

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on November 17, 2010. Mr. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Maloney called the roll. Mr. Smith announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel and real estate matters.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors:            Ron Smith, Chairman  
    Greg Caiola, Vice Chairman  
    Matt Maloney, Secretary  
    Dan McLaughlin, Treasurer  
    Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor

Others:                                Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager  
    David Truelove, Township Solicitor  
    James Majewski, Township Engineer  
    Kenneth Coluzzi, Chief of Police

APPROVE POLICE PROMOTIONS

Chief Coluzzi asked that the Board approve three promotions in the Police Department to be effective November 21, 2010. Chief Coluzzi reviewed the backgrounds and proposed duties of Robert Lewis, Brian Omlor, and Larry Hilghman. Mr. McLaughlin stated these promotions are a result of retirements from the Police Force, and Chief Coluzzi agreed.

Mr. Maloney moved, Mr. Caiola seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the promotion of Sergeant Robert Lewis to Lieutenant, Detective Brian Omlor to Detective Sergeant, and Patrolman Larry Hilghman to Corporal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Smith commended everyone for their work on the recent Veterans' Day Parade. He specifically thanked Mr. Caiola for coordinating this event. Mr. Caiola stated the volunteers on the Veterans Committee and the Special Events Committee worked cooperatively on this event and did a wonderful job. Mr. Smith noted a number of people present this evening who helped with this event.

Ms. Doreen Kaplan was present on behalf of the Special Events Committee and stated this year they had more spectators and participants than ever before. She stated their goal was to honor the Veterans and to provide an opportunity for the community to celebrate the freedoms secured by the Veterans and to educate the children about those who have served in the Military. She listed a number of the groups who participated in the Parade. Ms. Kaplan stated she feels these types of events which have occurred over the last five to six years provide a sense of community that was missing from Lower Makefield in the past. Ms. Kaplan stated she feels the Board took a step back when they eliminated these types of events from the Budget. Ms. Kaplan stated she feels it is appalling that the only way they could have the Parade this year was to beg for donations. Ms. Kaplan stated there are 10,000 taxpaying households in Lower Makefield, and funding for Community Pride Day and the Veterans Day Parade would cost \$5 to \$6 per household. She asked that the funding for these events be included in the 2011 Budget. Mr. Smith stated all members of the Board of Supervisors had been working for a number of months on ways to be able to hold the Veterans' Parade this year

Ms. Dorothy Menzel, 1710 Clydesdale Circle, stated illegal poaching of white tail deer is taking place in Lower Makefield. She noted an incident which occurred on Friday when there was a shot heard at 1:00 p.m. in the woods near her home. She also commented on a number of robberies which have occurred in that neighborhood including her own home which was robbed twice over the last twelve years. She stated in the last six months her two neighbors have had their front doors kicked in during the day. She stated after hearing the shot, she and her grandson found a deer laying in the woods with a bullet in it. She stated as they were walking back from the farm field a black pick up truck came slowly down the side of I-95 heading north. She stated the truck came into the development, circled twice around Clydesdale Circle, and stopped. She stated two men got out of the truck, walked down the sidewalk, and when she questioned them they indicated they were going for a walk. She stated they went back to the truck and left. Ms. Menzel stated she then called the Lower Makefield Police Department and told what had happened. She stated the Officer advised her that he would call the Division of Fish and Game about this as this was their problem. Ms. Menzel stated she feels this is a Lower Makefield problem because people are riding around in trucks shooting deer. Ms. Menzel stated since she was never contacted by Fish and Game, she called them, and they indicated that they had no record of Lower Makefield contacting them about this situation. Ms. Menzel stated she again called the Township Police on Saturday; and two Officers responded, took pictures, and came to the conclusion that the deer was poached off of I-95. She stated the deer was then taken away by the Fish and Game Commission. She stated on Monday, a car came and backed into her driveway, and a man and woman stopped and walked into the woods. Ms. Menzel stated she is concerned that these people will continue to come into the Township illegally shooting deer. She stated there are two Elementary Schools in the area and houses near where the deer was shot. She stated she chose to live in this neighborhood in Lower Makefield, but it is now dangerous. She pleaded with the Police Department to have more Police patrol the

neighborhood. She stated at 3:30 a.m. a tornado went through their development, and the development is shredded. She stated now they will have numerous contractors and repairmen coming in and out of the community, and she wants to see a Police presence. She stated more Police must be sent to this end of the Township.

Chief Coluzzi stated he will do the best he can to get more Police in that area, and he will research the incident. Mr. McLaughlin asked if there is a problem with poaching in the Township. Ms. Menzel stated at the end of August and September this year, an individual came to her home and her neighbor's home advising that he was going to be hunting behind their homes. She stated her husband came to the Township and was told to put up No Trespassing signs on their properties.

Mr. Smith stated the Township does not want the residents to engage with perpetrators; and he asked that if anyone believes a crime is being committed, that they get a license if possible and call 911.

Mr. Kevin Treiber stated he disagreed with the decision to cancel Community Pride Day and the Veterans Day Parade from the Budget. He stated he understands the Township does not want to increase taxes, but he feels they are cutting out a valuable community service. He stated Community Pride Day was started several years ago to enhance the quality of life in the Township and bring about a feeling of belonging. He stated it had been very well attended and brought in a lot of local merchants and non-profits to educate the community. He feels it also helps enhance the property values by making this a more desirable place to live, and it should be looked at as an investment in the community. Mr. Treiber stated the Veterans Day Parade was also started several years ago as a way to show appreciation to the Veterans. He stated he is offended that this was canceled. He questions the message being sent to the children and the Veterans when this was canceled. He asked that they find a way to fund the Parade using taxpayer dollars. He stated he does not want the Board to raise taxes, but feels there may be ways that they could save money in other areas. He stated if they had to raise taxes, it would only cost \$.50 per household to have the Parade.

