payment Request and is recommending approval.

Ms. Blundi moved and Mr. Lewis seconded to approve Payment Request #6 (Final) for Contract SWR 20-4D LMT Stackhouse Pump Station Upgrade Project in the amount of \$41,042.19.

Mr. Grenier stated he believes that this was funded mostly by a Grant, and Dr. Weiss stated he believes it was a \$424,000 Grant that we received from the State. Mr. Grenier thanked the State Representatives for their assistance.

The Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Resolution #23-19 – Affirming Lower Makefield Township's Participation in the Sustainable Pennsylvania Municipal Certification Program

Mr. Kratzer stated this is a joint initiative of the Pennsylvania Municipal League as well as Sustainable Pittsburgh that evaluates Municipal entities on environmental issues, economic issues, and financial issues. He stated this was expressed as an objective on the environmental front by the EAC in the past. He stated there are five Municipal jurisdictions that are certified under the program in Bucks County those being Middletown, Solebury, Doylestown Township, New Britain Township, and Northampton Township.

Mr. Kratzer stated the Application was submitted and is under consideration. He stated there were some items that we had to re-submit. He stated one of the items that is required is for the Board to pass a Resolution affirming their commitment to the Program and best management practices that the Program embraces.

Mr. Lewis moved and Mr. Grenier seconded approval of Resolution #23-19 affirming Lower Makefield Township's participation in the Sustainable Pennsylvania Municipal Certification Program.

Mr. Grenier stated he is very excited about this, adding that when he was on the EAC, they were recommending to the Board at that time to pursue Sustainable PA Certification. He stated this is not just environmental issues, and it is across-the-board sustainability including financial, policy, Public Works, etc. and it is how to make the Township more sustainable across-the-board. He stated this will hold us accountable to track a number of things and make us more sustainable, more efficient, and potentially give us a higher ranking for getting State Grants.

Mr. Kratzer stated it will also provide us with some metrics for areas of improvement as well. He stated it a comprehensive evaluation of Municipal operations focusing on a number of different functional areas. He stated while you go through the Certification process, there is the opportunity for improvement even beyond what your initial Certification is. He stated the work of the EAC particularly in the environmental area was paramount to our ability to score points within that area. He stated there is no cost associated with this.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Authorization of the Release of an RFP for Consulting Services to Develop a New Multi-Year Tree Planting Plan

Mr. Kratzer stated this item was previously discussed by the EAC with the Board of Supervisors. He stated the EAC had undertaken this effort in 2016, and many of the sites that were identified as part of the 2016 Tree Planting Plan have been executed by the EAC. He stated this is a release of a Request for Proposals to hire a consultant for the purpose of developing a new Plan identifying opportunities on largely Township-owned properties. He stated there was also discussion when representatives from the EAC were before the Board regarding tree planting as a community-engagement strategy, and he feels that will be part of this Plan as well.

Mr. Kratzer stated he has shared the RFP with the EAC to solicit any feedback they had, and he did get some follow-up from the EAC re-affirming their commitment to work cooperatively with Township staff and the Board in executing these types of plans.

Mr. Grenier moved and Mr. Lewis seconded to authorize the release of an RFP for consulting services to develop a new Multi-Year Tree Planting Plan.

Mr. Lewis stated it is important to realize that trees are an important part of stormwater management. He stated having plans as to where to plant trees to help manage stormwater is important, and there are specialists who do that, and our EAC works with them. He stated volunteers do a lot of the tree-planting work.

Ms. Laurena Stoddard stated they are paying a consultant \$30,000 to “put trees back where they belong where they were just cut down.” She stated they are putting in “not impervious pavement all over the place.” She stated she is “exhausted and has been cleaning her garage.” She stated she is good with putting the trees back in. She stated they were beautiful, but “you cut them down and she saw no reason for it, and the roadway was the same roadway.”

Mr. Lewis stated every developer who has asked to get waivers from “tree fee rules he hammered relentlessly.” He stated he tracked down the people who did not pay it.

Ms. Stoddard stated we have “airports going over our heads, we have 95, and we have the worst air.”

