

## LANCASTER INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR LIMC MONTHLY MEETING

**Date and Time:** December 14, 2011, 7:30AM

**Place:** Columbia Borough

**Attendance:**

Columbia Borough: Mike Beury, Leo Lutz, Mary Wickenheiser

East Hempfield Township: John Bingham, Bob Krimmel, Mark Stivers

East Lampeter Township: Ralph Hutchison

East Petersburg Borough:

Lancaster City: Pat Coller

Lancaster Township: Bill Laudien, Kathy Wasong

Manheim Township:

Manor Township:

Millersville Borough: Ed Arnold, Jack Gardner

Mountville Borough: Francis Zimmer

West Hempfield Township: Kent Gardner, Ron Youtz

West Lampeter Township: DeeDee McGuire

Others: Jessica Kelly, Millersville University; Roy Baldwin, McCormick Taylor; Michael LaSala, LIMC

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman K. Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:31AM and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Minutes:** Mr. J. Gardner motioned, Ms. P. Coller seconded, and the minutes of the November 9, 2011 meeting were approved.

3. **Public Comment:** No comments

4. **Reports and Actions:**

**A. Treasurer's Report:** It was agreed in principle to provide a budget tracking sheet with the Treasurer's Report for meetings in 2012. Mr. E. Arnold motioned, Mr. J. Bingham seconded, and the Monthly Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 2011 was approved.

**B. 2012 Municipal Contributions:** Ms. K. Wasong motioned, Ms. P. Coller seconded, and the proposed 2012 municipal contributions spreadsheet and schedule was approved.

**C. 2012 LIMC Budget:** A statement was provided by Chair K. Gardner that the Lancaster County Transportation Authority (LCTA) was no longer renting space within the LIMC offices; and there is a possibility, if agreed to, for the Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium (LCCWC) to rent the open space. Mr. B. Laudien motioned, Ms. K.

Wasong seconded, and the 2012 LIMC budget was approved with the inclusion of \$3000 under the revenue heading for the Annual Dinner.

**D. GTRCP Implementation:** Mr. M. LaSala provided a brief overview of the memorandum distributed regarding the regional plan implementation process. It was agreed in principle to delay action until next month after LIMC staff provides more detail to defined changes with respect to LUAB's bylaws (if necessary) to identify the entity as the "GTRCP Implementation Task Force," and exact grants for review and pursuit for the implementation process and approval of Directive 2011-1.

**E. Millersville University Partnership:** Based on several comments, it was agreed in principle this would be a good partnership and partnerships should be developed with all local regional higher education entities. It was further agreed in principle the partnership would allow open communications and contact between the LIMC municipalities and Millersville University. Mr. M. LaSala indicated further discussion would be pursued for a potential annual outfall sampling program (which is preliminarily approved by the DEP and EPA) and a program utilizing the university's OSH program for review of municipal yards that results in a report for potential improvements. Ms. D. McGuire motioned, Mr. F. Zimmer seconded, and the Millersville University partnership with specific implementation of the outfall mapping/GIS lab initiative and general internship program was approved.

**F. Comprehensive Regional SWMP Initiative:** Mr. M. LaSala provided a short overview of the memorandum that was issued regarding potential programs the LIMC could pursue on behalf of the member municipalities including a joint permit, regional Public Education and Outreach Plan," and Good Housekeeping BMP Manual. It was made explicitly clear any items, including a regional Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) would not relieve responsibility of municipalities to comply with a permit. It is of the opinion of Mr. M. LaSala; a joint permit will reduce liability exposure to EPA enforcement as compared to the state's general permit. It was agreed in principle to keep the idea of a joint permit on the table for further review and discussion. After a brief discussion, Mr. B. Laudien motioned, Mr. R. Hutchison seconded, and it approval was provided for the LIMC staff to pursue municipal stormwater management initiatives/items that will provide relief for member municipalities including public education (MCM #1) and good housekeeping (MCM #6) items. Specific grants for pursuit to help with programs should be outlined prior to approval of Directive 2011-2.

**G. Road Masters Forum:** Mr. M. LaSala provided a short summary of the memorandum outlining the discussions at the initial LIMC Road Masters Forum. It was indicated a shared equipment program is in place at an informal level. Pursuit of a joint apparel purchase will be conducted. Road Masters will provide lists of potential apparel for purchase after an understanding of 2012 budgets is achieved. This would lead to a potential purchase per the committee's approval in late February 2012. It was agreed to have each member municipality use Perma-Patch samples for their own review. This would entail the purchase of one skid of Perma-Patch by the LIMC at approximately \$1000. The skid would be delivered to Lancaster Township and each municipality would

be responsible to pick up 8 bags. Further discussion on the samples and future samples will be conducted at the next Road Masters Forum. The next Road Masters Forum will be held in March 2012. Ms. K. Wasong motioned, Mr. J. Bingham seconded, and the purchase of one skid of Perma-Patch was approved.