Mr. Smith stated about five years ago State Representative Steve Santarsiero who was a Supervisor at the time had the idea to do community-oriented events to build a sense of community, and this was something the Board as a whole wanted to accomplish. Mr. Smith stated the last two weeks the Board held Budget Workshops, and he is disappointed that those on the Special Events or Veterans Committee did not have an opportunity to sit in on these meetings. He stated the Board has many tough decisions to make, and none of the Board members want to disrespect the Veterans. He stated this year the Board had been working on putting this Parade together for months. Mr. Smith stated it was his idea to have a Veterans Parade years ago when they held the first Parade. He stated he also worked for many years putting together Community Pride

Day with Ms. Liney and the Special Events Committee. He stated the Board has a number of unfunded mandates from the State as well other items they have to fund. Mr. Smith stated a majority of Community Pride Day was put together through contributions from the public, but there are costs to the Township for Community Pride Day, with the largest portion being Police overtime which is a Contractual item. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Fedorchak the costs for Community Pride Day, and Mr. Fedorchak stated the gross expense for 2009 was \$72,000, and they were able to raise in the low \$20,000s. Mr. Smith stated during Budget deliberations, the Board must determine where they can cut costs.

Mr. Treiber stated the Veterans Day Parade this year cost \$4,700, and he feels they could raise taxes for this at \$.50 per household. Mr. Smith stated they had to pay \$1,000 for the Pennsbury Band to perform at the Veterans Day Parade. Mr. Maloney stated he agrees with Mr. Treiber.

Ms. Kathy Kraeck, Veterans Committee, stated she appreciates the time the Board devotes to the community, and she understands Budget decisions are very difficult. She stated she did question why the cost for the Pennsbury Band was \$1,000, and she was told that all the band's instruments and uniforms have to be stored at the High School and must be transported by bus; and there are costs associated with that. She stated in the past Pennsbury Band students have performed at the Veterans Committee fundraising events free of charge. She stated the Band also lends a lot to the Parade. Mr. Smith agreed that the Band does an excellent job, and they realize the Band has their own costs as well. Ms. Kraeck stated she feels it is important in economic downturn times to have these community events as they serve to bring the community together. She stated she also knows that there are a number of non-profits and businesses that rely on Community Pride Day to raise funds and generate awareness. Mr. Smith stated when they first started Community Pride Day they wanted it to be a day when everyone came together, and they did not want to charge anyone to attend or be a vendor; and they were all disappointed that they could not have Community Pride Day on Labor Day weekend.

Ms. Kraeck suggested that they work out some kind of compromise so that Community Pride Day could still be held, but that it be scaled down. She stated since the fireworks are no longer donated, she suggested that for the next few years they not have the fireworks. She also stated she would not be opposed to charging residents \$2 to \$3 to attend if that could help supplement the cost or that there be a charge for some of the attractions. Mr. Smith stated they were working on doing an abridged version of Community Pride Day, but they decided to focus on the Veterans Day Parade instead. Ms. Kraeck stated it is difficult to build up momentum for an event when it has not been held for a few years. She stated if they are going to do Community Pride Day, they need to start planning it in the winter.

Ms. Kraeck stated with regard to the Veterans Day Parade, it is only \$.50 per household to hold this event and whether it is a tax increase or something can be worked out in the Budget, she feels this should not be funded by donations or businesses in the community. She stated the Veterans Day Parade honors the Veterans and inspire the community's young people to get involved. She reviewed various projects she and her children have been working on over the years to help the Veterans.

Ms. Holly Hill, President of the American Legion Riders, was present. Ms. Hill stated she has been involved with the Parade for a few years and had asked that the School Board be contacted to see if they would provide a bus so that the Veterans could ride in a bus. She stated for the last three years she has had the privilege of having the Veterans ride in her bus in the Parade. She stated the drivers who transported the Pennsbury Marching Band were paid double-time because it was a Sunday, but she knows there are a handful of drivers that would volunteer their time for the Veterans Day Parade to alleviate some of the cost if the School Board would agree to loan the bus as they do for her. She discussed the number of re-deployments that are occurring, and she stated they need to show the Veterans that they honor and respect them.

#### APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Caiola moved, Mr. McLaughlin seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of November 3, 2010 as written.

#### APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 1 AND 15 WARRANT LISTS AND OCTOBER PAYROLL

Mr. McLaughlin moved, Mr. Caiola seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the November 1 and November 15 Warrant Lists, and October, 2010 Payroll as attached to the Minutes.

#### DISCUSSION OF COMMONWEALTH GRANT

State Representative Steve Santarsiero was present. Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Santarsiero for his efforts in securing the Township the \$1,000 contribution from the Masonic Lodge which helped subsidize the Veterans Day Parade. Mr. Santarsiero stated the entire Lodge was behind this. Mr. Santarsiero stated he recognizes the constraints the Township is under, but with respect to Community Pride Day the Board may want to consider charging a nominal fee or a fee for parking to help defray the costs so that it would not require money from the General Fund. He stated with respect to the Veterans Parade,

he is happy to help out to try to raise money among the different community groups, but feels the Township should do whatever they can to keep this event going. He thanked the Board for having the Parade this year. He thanked Mr. Smith and Ms. Liney for putting together the first Community Pride Day a number of years ago which they were able to put together in six weeks.

Mr. Santarsiero stated he is present to discuss an opportunity for the Township to be able to get capital project money from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to fund two projects which have been proposed in Lower Makefield for some time. He stated one of these is a Township Community Center, and he reviewed the initial discussion which first occurred about ten years ago. A Referendum occurred which was voted down, the project was scaled down, and a second Referendum was also voted down. He stated the Board has struggled since then to come up with the funding to create a Community or Senior Center which would not impact the taxpayers that much. He stated there is the potential for some State money that could be accessed to make this a reality.

Mr. Santarsiero stated the other project has also been discussed for some time, particularly in the last year when it caused a great deal of debate; and caused the Board to make some difficult decisions particularly under these economic times. Mr. Santarsiero stated this project involved the Township's park system – specifically some ball fields and other projects that have been on the Park & Recreation Board's agenda for some time. Mr. Santarsiero stated he has heard that there has also been a recent movement to have an all-inclusive playground in the Township.

Mr. Santarsiero stated every year the State does Capital Project Budgets, and the lawmakers try to get projects for their communities into the Budget. Mr. Santarsiero stated unlike the earmark process at the Federal or State level, this is part of a Capital Budget Bill that is ultimately voted on by the Legislature and sent to the Governor. He stated over the past decade his predecessor, Dave Steil, has had projects in those Capital Project Bills as have the other Legislators in Bucks County. Mr. Santarsiero stated one of the projects Mr. Steil continually put in and was successful to get in was funding for a Township Senior Center. Mr. Santarsiero stated he has pursued the same thing and was able to get in the Capital Budget Bill this year \$1 million for a Township Community Center which could be used for the seniors as well and \$1 million for Park & Rec field projects. Mr. Santarsiero stated this Bill was passed and signed by the Governor. He stated the next step is getting the money released which is more difficult. He reminded the Board of a project four years ago when they were able to get money released for the Canal dredging and the Black Rock Road culvert, and they were successful with Dave Steil and Governor Rendell to have that money released.