Mr. Lewis stated we do not control the bridge. Ms. Stoddard stated the Board “should talk to the bridge as that is part of their job, and she lives right next to it.” She stated they built a building and cut down a whole forest for the bridge building. She stated she does not think anyone works there, and there is an empty parking lot. She stated this is more impervious pavement. Mr. Lewis stated we do not have the authority to tell the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission. Ms. Stoddard stated while they do not, the Board can talk to them. She stated you talk to everybody and make a relationship. She stated she works a “forty-hour day week, and she has been cleaning up her garage for years.” Mr. Lewis stated someone got attacked earlier for meeting with our elected officials on Sunday trying to advocate our case.

Ms. Stoddard asked how much they are going to pay a tree consultant as she has watched the Board pass about \$3 million “worth of stuff today.” She stated the Board should “call the community who will dig the holes.” She stated you know where the trees need to go because they were already there. She stated she “stayed to see them do their great job, and she is impressed.”

Mr. Kratzer stated this is just soliciting proposals, and there is no cost associated with this action. He stated they will provide a scope of services which will outline the costs associated with doing the planning work, and this is just soliciting proposals from consulting firms as to what the cost would be to develop a Plan.

Ms. Blundi stated we did discuss taking a holistic look at things in the Township, and she feels part of what Ms. Stoddard was trying to articulate was to the extent that trees are part of stormwater management should this RFP include getting in someone who can look at the Township and consider the trees that are gone or are dying which would be a much more holistic view. Mr. Kratzer stated he feels we could incorporate that as a goal within this. He stated there was also a discussion about basin naturalization, and all of this could be included in this in a more comprehensive fashion than it was in the past.

Mr. Grenier stated when you look at basin naturalization and converting older basins into a more naturalized look, trees can be put in there. Mr. Kratzer stated basin naturalization has been discussed by certain groups, but it is not always recognized what goes into naturalizing basins and there is an engineering component to naturalizing a basin. He stated it is not just putting in a meadow mix. He stated he was using that as an example, and we could look at tree planting in a similar comprehensive way as opposed to just the aesthetics of a tree. Mr. Grenier stated there are areas in the Township where it is obvious that we need trees, but there are other areas where it

would take someone some time to look at mapping and looking for areas where it makes sense to put additional trees that are not as obvious which would make a greater impact. He stated right now we have a fair amount of money in the Tree Bank because we are “chasing down developers” to pay into the Tree Bank. He stated we want to make sure we can put in as many trees as we can in the right areas to have a nice landscape but to also use trees for what they do in nature which is provide habitat, stormwater management, and shade. He stated that is why we want to have professionals look at it and create a Plan.

Mr. Grenier stated with regard to the planting of the trees, we have done a lot of volunteer plantings which saves a lot of money; although some of the trees we get are too big for volunteers to plant, and equipment is needed. He stated this Plan will help us determine where the trees can be planted, the types and sizes of trees, and where we can use volunteers to save money.

Mr. McCartney asked if we could also have the consultant look at Patterson Farm as a place to possibly buy and plant saplings which could be harvested at a later date. Mr. Kratzer stated they could look into that. Mr. McCartney stated the idea would be to get them cheaper and then move them as needed. Mr. Grenier stated when you move bigger trees they get stressed more, but it is worth looking into.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Waiver of Permit Fees for Repairs Related to Storm Damage

Mr. Kratzer stated if the Board decides they would like to consider this, they would have to first make a Motion to amend the Agenda. He stated recognizing the damage that residents have sustained as a result of the storm event, he wanted to discuss with the Board potentially waiving Permit Fees for those doing restoration work related to the storm to insure that these improvements are being appropriately inspected and documented. He stated this would balance the public safety aspect of why we require Permits, but not have additional costs incurred by the residents as they are trying to respond to the storm event.

Mr. Lewis moved and Mr. McCartney seconded to add to the Agenda an Item 10.d. that would be entitled “Authorize the Waiver of Permit Fees for Repairs Relating to Storm Damage Associated with the Storm of Last Saturday.”

Mr. Truelove stated he and Mr. Kratzer had discussed this, and he believes that this can be done under the Sunshine Act as it does not directly involve an expenditure of funds, and it does involve an emergency situation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Authorizing the Waiver of Permit Fees for Repairs Relating to Storm Damage Associated With the Storm of Last Saturday

Ms. Blundi moved, Mr. Lewis seconded and it was unanimously carried to authorize the waiver of Permit Fees for repairs relating to storm damage associated with the storm of last Saturday.

