

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010, 7:00 P.M.
11279 Center Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642
Presiding Officer – Lee D. Moffatt, President, Board of Commissioners**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Moffatt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Herold	Present	Also Present:
Commissioner Haigis	Present	John M. Shepherd
Commissioner Gray	Present	Bruce E. Dice
Commissioner Martino	Present	Michael M. Turley
Commissioner Austin	Present	Richard G. Albert
Commissioner Moffatt	Present	Andy Blenko

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS' INPUT

Angelo LaGorga, 1961 Floral Drive: He lives behind the brewery and he has a complaint in regards to traffic, tractor trucks, water and the odor. Mr. Kegg stated the odor stays in the building, but when summer comes, there is no air conditioning system for the building. Mr. Kegg said there wouldn't be anymore tractor trailer trucks, but he has pictures of two trucks coming and going right after the meeting. When the trucks leave Floral Drive, they go directly across Route 30 and he is concerned there will be an accident. Mr. Kegg said he was ready to go and he wanted to know if it was passed already.

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS' INPUT

Angelo LaGorga

Mr. Moffatt said nothing has been passed yet, but he is in a commercial district and he can use it as such.

Mr. Blenko said the building can be used for any permitted uses in the C-1A district.

1) Candidates for the Third Ward Commissioner vacancy.

Mr. Shepherd said all candidates who submitted letters of interest were sent information about this meeting to give their views. Each candidate will be given three minutes to speak and then the Board will ask any questions. Ms. Cindy Corder sent a letter on March 10, 2010 withdrawing as a candidate.

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James Welsh III

Mr. Welsh stated he is a lifelong resident of Westmoreland County and has spent the last 20 years in North Huntingdon and is now in Franklin Farms. He is not a politician but a citizen and he is not going for a higher office. He has 20 years experience as a lawyer and he is a litigator. He advocates, defends and represents people. A good lawyer solves a problem before it becomes a problem. His wife is involved in many local community services. He has been elected to various boards throughout his career. In Law School, he was elected to serve as editor-in-chief of the law review which is an honor bestowed on one student in every Law School. He served on the board of a local country club where they had to deal with many tough issues. He is a common sense conservative and he is a registered Republican. At every level of government, you need to exercise fiscal responsibility with the way the economy is now. The standard he would operate as a Commissioner would be what is in the best interest of the residents of the Township. They need to attract new businesses to the Township. There are many places along Route 30 that are prime real estate for new commercial development. The residential development has been going well in the Township.

Mr. Martino asked what are some of the current issues facing the Township and how would he prioritize them.

Mr. Welsh said he has not been to any Board meetings and asked what topics he would like him to address.

Mr. Martino said it was stated by Mr. Gray a couple months ago that the Police Budget was out of control and how did he feel about it.

Mr. Welsh said the Police Budget is 41% of the general budget and that seems high although that is a high priority item. North Huntingdon wants its residents to be safe and he doesn't have a problem with making sure of that.

Mr. Martino asked what some of the current issues the Third Ward constituents are facing now and what funding would he use to correct those situations.

Mr. Welsh said he couldn't think of any issues right now.

Mr. Martino asked how he felt about the state of the Township and how would he improve it.

Mr. Welsh said the Township has been growing nicely in the 20 years he has been here. He has concerns about traffic conditions on Barnes Lake Road with respect to Lincoln Hills and the other plans put in. He would like to see the ability to attract new businesses along Route 30. Norwin Towne Square has had a lot of turnover and he would like to see how they could attract businesses to fill those spaces. Residential growth has been good but they need commercial growth at a slow and smart pace.

Mr. Martino asked if he was active in a political party.

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Mr. Welsh said he keeps up on politics but does not actively participate in the Republican Party. Just because he is a Republican doesn't mean the Republican is always the best candidate. He likes to do research before he votes.

Mr. Martino asked why he hasn't been interested in running for political office before.

Mr. Welsh said he started he own law practice eight years ago which required a lot of work to get it running. He also wanted to spend more time with his daughter when she was younger. Now is better than never.

Mr. Martino said being a lawyer requires a lot of time on the job and would he be able to commit time to be a Township Commissioner.

Mr. Welsh said he moved out of Pittsburgh to cut down his travel time and he is now home by 4:30 P.M. everyday. When he applied for the position, he didn't know that it paid money. He feels he has talents with respect to his education and training that he could give to the Board. His law firm has many resources that he can revert to. His partner is on the Sanitary Authority in a neighboring community and another partner's practice deal with zoning.

