

LANCASTER INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Date and Time: September 14, 2011, 7:30AM

Place: Manheim Township

Attendance:

Columbia Borough: Leo Lutz
East Hempfield Township: Mark Stivers, Bob Krimmel
East Petersburg Borough: Jim Williams
Lancaster City: Pat Collier; 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 7:30AM and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes: In order to provide the maximum amount of time for the guest speaker, the minutes of the August 10, 2011 will be presented at the September meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report: The 2011 treasurer's report will be presented again at the September meeting.

4. Presentation on MS4s: Kenneth Murin, Chief, PA DEP, Division of Waterways, Wetlands & Stormwater Management, Bureau of Watershed Management and Barry A. Newman, Chief, Stormwater Planning & Management Section

Points discussed:

- A multi-municipal MS4 permit can be done and it is encouraged. If one municipality is lax, who gets fined? It depends on how the permit is set up, with jointly and severally responsible aspects. Benefits: different municipalities can handle different aspects, i.e. education.
- Can do a joint permit or separate permits with cooperative agreement/parts included.
- If conditions change, just a matter of informing DEP as soon as possible.
- Some advantages: one program such as education, one engineer/consultant, eliminate redundancies.
- Joining together may or may not get EPA "off our backs."
- There are some counties where permits were issued to the water or sewer authorities.
- We are not a county-based government, therefore there are all these separate permits.
- Maintenance manual is being developed by PSATS with help from DEP (providing a level playing field between municipalities).

- A written public education and outreach program is essential. Important to look at permit very carefully to incorporate all requirements. Policies can be quite simple but must be written.
- Requirements under the permit don't necessarily have to coincide with local programs as long as responsibilities are met.
- Individual or general permit: individual permit allows for more specific customization. TMDLs can go under either permit. A plan must be developed including who is the contributing entity and how to reduce or eliminate duplicate actions. One of the ways to reduce TMDLs is street sweeping/vacuuming.
- Chesapeake Bay pollutant reduction plan is to be established and implemented. Be sure to notify DEP of changes.
- Current permits have been extended until 3/15/13 with NOI submission date of 9/14/12.
- There is available a pre-application process whereby one can meet directly with DEP and get questions answered.
- A storm water ordinance must have been enacted already. If not, the municipality must do so immediately. There is a compliance check list on DEP's website.
- DEP AND EPA agree on definitions; it's the application on which they frequently disagree.
- The main object: protection and remediation of streams and rivers, then maintaining the good health of all waterways.
- We are told that we are not subject to EPA fines if the permitting package is faithfully followed.
- Perhaps we should look to the county to do a regional plan and county-wide permit. If county is unwilling to do it, the LIMC should spearhead this effort.
- There are upcoming DEP workshops in 2012, January through March, with actual dates and locations to follow.
- November 15: EPA workshop on MS4; details to follow.

6. Municipal Exchange:

- a. **Boroughs' Report:** Met with Joan Brown, Executive Director of the Humane League and asked for a per animal fee instead of a flat fee. She said she would take it to her board but was not optimistic that they would be receptive to the idea.
- b. **Townships' Report:** none
- c. **Managers' Report:** none
- d. **PA COG:** Discussion revolved around raising the limit on prevailing wage. The LIMC would be in favor of this. Senator Smucker will speak on this issue at our October meeting.

7. Old Business:

- a. **Executive Director Search Committee Report:** The committee recommended hiring Michael T. LaSala. He is an excellent candidate who is motivated, experienced in storm water issues, has innovative ideas, and a construction management background. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to hire Michael T. LaSala with a temporary six-month agreement at an annual salary of \$90,000. All managers will receive, by email, a background briefing which can be passed on to all

elected officials in their municipalities. A meeting will then be set up with managers and Mr. LaSala.

- 8. New Business:**
 - a. PA House Bills #1718 and 1719 and Draft Resolution #2011-3:** Ms. Wasong moved, Mr. Bingham seconded, and the committee unanimously approved Resolution #2011-03, which opposes this legislation in its current form and does not lend support to the LIMC's Regional Comprehensive Plan or the efforts of the municipalities' local plans by diminishing the authority to control regional and local conditions.
- 9. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 12, 2011, 7:30AM at Lancaster Township. **Senator Lloyd Smucker will speak on the Prevailing Wage Act.**
- 10. Adjournment:** Mr. Gardner adjourned the meeting at 9:48AM.