Ms. Blundi stated the yard waste yard is open this week for anyone who has yard waste that they need to dispose of.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Truelove stated the Board met in Executive Session beginning at 6:30 p.m. and items related to litigation, informational items, and emergency items were discussed.

ZONING HEARING BOARD MATTERS

With regard to Appeal #Z-23-2015 Calvin Sun for the property located at 1514 Hayfield Drive, Yardley, PA 19067, Tax Parcel #20-028-111 Variance request from Township Zoning Ordinance #200-69A(14)(c) in order to install a fence in a Sewer Easement, it was agreed to leave the matter to the Zoning Hearing Board.

With regard to Appeal #Z-23-2017 Edman Reid for the property located at 1359 Gates Circle, Yardley, PA 19067 Tax Parcel #20-058-169 Variance request from Township Zoning Ordinance #200-19B to allow an increase in impervious surface from the existing 25.7% to 26.5% where 18% is the allowable amount in order to construct a 10 x 12 storage shed, it was agreed to leave the matter to the Zoning Hearing Board.

With regard to Appeal #Z-23-2018 Edward Murphy/Potteiger for the property located at 1513 Bray Lane, Yardley, PA 19067 Tax Parcel #20-003-043-007 Variance request from Township Zoning Ordinance #200-19A in order to construct an in-ground concrete pool which would increase the impervious surface from the existing 18.96% to 20.97% where 19% is the allowable amount, it was agreed to leave the matter to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Grenier stated in Newtown Township a Supervisor gave public opinion about some potential developments that are going in front of them, and the attorney in question has tried to keep the Supervisor from voting on something because they had expressed some kind of public opinion. Mr. Grenier asked if the Board needs to be careful as to what they say in public. Mr. Truelove stated they do have to be careful, but while the Board may have strong opinions about concepts and some development in general, he has not heard anything that he feels were targeted comments about a submitted development Plan. He stated if that would occur, he would caution against making specific comments pending the full receipt of the evidence.

Mr. Truelove stated that same law firm tried to do the same thing with one of our former Zoning Hearing Board members about ten years ago in an Application, and was unsuccessful.

Mr. Grenier stated if a Board member were the liaison to the Planning Commission or the Zoning Hearing Board, and they expressed an opinion about a particular Plan before it got to the Board of Supervisors, is that in line with what they are trying to do in Newtown. Mr. Truelove stated it depends on the comments. He stated he has never heard a Supervisor in Lower Makefield say they would not vote for something just because they did not like it. He stated he understands that the comments made in Newtown were more direct, targeted, and focused. He stated it does not mean that the Challenge will be successful.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Consider Approval of Final Major Subdivision for 1566 LLC (Plan #685)

This matter was taken off of the Agenda for this evening.

Approve Extension of Time for Torbert Farm Subdivision and Land Development Plan

Mr. Grenier moved and Ms. Blundi seconded to approve the Extension of time for the Torbert Farm Subdivision and Land Development Plan to October 1, 2023.

Mr. Grenier asked how this date aligns with the Board of Supervisors' meetings, and he asked if we would have to consider this at the second meeting in September, and Mr. Truelove agreed.

Ms. Tipton stated she is very concerned after the weather on Saturday. She stated the Katsoffs will be building six houses behind her. She stated she was already worried about water, and she saw what happened at the Torbert Farm with all of the water coming from 295 to Creamery Road and that "the access underneath the roadway was not enough." She stated she is not sure how they plan to fix that water run-off. She stated she looked at the Plans, and there are two buffers; and her house is going to be in the middle of it. She stated she is not sure about the buffers and the water.

Mr. Truelove asked Ms. Tipton if she is talking about the Torbert Plan specifically, and Ms. Tipton agreed. She added that there was also talk that the road was possibly going to change, and Mr. Truelove stated there is a re-alignment proposed. He added that there are a lot of things that are being discussed; and while he cannot assure Ms. Tipton that new Plans will be submitted, the Township professionals have been very much involved in discussions with the developer and their counsel trying to do whatever they can to mitigate any of these concerns. He stated that is one of the reasons why the Extension is being granted or the Application would have been heard at the next meeting. Mr. Truelove stated Ms. Tipton has the right to appear at any Hearing where this would be discussed.

Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Ms. Blundi urged everyone to continue to follow the progress of the Ad Hoc Property Committee, as we are trying to determine what to do with the buildings on Patterson Farm. She asked that the public provide their comments.

