

LANCASTER INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Date and Time: July 13, 2011, 7:30AM

Place: Lancaster City, City Hall

Attendance:

Columbia Borough: Leo Lutz
East Hempfield Township: Mark Stivers, John Bingham
East Lampeter Township: Ralph Hutchison
East Petersburg Borough: Jim Williams
Lancaster City: Pat Collier, Richard Gray
Lancaster Township: Kathy Wasong, William Laudien
Manheim Township: Carol Simpson
Manor Township: John May
Millersville Borough: Ed Arnold
Mountville Borough: Francis Zimmer
West Hempfield Township: Kent Gardner, Ron Youtz
West Lampeter Township: James Kalenich
Others: Jason Confair, Kegel Kelin Almy & Grimm, Suzanne Teske, LIMC

1. Call to Order: Chairman Kent Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:33AM and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ralph Hutchison gave a brief overview of the Earned Income Tax (EIT) ordinance and then introduced attorney Jason Confair of Kegel Kelin Almy & Grimm, LLP. Mr. Confair presented an in-depth explanation of the ordinance, which must be adopted by December 1, 2011, as well as a detailed timeline for passing the ordinance.

2. Minutes: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the June 8, 2011 meeting be approved as presented; motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report: Francis Zimmer moved, Ed Arnold seconded, and the treasurer's reports for May and June 2011 were approved as presented.

4. Chair's Report: Kent reported on the following:

- Mr. Gardner has been asked to speak at the PA COG Annual Conference, September 10-11 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. He will speak on the Clean Water Consortium. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to have the LIMC cover all expenses for Mr. Gardner for this conference.
- Mr. Gardner presented an idea to put together a manual on "best management practices" (BMP), which he feels could be a money maker for the LIMC if done well.
- Mr. Gardner is speaking to the COG in the southern end of the county.

5. **Municipal Exchange:**
 - a. **Boroughs' Report:** The Humane League has informed municipalities they are raising their rates to \$.85 per resident. They are apparently in dire financial shape. It was suggested that the LIMC invite their director, Jan Brown, as a future speaker.
 - b. **Townships' Report:** There was no report.
 - c. **Managers' Report:** There was brief discussion of the Earned Income Tax and MS4s.

6. **Old Business:** Ms. Wasong announced that, contrary to what we had been lead to believe, SB899 is not a dead issue. While it is not being fast-tracked, there is still a possibility of its passage. The Lancaster County Planning Commission has taken a position opposing the bill in its current form. After brief discussion, there was a vote in support of sending a letter of opposition from the LIMC. Ed Arnold will draft a resolution and it will be brought for approval at the next meeting.

7. **New Business:**
 - a. **Executive Director Interview Committee:** Mr. Gardner said RFPs were coming in. There was a discussion of the interview process and an interview committee was appointed: Kent Gardner, Kathy Wasong, Pat Collier, Bill Laudien, Jim Williams, and John May.
 - b. **Fire Tax:** Carol Simpson noted that Manheim Township has a 15-year strategic plan which covers current and future needs. They imposed a fire tax in 2010 with no pushback from residents at all. It is a separate fund with its uses clearly defined. DCED has recommended no fire tax because it ultimately leads to paid employees and unions. It is felt that a line item in the budget is easier to manage. Rick Gray suggested that municipalities start working on paid staff because it is ultimately going to be a reality along with regional or cooperative fire departments. Manor Township is instituting a fire tax next January. East Hempfield is currently investigating the pros and cons of the same.
 - c. **LUAB Report:** LUAB met July 7 and reviewed proposed amendments to Manheim Township's zoning ordinance, which were reviewed with no comments. A petition to rezone certain properties from R-2 Residential to B-3 Business District was also reviewed finding it consistent with the *Growing Together* plan.
 - d. **Code Inspection Service:** There was no discussion.
 - e. **Lancaster County Transportation Authority:** The LCTA has now run out of funds. There will be discussion on this at the August LIMC meeting.
 - f. **Centerville Road:** East Hempfield Township has proposed Centerville Road for inclusion on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Several municipalities have sent letters in support of this action; Lancaster Township and other municipalities will follow suit.
 - g. John Bingham noted that the Clean Water Consortium was in the strategic planning phase.

8. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is August 10, 2011, 8:00AM at East Hempfield Township, 1700 Nissley Road. Dan Zimmerman will speak on municipal internships.

9. **Adjournment:** Mr. Gardner adjourned the meeting at 9:25AM.