Mr. Santarsiero stated in order for the Township to be qualified to access this money, the Township has to have a local match which would have to equal what is being put up by the State. He stated he recognizes that the Board is facing a tight Budget this year, but he urged the Board to look and see where they could possibly come up with the local match money and try to move the process forward quickly so that they can qualify to get the State money. He stated there is a process that has to be taken, and the first step is to show that there is the ability to provide the local match. Mr. Santarsiero stated they then have to show the State a summary of the projects, and then there is a Contract between the Township and the State. Mr. Santarsiero stated his office is prepared to work with the Board and Mr. Fedorchak to get through that process, but they need to do this relatively quickly. He stated typically the new Governor wants to start from scratch and put a hold on any projects going forward. Mr. Santarsiero proposed that the Board consider how much of a local match they could come up with and authorize Mr. Fedorchak and two Board members to participate with his office in the process to make sure they do what they need to do in a timely way to put themselves in the best position possible to be qualified for this money. Mr. Santarsiero stated at the next Board meeting, he would suggest that they put on the Agenda consideration of whether or not they are going to commit to having the local match ready, and they will work over the ensuing weeks to get everything in place procedurally to access the money. Mr. Santarsiero stated there is no commitment on the part of the Township to spend any money until the State has made a commitment to provide the money.

Mr. Stainthorpe asked the time parameters since the State's Budget runs through June, and Mr. Santarsiero stated this would have to be finalized before Governor Rendell leaves office in mid-January. He stated if they can get the Contract executed prior to that time, they would be in a good position with the new Governor to get the money when it is ready to be paid. Mr. Stainthorpe asked if the match money has to be "new" money since oftentimes there are Grants that if you have already done certain things, this would count as the match. He stated he is looking for ways to make this work without raising taxes. Mr. Stainthorpe stated they have invested \$750,000 in the Samost Tract, and the Plan was to build ball fields there. He asked if this could count as the Township's match adding that they have also done some engineering there. He also stated at Memorial Park they have invested \$1 million in infrastructure, and he asked if these could be counted as the local match. Mr. Santarsiero's associate stated this would depend on when this was expended, and she would have to look into this.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated the Samost Tract was purchased with the idea that it would one day be used for ball fields. He stated with regard to Memorial Park, they moved forward on this because of the Garden of Reflection; and they have done some grading there, and it is a partially-completed Park. He stated if these could qualify as the local match, this would make this a much easier decision. He stated he wants to take advantage of this,

but if the Township has to come up with \$2 million to get \$2 million, he questions how the Township could afford this. He asked if they could do a lesser project and match a lesser amount, and Mr. Santarsiero agreed they could.

Mr. Santarsiero stated he feels they do have flexibility and this is what they should be working on over the next two weeks. He stated they would like to get answers on what constitutes a match and this would help the Board make a decision. Mr. Santarsiero stated there is no guarantee until they have a signed Contract in hand, but these are part of a Capital Bill that has been passed and signed by the Governor.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if there is little possibility if this extends into next year that the Township could get this approved again; and Mr. Santarsiero stated he feels it would be more difficult in the future.

Mr. Caiola stated there has also been discussion from a third party about a Senior Center, and this would be an opportunity to help with the match if they could get that party involved. Mr. Santarsiero stated in terms of the way the Bill was drafted, they would have up to \$1 million for the Park projects and up to \$1 million for the Community Center.

Mr. Maloney stated these are projects they have been meaning to do for many years; and although they have been through good times, and bad, they have not proceeded. He stated if they do not proceed they are looking at the opportunity costs of missing 50% subsidy on this work. He stated while this is a difficult economic time, he feels it is appropriate to spend capital dollars to get a needed capital improvement done at an opportunity to have it done at half cost. Mr. Maloney stated while he feels they could consider a tax increase for these needed improvements, he also noted the Township is planning on re-financing their Bonds in 2011; and he feels the Township will see a sizable amount of reduced debt relief which could be used to pay for these additional expenses. He stated they have not budgeted a lower interest cost, and they have not budgeted a lower debt payment. He stated these savings could be used to partially offset the cost increase associated with paying for these projects over the next twenty years.

Mr. Smith asked about the obligation of the Township, and Mr. Santarsiero stated the Township's obligation comes when the State agrees to give the Township the money. Mr. Santarsiero stated the Legislature has already passed the Bill, and the Governor has agreed to sign this. Mr. Smith stated if the Township wants to proceed, they need to do this within the next five weeks, and Mr. Santarsiero agreed and stated this is why he is offering their assistance to make this come together in the time allotted. He stated the Board must decide if they want to proceed and the number for the local match.



Mr. Harold Koopersmith, 612 B Wren Song Road, thanked Representative Santarsiero for bringing this to the Township's attention and stated he is in support of this. He stated they could either borrow the \$2 million or sell the Golf Course to fund it.

Mr. Zachary Rubin, 1661 Covington Road, stated the \$2 million could be borrowed at very low rates. He stated he has lived in the Township for eighteen years, and he has seen the Supervisors abrogate their responsibility to provide a Community/Senior Center. He stated he feels it is time they act, and it is the fiscally-responsible time to do this with the interest rates so low.

Mr. Joe Menard, 917 Putnam Drive, stated he is against the whole process in Pennsylvania of sending money to Harrisburg, putting a 20% surcharge on it, and then bringing it back and telling the Township how to spend it; however, he does feel the Township is doing the best with what the Legislation is doing. He asked for a copy of the Legislation and the regulations and also asked that they look into whether the administration of the project would count toward the in-kind services.

Mr. Tim Malloy, 1902 Makefield Road, thanked Mr. Santarsiero for securing these funds and also recognized Mr. Steil as well. Mr. Malloy asked if long-term expenditures from the Capital Fund were considered for a Senior Center during the Budget process, and the Board noted this was not considered. Mr. Malloy asked if spending up to \$1 million was considered in the Budget for additional Park & Rec projects, and the Board stated it was not. Mr. Malloy asked what the outlays are, and Mr. Smith stated they will discuss this further on in the Agenda.