Mr. Lewis stated the Historical Commission continues to work on Slate Hill Cemetery, and we have been cleaning the tomb stones many of which date back as far as 1695. He stated there will also be tree maintenance done to protect people in the Cemetery, and there will be requests for volunteers to work on that going forward.

Mr. McCartney stated the Zoning Hearing Board heard two Applications from ADR Investments, which is American Dream Realty located in Levittown. One Application was for a building lot on Reading Avenue across from the Yardley Country Club which was approved. He stated the second Application was a parcel on Heacock Road which was denied.

Mr. Grenier stated the Police Department may be receiving notes from the Citizens Traffic Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. McCartney asked if Lower Makefield is currently in a State of Emergency, and Chief Coluzzi stated we are. Chief Coluzzi stated we filed the State of Emergency on July 15, the date of the event, and it was signed by the Chair. We are now waiting for PEMA to respond as far as Applications for reimbursement and damage. Mr. McCartney asked if as part of that process is the Board able to empower the Township Manager, Public Works, and the engineer to do all means necessary to address the concerns some of the residents raised with regard to future storm events. Mr. McCartney specifically noted some emergency clean-out of the creek. Chief Coluzzi stated as long as the Declaration is in existence, we can waive the Second Class Township Code Bidding process and the other "red tape around that" if there is a need to make an emergency repair.

Mr. McCartney asked if that would include cleaning out the creek. Mr. Grenier stated in order for the creek to be cleaned out the way we need it to be cleaned out, the Pennsylvania DEP has to approve it. He stated there is a Permitting process, and there are Emergency Permits. He stated that we have talked to them about an Emergency Permit for the hole in the back yard. He stated we will have to see if we can get an Emergency Permit for creek cleaning. Mr. McCartney asked if that could be done prior to Friday, but Mr. Grenier stated he did not believe so. Ms. Blundi asked if a group of volunteers could go there and clean some of it. Mr. Grenier stated if they are trimming trees or getting logs out of the creek, that would not affect the stream itself and

would be similar to a trash pick-up. Chief Coluzzi stated that would be true especially for debris that fell during the storm. Mr. Grenier stated where the line is drawn is where there is sediment/dirt that needs dredging, and we could not do that without a Permit. Chief Coluzzi stated if we wanted a private contractor to do a clean-up, we could supersede RFPs and the Bidding process.

Mr. Kratzer stated generally the Emergency Declaration includes language that authorizes the appropriate Township staff to take any and all actions necessary to respond to the incident. Mr. McCaffrey stated he feels the Board would be in favor of anything that needs to be done prior to Friday to make sure that there would be as less of an event as possible. Dr. Weiss stated the last paragraph of the Declaration reads: "We direct Lower Make-field Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of the disaster and aid in the restoration of essential public services, and take any other emergency response/action deemed necessary to respond to this disaster." He stated it is pretty open-ended and between Chief Coluzzi, the Township Manager, and our staff we should be able to get as much done as possible between now and the end of the week.

Mr. Lewis stated he and Mr. Truelove have had discussions, and given the circumstances of what happened, there is the potential for the Board to consider a pause on development until we have remedied stormwater issues. Mr. Truelove stated while he cannot promise that this is something we can accomplish, it is something worth looking into. Mr. Truelove stated Mr. Lewis had recalled that several years ago Newtown Township had a moratorium on development because of the Sewer EDU issues; and while that was a different situation in terms of the cause, if it is a health and safety issue that could be looked into.

Mr. McCartney asked if that would relate to the Chief's ability during this time of a State of Emergency as it relates to health and safety issues. Mr. Truelove stated we would have to look into that, and it would go to jurisdiction Township-wide over what oversight we would have and what enforcement rights we would have. He stated we would also have to look at the Township standards and have some engineering expertise who could provide back-up to say that some of these areas of development could contribute to some of the issues we have had.

Mr. Lewis moved that we direct the solicitor to review options for a pause on new development.

Mr. Truelove stated this would first have to be added to the Agenda. Mr. Lewis stated he was only directing Mr. Truelove for the next meeting, and the Board would not be taking action. He stated he is asking Mr. Truelove to review if we can take that action. He stated we may not have the legal capability to do so. Dr. Weiss stated he does not feel a Motion is needed, and we would just need consent from the Board.