Mr. Gray said they have to compress a six month process into six days in order to make a decision and not have it go to the Vacancy Board. His questions require factual answers and he presumes all the candidates applied because they are interested in what is best for the residents. He asked if he currently and for the last year resided in the Third Ward.

Mr. Welsh said he was.

Mr. Gray asked if he was available to regularly attend the Regular Meeting on the third Wednesday of every month and the Work Session six days before plus any special meetings.

Mr. Welsh said he could.

Mr. Gray asked how many Commissioner Meetings or Planning Commission meetings he has attended in the last four years.

Mr. Welsh said he hasn't attended any.

Mr. Gray said elected officials, appointed Board members and candidates are required to complete a financial disclosure statement and would he complete one immediately for their review.

Mr. Welsh said he would.

Mr. Gray asked if he or his family members had ever appeared before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission to give input for or against any matter.

Mr. Welsh said he hadn't.

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Mr. Gray asked if he or any of his business associates or friends ever had business before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission or Sewage Authority.

Mr. Welsh said he hasn't personally, but he doesn't know if any of his business partners has.

Mr. Gray asked if he was related to or had a close personal relationship with any Township, State or Federal Government employee, volunteer or elected official.

Mr. Welsh said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he could be prohibited as a candidate in a partisan election by the Hatch Act which governs Federal, State and Municipal employees.

Mr. Welsh said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he had two personal references and two political references.

Mr. Welsh said he could.

Mr. Gray asked if he had any advance knowledge of any question asked of him tonight.

Mr. Welsh said he did not.

Mr. Herold asked Mr. Welsh what the most important municipal service was provided by the Township.

Mr. Welsh said it is the Police and Fire Services. Second to that would be Public Works.

Mr. Herold asked what he thought about the current tax levels of the Township.

Mr. Welsh said he had no problem and doesn't like to increase taxes. He feels this will occur at the Federal and State level and that should be the last thing done at the municipal level.

Todd Fry

Mr. Fry said he is a 29 year old Democrat on McKee Road and has been a volunteer for Circleville Fire Department for 16 years. He is married with two children and one on the way. He works for Mid-Atlantic Warehouse in Turtle Creek. He works in many areas which all have one thing in common, they all used to be booming areas. Many areas have many shops closed and the mills are shutting down. He doesn't want North Huntingdon to be the same way. He feels the Township is growing but there are many vacant buildings that businesses should be put in. They should try to give more incentive to small businesses to stay here. They should look at the budget to see where they are overspending. The community has a lot of potential, but there are many things that need fixed especially after the flooding. They need to fix the creeks to help with that. He makes his own schedule for work so he has a lot of flexible time. He doesn't have any political experience, but is willing to learn.

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Mr. Gray asked if he currently or within the last year resided in the Third Ward.

Mr. Fry said he has.

Mr. Gray asked if he was available to regularly attend the Regular Meeting on the third Wednesday of every month and the Work Session six days before plus any special meetings.

Mr. Fry said he could.

Mr. Gray asked how many Commissioner Meetings or Planning Commission meetings he has attended in the last four years.

Mr. Fry said he had been to one meeting which was a Fire Meeting on extrication from vehicles.

Mr. Gray said elected officials, appointed Board members and candidates are required to complete a financial disclosure statement and would he complete one immediately for their review.

Mr. Fry said he would.

Mr. Gray asked if he or his family members had ever appeared before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission to give input for or against any matter.

Mr. Fry said he hadn't.

Mr. Gray asked if he or any of his business associates or friends ever had business before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission or Sewage Authority.

Mr. Fry said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he was related to or had a close personal relationship with any Township, State or Federal Government employee, volunteer or elected official.

Mr. Fry said yes, that his brother-in-law is a Pennsylvania State Trooper.

Mr. Gray asked if he could be prohibited as a candidate in a partisan election by the Hatch Act which governs Federal, State and Municipal employees.

Mr. Fry said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he had two personal references and two political references.

Mr. Fry said he could.

Mr. Gray asked if he had any advance knowledge of any question asked of him tonight.

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Mr. Fry said he didn't.

Mr. Martino asked why he chose to run for office.