Mr. McLaughlin stated the State has cancelled funding the DARE program that the Township previously received, and the Board agreed that they wanted to keep this program going. He stated when the State cuts items such as this out of the Budget, it makes it very difficult on the Township. Mr. Stainthorpe stated the Township previously got \$28,000 from the State to fund the DARE program. He stated there are also other funding sources such as recycling which they previously relied on which will no longer be there. He stated when these things happen, it is why the Board must look at every nickel and dime in the Budget. He stated even though they are being offered \$2 million they need to make sure they can afford to take it.

Mr. Santarsiero stated this is why he prefaced his comments with the statement that he understood the difficult choices the Board needs to make. He stated if they can find some other way to qualify the Township that will meet the requirements but not require an additional outlay of money from the Township, this is the way he feels they should proceed. He stated with respect to the DARE program he was equally frustrated about this, and he feels that the program should even be expanded from the elementary schools to the middle and high schools. He stated he also feels the program should be expanded to include internet safety, and he has been involved in Harrisburg about trying to keep

children safe on the internet as they do not really know how to avoid some of the pitfalls on the internet. Mr. Santarsiero stated at the State level he has been frustrated with the declining revenues as a result of the economy. He stated he spoke out in favor of funding DARE, libraries, and the DEP. He stated the decisions are not going to get any easier going forward. He stated the largest portion of the State's Budget is taken up by education and medical assistance programs, and there is not a lot of money left after that.

Mr. Santarsiero stated he feels they need to look at the distinction between an Operating Budget and a Capital Budget. He stated the Capital Budget is investment and will ultimately be to the benefit of the community by making it a more desirable place to live and higher home values in the future. He stated he wants to work with the Township in trying the best way possible to proceed with this proposal in some form and in a way that will not adversely impact the local taxpayers.

Mr. Smith stated these are difficult times, and the Board of Supervisors is trying to work to come up with the best for everyone. He stated they have to consider funding for DARE programs, Veterans Day Parade, sewer issues, etc. Mr. Santarsiero stated next year the State will be considering other items that have an impact on the local Townships, and the local communities need to be advocates about these State cuts as well by contacting the State legislators about their concerns.

Mr. Truelove suggested a proposed Motion, and Mr. Stainthorpe questioned if a Motion was required at this point. Mr. Smith stated he feels they need answers first from Mr. Santarsiero's office about the in-kind match. Mr. Santarsiero stated he feels they could ask Mr. Fedorchak and two Supervisors to work with his office. He stated the two Board members would be responsible for getting the full Board's input so that they can fashion something to be presented to the Board in two weeks. Mr. Stainthorpe stated he feels the Township Manager can handle this. Mr. Santarsiero stated part of this is coming to a better understanding of exactly what the Township wants to do. He stated he feels there should be some Supervisor guidance. He stated he does not want to lose time if Mr. Fedorchak is not sure how the Board would react on a particular issue. Mr. Smith suggested that Mr. Maloney and Mr. Caiola be the liaisons with Mr. Santarsiero's office, and this was acceptable to the rest of the Board.

Mr. Santarsiero was thanked for bringing this matter to the Board. Mr. McLaughlin stated he would also like to know what \$1 million or \$2 million would look like in terms of monthly debt service at today's rates, and Mr. Fedorchak agreed to provide this.

## DISCUSSION OF TEN YEAR SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Hank Hoffmeister, Director of Public Works, and Ms. Danielle Farrell, sewer engineer, were present. Ms. Farrell stated they have put together a presentation describing the existing facilities, condition of the sanitary sewer system, and future anticipated needs for the facilities. Ms. Farrell stated the original sewer system comprises 40% of the system, and the newer collection system is approximately 60% of the sewer system. She stated the original areas are located mostly in the southern, central, and northeastern area of the Township; and as the Township grew out towards I-95, the collection system grew in those areas as well. She stated the original section was started in the mid to late 1960s, and is comprised mostly of clay pipe which is an older technology. As the Township grew, the technology changed; and the piping is plastic pipe. She showed a map of the various areas in the Township. She stated there is 4 million gallons per day of sewage generated within the Township and the Township is responsible for this from the time it is generated to the time when it is treated and discharged.

Ms. Farrell stated the Township has no treatment facilities within the Municipal boundaries. She stated the Township has collection and conveyance facilities. She stated the Township has gravity piping, pump stations, and force mains. She stated all the sewage generated within the Township goes to either Morrisville or the City of Philadelphia for treatment. She stated in order to get to those locations, it actually goes to four other Authorities, and she presented a map showing how each area's sewage is handled. She stated 70% to 72% goes to Morrisville and 28% to 30% is treated by Philadelphia. Ms. Farrell stated the Township has 160 miles of gravity piping, 7 permanent metering stations, 11 pumping stations, 2 ejector stations, and 12 additional miles of force main.

Ms. Farrell stated the Township's system is maintained very well. She stated some major improvements over recent years include \$10,000 to replace a pump that failed last week, 14,000 linear feet of the Canal Interceptor which were either replaced or refurbished at a cost of \$4.2 million, 3,500 linear feet were lined over the past few years at a cost of \$120,000, and the upgrade of the electrical distribution equipment at Black Rock Road Pumping Station at a cost of \$172,000. Ms. Farrell stated there are also Township commitments to the four Authorities to whom sewage is sent with Agreements in place, and the Township is committed to them financially. She stated Morrisville also needs to continually maintain their treatment facility. She stated Bucks County Water & Sewer recently informed the Township that their Neshaminy Interceptor has extraneous flow that needs to be removed; and since it will not be removed before 2012, a surge tank will need to be installed and all the contributing Townships will have a pro rata share of those costs. Ms. Farrell stated Yardley Borough Sewer Authority has just completed a major piping replacement project; and on a yearly basis, finds that they have pumping station improvements, and the Township is committed to finance its portion of those

improvements. Ms. Farrell stated Falls Township has not provided anything with regard to capital improvements to date; but if there are improvements needed, Lower Makefield Township would be responsible for their share of those as well.

Ms. Farrell showed a chart of anticipated financial costs over the next five years. She stated they have included some State-mandated sewer extensions and have anticipated that there may be need for future lining. She stated costs will increase significantly in future years. She stated in 2010 the total spent to date is \$170,830 in capital improvements. In 2011 they have budgeted \$590,000, 2012 - \$715,000, 2013 - \$770,000, and 2014 - \$700,000 for capital improvements.