It was the consensus of the Board for the staff and the solicitor to review options for a pause on new development.

Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Kratzer and Mr. Truelove about funding sources for these large stormwater projects that need to be done adding we have approved \$1,250,000 in Park & Rec projects which are not ready to be built yet.

Chief Coluzzi stated the Emergency Declaration is only good for about twenty-one days unless it is renewed somehow.

Mr. Grenier stated some of that money may be available, and he would like to know what we would have to do to redirect that money. He stated there is also about \$7 million in Bond money and other monies. He stated we also just voted on the Trust, and he would like to know if there is any possibility of pulling back some of that to have it in a "Safety Fund" from which we might be able to fund some of these stormwater/infrastructure projects.

Mr. Kratzer stated Ms. Vogel has not made that transfer yet so the money has not been deposited into the Trust. He stated the direction of the Board was to make that deposit, and she was waiting until the interest was credited for the month of June following the action which was taken on the 21st. He stated there was then the holiday and then we were dealing with storm events. He stated as soon as the Board authorized the action he directed Ms. Vogel to make the transfer.

Mr. Grenier stated he is looking at "different pots of money that we have as a Board" to see where we have opportunities to put some of that aside to fund the planning process/preliminary conceptual engineering for the watershed. He stated these projects will be expensive whether it is additional basins, expansion of basins, etc.

Mr. McCartney asked what was the cost to be for the Maplevale Phase 2 project, and Mr. Grenier stated it was \$50,000. Mr. McCartney asked if the Board could authorize that that be moved on immediately. Dr. Weiss stated that would have to be an Agenda item at another meeting, and Mr. Grenier agreed.

Mr. Grenier asked that the Board, Mr. Kratzer, and Mr. Truelove consider some of the options that he has discussed. Dr. Weiss stated while he is not an expert on how watershed projects would be funded, he would urge the Board not to reconsider the money in the Trust to be used for anything other than Revenue streams at this point. He stated we have close to \$10 million of monies that are available for studies and Park & Rec issues. He stated this watershed issue that has been identified might address what happened last week. He stated we may have to bring in the State and the Feds and there might be Bond issue money that we need to talk about. He stated it would be a major change in our thinking and will take a lot of discussion over the course of months. He stated he agrees with Mr. Grenier in that this is a priority that needs to be addressed; and while he did not recognize how much of a priority it was, last week showed us that we have issues that need to be addressed including a new MS4 Plan or amending it to specify how we are going to mitigate water from one area of the Township to the River. He stated we have to bring in our partners to make this comprehensive and holistic as it would overtax the Township. He stated he feels taking the money from the Trust would be a bad idea.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

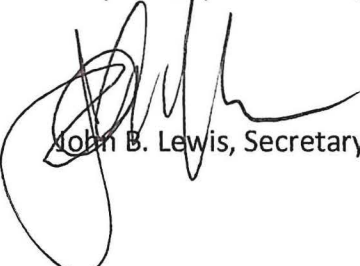
Ms. Blundi moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Christian Schwartz as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one wishing to make Public Comment at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

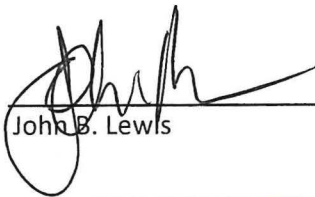
Respectfully Submitted,



John B. Lewis, Secretary

LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOS MEETING - 07/19/2023
INTERFUND TRANSFERS

MAY 2023 PAYROLL AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS		
Fund		
01-	GENERAL FUND CHECKING TO PAYROLL ACCOUNT	966,851.41
	GENERAL FUND TO DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN ACCOUNT	6,765.32
03-	GENERAL FUND TO DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN ACCOUNT	484.90
05-	PARKS AND RECREATION FUND TO DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN ACCOUNT	1,997.38
09-	POOL FUND TO DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION PLAN ACCOUNT	1,240.89
		977,339.90

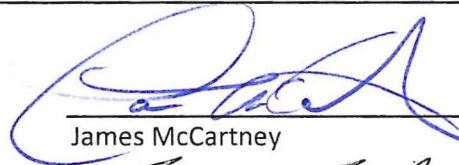


John B. Lewis


Fredric K. Weiss



Daniel R. Grenier



James McCartney



Suzanne S. Blundi