Mr. Fry said with owning a home and paying taxes and living in the Third Ward, there are some things he would like to change for the better.

Mr. Martino asked how he would resolve some of the current issues of the constituents in the Third Ward.

Mr. Fry said some of the creeks behind his neighbor's homes were full of debris, trees were down and rocks accumulated throughout the years and he feels it should be cleaned out and maintained by the Township every couple years.

Mr. Martino asked what his stance was on public safety.

Mr. Fry said the Police and Fire Departments are a high priority. We get a lot out of the Police Department for what we pay for taxes and should keep it as a high priority.

Mr. Herold asked what the most important municipal service is provided by the Township.

Mr. Fry said the Police are the highest.

Mr. Herold asked about the current tax levels of the Township.

Mr. Fry feels the taxes are fair for what we get from them compared to other municipalities.

Mr. Herold asked what vision he had for the Township in a five-year span.

Mr. Fry said that it keeps growing slowly and they can get more businesses in here.

Lynn Clark

Ms. Clark said she resides 11479 Drop Road and is an employee of Norwin School District for the last 27 years and she teaches Health, Physical Education and Swimming. She is a life long resident of North Huntingdon and grew up in Penns Woods. She is running because they need to take care of the infrastructure. When the flooding occurred last year, she lost part of the hillside behind her house. At that time when they made phone calls to their commissioner, they never got any phone calls back. They did get help from other commissioners and if she is elected, she would want to be the type of commissioner that you could get in touch with and try to help when help is needed. North Huntingdon is growing and they need to fill the buildings that we already have. In Norwin Towne Square, there are so many potholes in their lot and they need to have them fixed. They need to bring businesses into the Township and try to bring in some jobs and possibly a female on the Board would give a different perspective.

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Mr. Herold asked what the most important municipal service is provided by the Township.

Ms. Clark said the Police are very important and do a great job.

Mr. Herold asked if she would be in favor of cutting the Police.

Ms. Clark said she wouldn't.

Mr. Herold asked about the current tax levels of the Township.

Ms. Clark said the tax levels are good and they have new homes coming in. Westmoreland County has the lowest taxes at this point.

Mr. Gray asked if she currently or within the last year resided in the Third Ward.

Ms. Clark said she has.

Mr. Gray asked if she was available to regularly attend the Regular Meeting on the third Wednesday of every month and the Work Session six days before plus any special meetings.

Ms. Clark she could.

Mr. Gray asked how many Commissioner Meetings or Planning Commission meetings she has attended in the last four years.

Ms. Clark said she has attended four Commissioner Meetings all to do with flooding.

Mr. Gray said elected officials, appointed Board members and candidates are required to complete a financial disclosure statement and would she complete one immediately for their review.

Ms. Clark said she would.

Mr. Gray asked if she or her family members had ever appeared before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission to give input for or against any matter other than the flooding.

Ms. Clark said no.

Mr. Gray asked if she or any of her business associates or friends ever had business before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission or Sewage Authority.

Ms. Clark said no.

Mr. Gray asked if she was related to or had a close personal relationship with any Township, State or Federal Government employee, volunteer or elected official.

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Ms. Clark said her step-sister is Lisa Smith, a Police Dispatcher.

Mr. Gray asked if she could be prohibited as a candidate in a partisan election by the Hatch Act which governs Federal, State and Municipal employees.

Ms. Clark said no.

Mr. Gray asked if she had two personal references and two political references.

Ms. Clark said she did.

Mr. Gray asked if she had any advance knowledge of any question asked of her tonight.

Ms. Clark said no.

Mr. Martino asked how she would propose to solve the flooding problems in her area.

Ms. Clark said she would look into getting grants so as to not raise taxes. There was someone from the Brush Creek Watershed who said they should go out to get grants. It is bad in that area and getting worse.

Mr. Martino asked what her stance was on public safety as far as the Police, Fire Departments and Emergency Management.

Ms. Clark said the Police and Fire Departments do a great job and she feels the ambulance people do a great job and are very professional. There are a great group of people who work for the Township, whether paid or volunteer.

Mr. Haigis said as far as grants and projects being done, with the past budget, they spent \$200,000 of Financial Reserve money. If you don't want to raise taxes in the future, how would you handle the services that the citizens like, either by cutting back services or raising taxes?