Mr. Fedorchak stated a year ago they began to develop a Capital Program to anticipate these needs going forward; and for this reason, they set aside \$500,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund. He stated for 2011 they will again commit another \$500,000 to begin to pay for these costs.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if 2010 was a good year in that they did not have to spend much or have they been deferring upgrades. Ms. Farrell stated some of the line items in 2011 and 2012 they would have liked to have done sooner. She stated a lot of the system is over forty years old. Mr. Smith asked about the money spent in 2007 when they had some major projects, and Ms. Farrell stated it was \$4.2 million.

Ms. Farrell noted some specific cost items including transmission fees which are the costs that come directly from the entities that take and treat the Township sewage. She stated this includes the conveyance Authorities as well. Mr. Smith stated Lower Makefield is dependent on these other Authorities as to what Lower Makefield has to pay.

Mr. McLaughlin asked the proposed increase for next year, and Mr. Fedorchak stated for 2011 they are anticipating a \$218,000 increase in the Operating side of the equation, in addition to what Ms Farrell has identified for 2011 and 2012 for Capital needs. Mr. Smith stated there could also be some unknown costs; and Mr. Fedorchak stated all the Authorities that they have Agreements with do the best job they can, but they are not always sure what they may need to be doing which is due to the state of the regulatory environment which could mandate certain things which could cost the Authorities additional money. He stated these costs would be pro rated among the participating Municipalities.

Mr. McLaughlin asked what a \$218,000 increase would equate to; and Mr. Fedorchak stated he feels the transmission fees have gone up on average by 10%, and the Township has no control over this. Mr. Fedorchak stated the transmission fees account for 58% of the total Budget, but in addition there is debt service of 11%. He stated they therefore have no control over 70% of the Sewer Budget.

Mr. Richard Gauck, Chairman of the Sewer Authority, stated they have recommended that there be a 15% increase in the sewer rates because of the fact that their hands are tied by outside entities. He stated the discretionary monies available in the Capital Improvement Fund are for improvements to the Township's existing facilities identified by Mr. Hoffmeister and Ms. Farrell. He stated this could include lining of the sewer lines where necessary to reduce infiltration. He stated there are old lines in the Township, and they are working on them when they can afford to do so.

Mr. Smith asked what the Sewer Authority is and their responsibilities. Mr. Gauck stated the Sewer Authority is made up of members of the public selected by the Board of Supervisors, and they recommend to the Supervisors appointments of consulting engineers, solicitors, sewer administrators, and formulate for the Board's consideration improvement plans and Capital Budget Plans. He stated they are only a recommending Authority, and do not have any fiscal control. He stated they review data that comes in on a yearly basis. Mr. Smith asked the Sewer Authority's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, and Mr. Gauck stated they are recommending an increase of 15% in the sewer rates to start on the Capital budgeting which is before the Board of Supervisors. This recommendation was made after extensive review of the data provided to them.

Mr. McLaughlin asked, given the schedule that has been provided this evening and given the fact that the transmission fees are up 10%, will this 15% increase be required every year; and Mr. Gauck stated the outside entities the Township depends upon for treatment have had increases on a regular basis. He stated sanitary sewer systems do have extreme wear and tear because of what they are treating. He does feel that there will continue to be increases needed each year. Mr. Smith stated the only way they could avoid this would have been if the Township had built their own treatment plant years ago, and Mr. Gauck stated he feels this would be an alternate that would never be approved by any regulatory agency.

Mr. Hoffmeister stated he does not feel there will be 15% increases every year, but there could be 5% to 10% increases each year. He stated Bucks County Water and Sewer did not expect to have to raise rates this year; but one month ago the Township received a letter indicating that they would have to raise rates. He stated he does not yet know what other increases may be coming. He stated Philadelphia needs money, and they do not care where they get it from. He stated Philadelphia has a combination system which none of the Suburban systems have. He stated Lower Makefield has a stormwater sewer system and a sanitary sewer system. Mr. Hoffmeister stated one of the members of the Sewer Authority wants to see a 20% increase, and he feels the Board of Supervisors should consider this. He stated they would not want to have to increase the rates 35% as they did a few years ago.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated during the Budget Workshop process, the Board of Supervisors came to the conclusion that they will need to raise the sewer rates 20% so that they can prepare for the future and build the Capital funds. He stated in the past years when they have held rates and they should not have, this has resulted in eventual increases of 40%, and he does not feel this is a good way to run the Township. Mr. Stainthorpe stated from his experience at the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority, there is a potential bright spot in the future. He stated they received two years ago an increase from the City of Philadelphia of about 60%. He stated the City of Philadelphia looks to the Suburbs as a way to get money. He stated Bucks County Water and Sewer chose to fight the rate increase, and they have hired outside experts and are questioning the way Philadelphia calculated their rates. He stated this will be going to arbitration, and it is possible the rate increase could be rolled back. He stated currently all the money that Bucks County Water and Sewer was to pay to Philadelphia is being held in an escrow account; and while they may get this money back, he cannot say definitely when and if this will happen. Mr. Smith stated he understands that the City of Philadelphia is not basing their increase on what it costs to do this service, but are using it as a revenue source.

Mr. Menard, Chairman of the Citizens Budget Committee, stated in addition to the 57% for treatment costs and the 10% for the debt service, there is also a \$500,000 appropriation for capital improvements. He stated looking at the schedule for the Capital Plan until 2014, it will cost \$2.8 million which is an average of \$700,000 a year; and they are funding this at a level of \$500,000 a year. He stated if they have a 15% rate increase for 2011, they really only get the benefit of that rate increase for three quarters because of the billing structure. He stated they are already running at a minor operating deficit. He stated the Citizens Budget Committee agrees they should have a 20% increase in the rates.

Mr. Maloney stated in addition to setting the increase at 20%, they want to zero out the Cash Reserves in the Operating Budget and move it into the Capital Budget. He stated this would help prepay the Capital Budget for one year. He stated he feels they need to be realistic and recognize that the Capital Reserve allocation will need to increase.

