

LANCASTER INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Date and Time: August 10, 2011, 7:30AM

Place: East Hempfield Township

Attendance:

Columbia Borough: Leo Lutz

East Hempfield Township: Mark Stivers, Bob Krimmel

East Petersburg Borough: Jim Williams

Lancaster City: Pat Coller, Rick Gray

Lancaster Township: Bill Laudien, Kathy Wasong

Manor Township: Barry Smith

Millersville Borough: Ed Arnold

Mountville Borough: Francis Zimmer

West Hempfield Township: Kent Gardner

West Lampeter Township: DeeDee McGuire

Others: Dan Zimmerman, Warwick Township, Suzanne Teske, LIMC

1. Call to Order: Chairman Kent Gardner called the meeting to order at 8:00AM and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes: Ms. Wasong moved, Mr. Arnold seconded, and the minutes of the July 13, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

3. Treasurer's Report: The July 2011 treasurer's report was approved as presented.

4. Presentation on Municipal Internships: Dan Zimmerman, Warwick Township

Warwick Township began a paid internship program approximately ten years ago. So far, all of their interns have held master's degrees, and stay anywhere from one to three years. The current salary is \$35,000 with no benefits. The interns are shared with other municipalities who also share in the cost of salary, essentially making the intern a part-time employee. They have always had someone who is very sharp with excellent computer and GIS skills, requiring very little "hand-holding." An intern could be used to coordinate MS4 reporting. They have also taken on unpaid volunteers for short-term projects. Interns have come from Penn State, F&M College, Elizabethtown College, and Millersville University.

There was a brief discussion of the increase in fees by the Humane League. Mr. Gardner will contact them and try to gather pertinent information for dissemination to the LIMC members.

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

- Mr. Gardner reminded everyone that he will attend the PA COG Annual Conference, September 10–11 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort.
- Mr. Gardner and Ms. McGuire spoke with Lisa Jackson of the US EPA regarding fines for storm water infractions by municipalities. They are attempting to get the

attention of, and talk with, anyone who can help in reducing the extremely punitive fines being imposed. Lancaster City is currently dealing with EPA and hopefully making some headway. Mr. Smith feels EPA is going to find violations no matter what and recommends joining forces with others (PSATS, various organizations and municipalities, etc.). Mr. Lutz said the PA DEP, Southeast region, is forming an advisory commission. He and Mary Gattis have been invited to serve on it. He believes DEP does want to assist municipalities and could possibly ease dealings with EPA.

- Mr. Gardner spoke with Warwick Township about joining the LIMC and is inviting Lititz and Manheim Boroughs also. The addition of three municipalities would help with maintaining contributions at the current level and provide for the new executive director's salary.

6. **Municipal Exchange:**

a. **Boroughs' Report:** It was again suggested that municipalities join together for all of the legal work, advertising, etc. leading up to passing an ordinance for the Earned Income Tax (EIT). After discussion, and with several municipalities either voting it down or not participating, it was decided that each entity would handle it individually.

Mr. Lutz noted several items: new TIP procedures; storm water retrofit report; and the LIMC needs a new representative from the Lancaster County Planning Commission as a result of Danny Whittle's retirement.

b. **Townships' Report:** Same discussions as boroughs' report (EIT).

c. **Managers' Report:** Mr. Zimmer asked if the tax bureau would surcharge municipalities if they wish to enact the EIT ordinance at a later date. Mr. Arnold heard that it will not cost anyone to join later. He also noted that there finally is a municipal representation on the LCTCB board.

d. **PA COG:** Discussion revolved around raising the limit on prevailing wage. The LIMC would be in favor of this. It was suggested that we invite Senator Smucker to speak on this issue at our October meeting.

7. **Old Business:**

a. **Resolution 2011-02 (SB 899):** Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Wasong seconded, and the board passed Resolution No. 2011-02 opposing SB 899, which would diminish local authority to control regional and local conditions as they apply to the agricultural industry.

b. **Executive Director Search Committee:** The committee met August 9 and came up with two candidates to interview in the first week of September. They will then present their recommendation to the LIMC at the September 14 meeting.

c. **Fire Tax:** The overlapping territories of some fire companies and municipalities make it difficult to come up with a distribution formula. This topic will be discussed more at the September meeting.

8. **New Business:**

a. **LUAB Report:** LUAB met August 4 and received information on Manor Township's Zoning Ordinance Update. It will be discussed at their September meeting.

b. Lancaster County Transportation Authority: In light of the LCTA's financial problems, Mr. Lutz suggested a reimbursement agreement with the state, county, and the transportation authority. The state, however, will not sign a three-party agreement, which would dissolve the LCTA. They are looking at ways to resolve the funds distribution issue. Ms. Wasong stated her strong opposition to the LIMC financially supporting LCTA any longer. She feels it is the county's responsibility and should be absorbed by Lancaster County.

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 7:30AM at Manheim Township. **Ken Murin, PA DEP, will speak on MS4s.** Don McNutt, Lancaster County Conservation District, will also attend. Please invite appropriate staff from your municipality to attend.

10. Adjournment: Mr. Gardner adjourned the meeting at 9:32AM.