Ms. Clark said some of the Police Officers will be retiring soon, so hopefully they won't have to raise taxes then because people will be coming in at a lower pay rate. Hopefully, they won't have to cut somewhere. She is not in favor of raising taxes.

Mr. Haigis said for the issues such as water run-off, everyone likes to work with grants. He asked if she would be willing to work with different departments for issues like that to try to get funding.

Ms. Clark said she would be as she would be retiring in a couple years.

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Jeffrey Baxter

Mr. Baxter said he has lived in the Third Ward since 1997 with his wife and two children. His wife is an attorney in Greensburg and he is a prosecutor with the Attorney General's office since 1995. He is working in the Medicaid Fraud Unit investigating providers such as doctors, pharmacists, chiropractors that submit fraudulent claims. He works with eight different agents who bring cases to him to help solve problems. He feels this would work well for him as a Commissioner. He is there because there are issues that were affecting him personally and becoming important to him. He has been a public servant since he graduated from Law School. He worked in Monroeville in the Parks and Recreation Department as a supervisor. He falls under the Hatch Act as his position is funded by 75% Federal Funding and he would not be seeking re-election. He received approval for the position from the Office of Special Counsel in Washington.

Mr. Martino asked Mr. Baxter how he felt about the state of the Township.

Mr. Baxter feels it is growing nicely and would like to see a controlled responsible growth. He doesn't want to invite every business that comes before the Board into the Township but wants to make sure it will benefit the citizens. He doesn't want the Township to become a Monroeville, but wants businesses that will improve the quality of life for all.

Mr. Martino asked if he could identify current issues the residents of the Third Ward are facing and how would he resolve them.

Mr. Baxter said there is a pending concern with traffic when the Wal-Mart is complete. Barnes Lake Road is a small road with a lot of traffic. This is something he would like to address.

Mr. Martino asked if he was an active member in his political party.

Mr. Baxter said he isn't, but his office is a political office. He is not involved in politics and is reluctant to do so because of the position he holds.

Mr. Herold asked how he felt about recreation provided by the Township.

Mr. Baxter said that is a concern and he would like it improved. At the Monroeville Park, there are soccer fields, baseball and tracks and so many other things for the residents to use. He is glad the Township is moving forward looking for a site for something similar. He would like to see the Recreation Department add some additional things for the kids to do.

Mr. Herold asked how he would rate the Police Department.

Mr. Baxter said it is a very good department and they do a top job and are very highly rated. It is good not to have worries especially since he has kids in the house.

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Mr. Gray asked if he was available to regularly attend the Regular Meeting on the third Wednesday of every month and the Work Session six days before plus any special meetings.

Mr. Baxter said he could.

Mr. Gray asked how many Commissioner Meetings or Planning Commission meetings he has attended in the last four years.

Mr. Baxter said none.

Mr. Gray said elected officials, appointed Board members and candidates are required to complete a financial disclosure statement and would he complete one immediately for their review.

Mr. Baxter said that he would.

Mr. Gray asked if he or his family members had ever appeared before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission to give input for or against any issue.

Mr. Baxter said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he or any of his business associates or friends ever had business before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission or Sewage Authority.

Mr. Baxter said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he was related to or had a close personal relationship with any Township, State or Federal Government employee, volunteer or elected official.

Mr. Baxter said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he had two personal references and two political references.

Mr. Baxter said he did.

Mr. Gray asked if he had any advance knowledge of any of the questions.

Mr. Baxter said he didn't.

Brian West

Mr. West stated he has lived in Kerber Farms for six years but has been a resident of the Third Ward for 36 years. He is the manager of Innovative Carbide. He has served on governing boards at a local church in the Township. He feels the residents of the Third Ward need to be represented by someone who knows their needs. He understands that because his parents live here and his children. He moved out of the Township 16 years ago but moved back in because

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of the taxes. He knows where the Township has been and we are seeing good residential growth. His concern is with commercial growth because a viable community needs commercial growth. They need to look at that as a Board to improve the area. He hopes the Board would consider all the candidate's answers on how they would fit into the Board and fit into helping the community.

Mr. Gray asked if he was available to regularly attend the Regular Meeting on the third Wednesday of every month and the Work Session six days before plus any special meetings.

Mr. West said he could.

Mr. Gray asked how many Commissioner Meetings or Planning Commission meetings he has attended in the last four years.

Mr. West said he has been to two Commissioners meetings because of general interest.