**H. Biodigester Initiative:** Chair K. Gardner provided a brief summary on recent activity regarding a biodigester network and possible placement at school districts and on municipal property. Mr. M. LaSala indicated Directive 2011-3 was created to specifically apply for the EPA's STAR grant (as recommended by the EPA), and due January 16, 2012, to study the feasibility of such a proposed biodigester network. A short discussion ensued on whether such a network should or should not be considered by the LIMC, and whether it should or should not be reviewed for feasibility by the LIMC. It was agreed in principle to keep a note of biodigesters on the agenda only at this time for future updates.

5. **Executive Director's Report:** No comments were provided regarding the December 2011 ED Report.

6. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

**A. LUAB:** A discussion ensued regarding establishing terms for LUAB representatives in lieu of reviewing and approving each year. It was agreed in principle to discuss with LUAB on potential options. Mr. B. Laudien motioned, Ms. K. Wasong seconded, and the list of proposed representative changes or confirmations for LUAB per the December 2011 report was approved.

**B. GPAB:** Ms. K. Wasong motioned, Mr. E. Arnold seconded, and the proposed list of GPAB representatives as outlined in the December 2011 report was approved along with identifying Suzanne Teske as the representative for Lancaster Township.

7. **Municipal Exchange:** Comments were made regarding the following items:

- Mr. L. Lutz indicated himself and Mr. J. Bingham attended the south central Pennsylvania DEP Advisory Committee meeting recently. He indicated there were two primary items of note that came out of the meeting:
  - With certain BMPs (i.e. porous paving) that would result in a nutrient credit. If grant money is used for the project with porous paving, the municipality does not receive the credit. The credit is "transferred" to the state. The DEP is reviewing this item in further detail, as an issue was identified with this item in regards to maintenance of the BMP. The primary issue: A municipality is responsible to maintain the BMP, but does not receive a nutrient credit for the installation. If a municipality is responsible to maintain the BMP, a credit should be afforded to the municipality.
  - With respect to recycling, the consensus at the meeting is an overhaul of the system in Pennsylvania is required. Specifically, commercial recycling operations (i.e. separating cardboard from general trash) are lagging

acceptable practices. The state further indicated it will be decreasing the rebates for recycling.

- The next meeting is schedule for in March 2012, and Mr. L. Lutz and Mr. J. Bingham plan to attend and will provide further updates.
- A comment was made that a bill is out for consideration that will allow farm vehicles on roads at night as long as the vehicles have lights.
- Chair K. Gardner indicated Don McNutt of the Lancaster County Conservation District is investigating the possibility with the DEP of establishing a nutrient credit if fertilizer is not imported. Furthermore, if the by-products of a biodigester are exported, a credit would be obtained as well.

## 8. Old Business

**A. Nominating Committee for 2012 Officers:** The nominating committee presented the following candidates for 2012 LIMC officers:

- Chair: Ms. K. Wasong
- Vice Chair: Mr. J. Bingham
- Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. K. Gardner

Mr. E. Arnold motioned, Ms. P. Collier seconded, and the candidates were approved as the 2012 LIMC officers. Chair K. Gardner thanked Ms. P. Collier on behalf of the committee for all her hard work and commitment to the LIMC.

**B. Animal Control:** Mr. R. Hutchison indicated there was supposed to be a meeting recently regarding potential changes and its effects on the dog laws and the potential issue of dog officers not picking up dogs in the near future. He indicated the meeting is being rescheduled for early next year and he will provide a summary of the meeting.

## 9. New Business:

**A. LCCWC Membership:** Mr. M. LaSala indicated municipalities are currently members of the LCCWC through the LIMC. Furthermore, the 2012 budget allots membership dues from the municipal contributions for all the LIMC municipalities. Mr. L. Lutz motioned, Ms. D. McGuire seconded, and continued LCCWC membership through the LIMC was approved.

**B. SB1150-Tax credits for rehabilitation of historic structures:** Ms. K. Wasong motioned, Mr. F. Zimmer seconded, and LIMC Resolution 2011-6 was approved.

**C. SB452-Integrated Water Resources Act:** More information was requested regarding the proposed bill. Ms. K. Wasong motioned, Ms. P. Collier seconded, and a review and vote by e-mail regarding LIMC Resolution 2011-7 was approved. Mr. M. LaSala will distribute more information.

**D.** No other new business items were presented.

**10. Other Business:**

**A. Matter of Record:** The next regular LIMC monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 7:30 AM at Manor Township.

**11. Adjournment:** Chair K. Gardner adjourned the meeting at 9:04 AM.