Mr. Smith stated the rates are based on usage, and Mr. Hoffmeister stated Lower Makefield sewer bills are based on water consumption per household. He stated people who use wells pay a flat rate. Mr. Stainthorpe stated there is a flat rate for a certain number of gallons. Mr. Hoffmeister stated there was a flat rate to offset the initial construction costs and they also have a consumption rate. He stated Lower Makefield is the only Municipality in the area which has a rising cost per 10,000 gallons. He stated in a number of locations, you have a lower cost per thousand gallons the more water you use; but in Lower Makefield, they have a rising cost per thousand. He stated in Lower Makefield they are trying to encourage reducing water consumption. He stated this has occurred over the years, and he also noted that newer fixtures also use less water.

Mr. McLaughlin asked that Ms. Farrell's presentation be put on the Website, and Mr. Fedorchak agreed to do this.

#### INTRODUCE 2011 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND APPROVAL OF ADVERTISING THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED

Mr. Fedorchak stated the 2011 total property tax rate is to remain at 15.12 mills, and no tax increase is being proposed. He stated the Township took advantage of two bond refinancings that resulted in over \$1 million in savings over a three year period, and this allowed the Township to reduce debt service by .75 mills and transfer that to the General Fund to compensate for sagging revenues. He stated they were also able to reduce expenses. He stated that over all Funds and Departments, 2011 expenses are down 3.6%. He stated the 2011 total is \$22,243,000, and for 2010 this number was \$23,066,000. Mr. Fedorchak stated for the General Fund, 2011 Expenses are budgeted at approximately \$9,737,000.

Mr. Fedorchak stated some Fee changes are proposed as part of the Budget, and the Leaf Assessment Fee will be increased by \$10 to begin to pay for anticipated future capital equipment purchases. He stated they also have a number of Park & Rec Fee increases which are included as part of the Budget. He stated they are looking at User Fees for residents going from \$12 to \$15, and for non-residents, the User Fees would go from \$24 to \$30. He stated this was a recommendation from the Park & Recreation Board.

Mr. Fedorchak stated the Preliminary 2011 Budget will be available tomorrow morning at the Township Building in its entirety, and they will also upload it to the Township Website by Friday or Saturday. Mr. McLaughlin asked if they could have it as a PDF as the way it was provided last year, it was not user-friendly. Mr. Fedorchak agreed to look into this.

Mr. Caiola asked about the anticipated Safe Harbor compared to last year, and Mr. Fedorchak stated the General Fund is anticipated to end the year with an \$820,000 ending balance, and for 2011, the General Fund is expected to end the year at approximately \$640,000; and this will be well within Safe Harbor.

Mr. Maloney stated they discussed reducing the projection so that they could fund more of the original planned roads program, and Mr. Fedorchak stated he is still working on this; and once he has end-of-year hard numbers, he will report his recommendations to the Board. Mr. Maloney stated he objects to the Preliminary Budget as it does not fund the road resurfacing program; and every year that they do not fund this, they are further behind on the program to repair the roads in the Township. He stated he feels they need to fund the Capital needs of the Township. He stated they are not only not creating a reserve, but are also ignoring Capital needs for 2011. He stated he would also be

prepared to have a \$.50 per household increase for a Veterans Day Parade, and a \$4.50 per household increase for Community Pride Day, and asked that the Board members support these three items.

Mr. Stainthorpe moved and Mr. Caiola seconded to advertise the Budget as presented.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated the Budget will be voted on at the second meeting in December so there will be an opportunity to have additional discussion and public input.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith asked that Mr. Fedorchak thank all the Department Heads and Township employees for the great job they did in cutting expenses in 2010 and what they foresee cutting in 2011. Mr. McLaughlin thanked Chief Coluzzi and Mr. Fedorchak for their efforts as well. Mr. Menard stated in the absence of the Director of Finance, he wanted to thank Mr. Fedorchak for the way he and the Administration have stepped up to get to this point with the Budget. Mr. Smith also thanked the Citizens Budget Committee which did an excellent job this year, and stated they appreciate them getting into the details of this Budget. Mr. McLaughlin stated he was the liaison to the Citizens Budget Committee, and they have provided the Board of Supervisors very valuable insight particularly this year.

Mr. Smith stated they did have a presentation during the Budget Workshops by Mr. Zachary Rubin, EMAC, on improvement of the Website; and they will consider this in the near future. He thanked the EMAC for the work they have done.

Ms. Virginia Torbert asked if there are any monies in the Budget for 2011 for Community Pride Day and a Veterans Parade at this time, and it was noted there are not. Ms. Torbert stated she feels they could put that money in today, and they would still be in Safe Harbor. Mr. Maloney stated this is correct. Ms. Torbert suggested that both of those items be included, and that they advertise a Budget that has these events in the Budget. Mr. Smith stated they have already made a Motion which has been passed, but this is only to advertise the Budget; and there is still a process that will take place, and figures can be adjusted with the ultimate goal being that they will be fiscally responsible and prudent. Ms. Torbert stated she is concerned that these events are just two of many priorities, but she feels they are above and beyond the other priorities; and if there is an attempt to use them as a symbol of belt tightening, she feels this is wrong. Mr. Smith stated many groups come to the Board and push other priorities. Ms. Torbert stated those requests are for specific groups, but these two events are for the entire community.

Mr. McLaughlin stated they are still running a deficit in terms of expenses versus revenue. He stated they want to make everyone happy, but they need to project long term. He noted the Sewer presentation they just heard indicated that everyone's sewer bill will go up 20% and will go up subsequent years as well. Ms. Torbert stated



Mr. Fedorchak just indicated they saved \$1 million over three years, and she does not feel it is credible to say they do not have \$5,000 in each of the three years to hold these events. She stated she feels not funding Community Pride Day and the Veterans Day Parade is more about the symbolism than it is about dollars. Mr. McLaughlin stated they are going to fund the DARE Program, and this was the choice they made. He stated they had hard choices to make, and they decided not to cancel the DARE Program. He stated he understands that these are unpopular decisions. Ms. Torbert stated without the Veterans, the Board would not be able to make these decisions. Mr. McLaughlin stated the Parade did take place even though it was not in the Budget. Mr. Caiola stated they will continue to discuss the Budget, and Mr. Fedorchak will continue to look into this to see if there is a way to fund these events.

Mr. Smith stated the Township has the highest bond rating in Bucks County, and they will continue to try to do the right thing.

#### DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT ORDINANCE

Mr. Truelove stated his office was asked to do some research and make **recommendations** on a Demolition by Neglect Ordinance. He stated they do not have a specific proposal, but they would like to provide a general outline. He stated this is a concept whereby buildings over time through decay, lack of use, and lack of upkeep fall into disrepair to the point where they may become more than eyesores. He stated the challenge for any Municipality is to determine how to deal with these situations. He stated in Lower Makefield they had focused especially on historic properties because of the value historic properties have on the quality of life and to the character of the community. He stated there are different statutory authorizations in looking at this including the Second Class Township Code, the Municipalities Planning Code, the Historic District Act, and the more recent Statue – the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act which was passed in 2009.

Mr. Truelove stated the Township does have some Ordinances in place now which allow them to take some enforcement actions, and they have a very active Code Enforcement Office and Property Maintenance Code Ordinance which is used from time to time not just for historic properties, but also for properties in general. He stated Mr. Habgood, the Code Enforcement Officer, keeps the Township solicitor's office busy going to Court before Judge Burns to enforce these Ordinances. He stated these situations often come to the Township's attention from Township residents who are concerned about the condition of a home in their neighborhood which may be falling into more than just disrepair. Mr. Truelove stated the challenge is having the staff to look at the buildings and make these determinations, and Mr. Habgood is only one person in a Township where there are 11,000 residences. He stated the other challenge is having the time and the money to enforce. He stated through the Second Class Township Code and the MPC there are fines

and, if necessary, injunctive relief. Mr. Truelove stated sometimes particularly with respect to Historic properties, there may be absent owners and people who are not actively involved in the community; and to get them to do something other than to fine them or impose liens on the property, is a challenge.

Mr. Truelove stated they have proposed some alternatives for the Supervisors to consider. He stated the Blighted Property Conservatorship Act is more involved in terms of the action that a Municipality can take, and it also requires more strict standards in terms of what a blighted property may constitute. He stated that action may allow a Municipality to appoint someone who may be willing to step in and be a conservator and would be interested in taking on a responsibility which would require both time and money. He stated they could also amend the existing Historic District Ordinance, amend the Zoning Ordinance to remove the current Historic District Ordinance and reinsert a new Chapter which would incorporate new terms, create a new Chapter in the Township Code formally addressing historic resources, or create a Historic Preservation Ordinance which would include a Historic Overlay District. Mr. Truelove stated the challenge would be to consider the enforcement mechanism and how many resources the Township wants to devote to these processes. Mr. Truelove stated they could consider all of these options at a future meeting.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated he has reviewed this matter further since this was last discussed, and he does not feel this should be a priority at this time. He stated they are in the process of discussing the Budget; and while Mr. Truelove was instructed by the Board to research this, he is concerned about the legal fees spent to get this advice. Mr. Stainthorpe stated over the nine years since he has been on the Board, he can recall only two properties which were demolished by neglect – one in Edgewood Village and an old farmhouse that was in a new neighborhood, and the covenants did not protect it. He stated he does not feel there is a need to re-do the Code, and feels the existing Ordinances and existing enforcement mechanisms are adequate. He stated he is sure that the Historic Commission members will feel differently, but he does not feel this is a problem that warrants a lot more time and expense.

Mr. Smith stated he agrees that this is not the most pressing item at this time, and he would suggest deferring this until they have the Budget process completed; and the new Chairman could decide if and when to put this on the Agenda. Mr. Stainthorpe stated he feels this information should be shared with the Historic Commission for their opinion; and Mr. Smith stated that HARB should have an opportunity to comment as well.

Ms. Virginia Torbert stated there have been a number of properties in the past as well as a number of current properties that this applies to. She stated this becomes an issue where there are developers buying properties and they then let the properties deteriorate. She stated there have been many properties in the past when this occurred. She stated there are potential developments going in and there are developers who control property on

which there are historic resources. She stated she has no problem with deferring this, and she agrees that this should be reviewed by the Historic Commission since they would be the ones to police this since the Township does not have the resources to do this.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2215 ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF  
RELOCATED PORTION OF OLD OXFORD VALLEY ROAD

Mr. Truelove stated this Resolution was verbally passed at a meeting in August, and the developer asked that this be reduced to writing. He stated this relocation of Old Oxford Valley Road was done as part of the CVS/PNC project.

Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mr. McLaughlin seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2215.

APPROVE DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENTS FOR  
EDGEWOOD CROSSING AND REGENCY AT LOWER MAKEFIELD (MATRIX/  
OCTAGON CENTER RESIDENTIAL)

Mr. Truelove stated this is only for the road improvements referenced in the Development and Financial Security Agreements.

Mr. McLaughlin moved, Mr. Caiola seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Development and Financial Security Agreements for Edgewood Crossing.

Mr. McLaughlin moved and Mr. Caiola seconded to approve the Development and Financial Security Agreements for Regency at Lower Makefield (Matrix/Octagon Center Residential).

Ms. Virginia Torbert, 1700 Yardley-Newtown Road, stated there has not been Land Development Approval for this development yet; and Mr. Truelove stated this is just for the perimeter road improvements and allows the developer to go forward with some of the infrastructure in that area. Ms. Torbert stated they are allowing them to go ahead with the road improvements before they have approved the Plan. Mr. Truelove stated this will allow the project to go forward in a phased manner. He stated this is a request by the developer and it has been indicated by the engineer and Township staff that it makes sense to do it in this fashion given the phasing and consistent with the Settlement Agreement. Mr. Stainthorpe stated he believes this is the widening of Big Oak Road, and Mr. Truelove agreed. Mr. Stainthorpe stated this was approved years ago as part of the Settlement Agreement. Ms. Torbert asked if it is not unusual for a developer to proceed with road improvements when he does not have Land Development Approval.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated they do have Land Development Approval, although they are requesting some revisions to the Plan. He stated this does not impact the overall Development in any way. Ms. Torbert stated they have only come in with a Sketch Plan, and they do not have Land Development Approval. Mr. Stainthorpe stated they do have Land Development Approval, but it does not include the twenty additional buildings they are requesting. Mr. Truelove stated what they will be bringing before the Board is an Amended Final Plan. Mr. Stainthorpe stated the Plan was granted to the Matrix Corporation four years ago so there is a Final Plan. Ms. Torbert stated they are not building what Matrix was going to build, and Mr. Stainthorpe stated they are amending that Plan by adding twenty additional units. Ms. Torbert stated they are making other changes as well. Mr. Stainthorpe stated this does not impact in any way the widening of Big Oak Road.

Mr. Maloney stated the Township made it a Condition of the Settlement Agreement that they improve the roads before any development occur; and it is in the Township's interest to see this move forward, and they can then address the topic of whether they get any adjustments to their Final Plan.

Ms. Torbert asked if there is any idea as to their timeframe for completing all of the improvements which include not only widening Big Oak Road, but also adding the turn lanes on Oxford Valley Road and other improvements on Oxford Valley Road. Mr. Truelove stated this depends on which Phases are impacted. He stated this is part of the Phasing process that was approved and promoted by the developer and the Township given the economic climate in order to make the process go forward in a more orderly fashion. He stated he feels this is giving more transparency to the public that these phases are being done. He stated there is also a Settlement Agreement, and this is preliminary to an Amended Final Plan consideration which will be done in two weeks.

Ms. Torbert stated she is concerned that the developer has said that they will complete all of the road improvements prior to beginning construction, but the developer has also said that they would like to begin constructing very soon. She stated she does not feel the public has a sense of what all these road improvements are going to be, and she would like some idea of how long they are going to take and if they are in fact going to finish all of them. She stated she wants to know their timetable for finishing all of them. She is concerned that they will start doing something and then indicate they want to start building the project. Mr. Majewski stated all the road improvements could take six to twelve months. Ms. Torbert stated they would then not be able to begin construction for at least six to twelve months, and Mr. Maloney stated it was his understanding that they had to finish the road construction first. Ms. Torbert stated this is not what the developer is saying as they have indicated they are going to start construction of the Residential part if they get approval. Mr. Truelove stated some of it may be internal and may depend on what is on site so that they do not have to use the roadways for some of this. He stated this is more of an engineering issue. Ms. Torbert stated they have agreed that they will

finish construction of all of the road improvements before they begin building, and she added this is part of the Agreement. Mr. Truelove stated there was an Amendment to the Agreement and the phasing-in process has been approved for some time and was promoted by the Township. Ms. Torbert asked if it is no longer true that they have to complete all the road improvements before they start building, and Mr. Truelove stated he could not state how that relates to this particular issue tonight. Ms. Torbert stated she feels this needs to be clarified. Mr. Majewski stated they cannot really complete the improvements until they start them, and this is the first step. He stated they will be before the Board of Supervisors in two weeks, and they can discuss this at that meeting.

Ms. Torbert stated the developer is taking a chance by starting widening Big Oak Road not knowing whether or not they have an Approved Plan. Mr. Majewski stated they have an Approved Plan; however, they are taking a chance that their Amended Plan may not get approved. Mr. Truelove stated they have the right today to build the Matrix Plan that was submitted years ago; and if the Board decides not to approve the Amended Final Plan, the developer could still build the Matrix Plan. Mr. Truelove stated he understands that a number of reviewing agencies have weighed in and indicated that the Amended proposal is superior to the old one. Ms. Torbert asked that between now and when the developer comes in, they get from them a timetable as to these improvements so that the Board knows exactly when they will do things and how this relates to their construction Plans. She feels the Board should know this before they make a decision on the Amended Final Plan. Ms. Torbert stated the developer is already soliciting deposits and has indicated they want to start construction by the end of the year. Mr. Majewski was asked to contact the developer to see if they have a timetable for completion of the road improvements.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### GRANT CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mr. Caiola seconded and it was unanimously carried to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for 724 Stony Hill Road, Edgewood Crossing, to construct a barn shell.

Mr. Caiola moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for 732 Stony Hill Road, Edgewood Crossing, to construct a new bank

Mr. Caiola moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness for 700 Stony Hill Road, Giant Food Store, to repaint part of the building.

GRANT EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR DOGWOOD DRIVE, FLOWERS FIELD AT YARDLEY, FREEMAN'S FARM AT LOWER MAKEFIELD, AND JENNINGS TRACT

Mr. Caiola moved, Mr. Maloney seconded and it was unanimously carried to grant the following Extensions:

Dogwood Drive (Harmony Lane)	- 3/7/11
Flowers Field at Yardley (Troilo)	- 2/20/11
Freeman's Farm at Lower Makefield	- 3/5/11
Jennings Tract	- 3/31/11

UPDATE ON ELM LOWNE

Mr. Fedorchak stated the Township opened two Bids for the purchase of Elm Lowne. He stated the first was from Gary Benninghoff and Bethann Mueller in the amount of \$679,000 and the second was from Joseph and Cindy Pfender in the amount of \$665,000. He stated both bidders are very enthusiastic about the property and both Bids were submitted with certain conditions. He recommended that the Bids be turned over to the solicitor for review, and this was acceptable to the Board.

UPDATE ON SATTERTHWAITE

Mr. Majewski stated they are finishing the survey and should be ready to submit a Plan to the Planning Commission shortly. He stated based on the schedule of the Planning Commission, he does not feel this will be on their Agenda until their first meeting in January.

UPDATE ON DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Fedorchak stated Big Oak White Tail Management is continuing to hunt on Township property. He stated there have not been any negative public interactions, and there have been no negative safety incidents of any kind. To date, they have removed approximately fifty-five deer from the twelve Township-owned parcels they have been permitted to hunt on this season.

Mr. McLaughlin asked when the program will end, and Mr. Fedorchak stated it will end toward the end of January; however, the hunt has ended at the Five Mile Woods, the Ellen Tract, and the Park & Ride II tract in Maplevale. He stated deer were removed at the Maplevale location. Mr. Fedorchak stated BOWMA has requested that the Township

consider extending the hunt at Five Mile Woods, and he would need Board authorization to do that. He stated he would have to discuss this with Mr. Heilferty. He stated the Board could turn this matter over to he and Mr. Heilferty; and if they feel it is worthwhile, they could extend the hunt in the Five Mile Woods. Mr. Smith stated they could put this on the Agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mr. Caiola seconded and it was unanimously carried to re-appoint Rich Eisner and Frank Draper to the Golf Committee.

#### APPROVAL OF LEASE WITH COLLEEN ATTARA

Mr. Fedorchak recommended that the Board approve the Lease with Colleen Attara in the amount of \$400 per month to lease the bungalow on the Patterson Farm. Mr. Fedorchak stated her intention is to use it as her artist's studio which would be a good fit since they have the Artists of Yardley at the Patterson Farm.

Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mr. Maloney seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Lease as noted by Mr. Fedorchak.

There being no further business, Mr. Caiola moved, Mr. McLaughlin seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Matt Maloney, Secretary