Mr. Gray said elected officials, appointed Board members and candidates are required to complete a financial disclosure statement and would he complete one immediately for their review.

Mr. West said he would.

Mr. Gray asked if he or his family members had ever appeared before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission to give input for or against any issue.

Mr. West said he hasn't.

Mr. Gray asked if he or any of his business associates or friends ever had business before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission or Sewage Authority.

Mr. West said yes, for a tax reduction when they first opened their plant about 10 years ago.

Mr. Gray asked if he was related to or had a close personal relationship with any Township, State or Federal Government employee, volunteer or elected official.

Mr. West said his best friend is a Pennsylvania State Trooper.

Mr. Gray asked if he could be prohibited as a candidate in a partisan election by the Hatch Act which governs Federal, State and Municipal employees.

Mr. West said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he had two personal references and two political references.

Mr. West said yes.

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Mr. Gray asked if he had any advance knowledge of any of the questions.

Mr. West said no.

Mr. Martino asked if he could identify current issues the residents of the Third Ward are facing and how would he resolve them.

Mr. West said he didn't know about the flooding issue, but feels that is a concern. There are also traffic issues he is concerned about.

Mr. Martino asked what his stance was on public safety as far as the Police, Fire Departments and Emergency Management.

Mr. West feels the Police Department is very professional in all the duties they perform and is very pleased with them. As far as Emergency Management, EMS responded to his house a couple years ago and it was well done. He is pleased with the Fire Departments as they are very dedicated to the community and very professional.

Mr. Martino asked if he is an active member in his political party.

Mr. West said he is. At the past election, he didn't run for a position but was elected to the Westmoreland County Committee for his Ward and Precinct. He has attended some meetings and voted when necessary.

Mr. Martino asked if this was the first time applying for a political office and why is he interested in doing it.

Mr. West said he is passionate about what he does and he feels he needs to help the community.

Thomas Kerber

Mr. Kerber stated he resides at 1807 Guffey Road and has been a life long resident. He has three sons and five grandchildren and he owns Kerber's Dairy and Kerber's Ice Cream. The store on Guffey Road will be celebrating 50 years in business next year. He is involved in the Norwin Chamber of Commerce, Planning Commission and was a Commissioner for 12 years. In 1996, he got an eye-opening experience of the Township. The manager said they had to go to the Irwin Bank to get a Tax Anticipation Loan to pay for the first quarter wages and bills. That shocked him and he said it would not happen again. He feels it was a mismanagement of funds and that the Board ignored the budget. Some things changed then to move the money into a sweep account to get the interest. During that time, they were getting \$250,000 in interest. When he left in 2008, there was five million dollars in surplus. Because he is a business owner, he has a drive to become involved.

Mr. Herold asked about the status of business in the Township.

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Mr. Kerber said it could be better. Three years ago, he and Mr. Moffatt and two other community leaders put an Economic Development Committee and he doesn't know what happened to it after he left. They would go to the owners of Norwin Towne Square to see what they had in mind whether they would be keeping it or selling it. Housing is fine, but they need to look at businesses. It needs improved.

Mr. Martino asked if he could identify current issues the residents of the Third Ward are facing and how would he resolve them.

Mr. Kerber said he talks to people everyday and a pressing issue is that they don't have any representation. Roads need improved and there are traffic issues. Mickanin Road is inadequate for the amount of traffic on that road. He felt there were funds from a developer to help fix that road.

Mr. Martino asked what his stance was on public safety as far as the Police, Fire Departments and Emergency Management.

Mr. Kerber said you don't know how good they are until you need them. He had a fire in the last year and they were there within four minutes. When he has to call the police for any incidents, they are there quickly. Public safety is a priority.

Mr. Gray asked if he was available to regularly attend the Regular Meeting on the third Wednesday of every month and the Work Session six days before plus any special meetings.

Mr. Kerber said he can. In 12 years on the Board, he attended 143 meetings. He only missed one meeting.

Mr. Gray said elected officials, appointed Board members and candidates are required to complete a financial disclosure statement and would he complete one immediately for their review.

Mr. Kerber said he would.

Mr. Gray asked if he or his family members had ever appeared before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission to give input for or against any issue.

Mr. Kerber said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he or any of his business associates or friends ever had business before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission or Sewage Authority.

Mr. Kerber said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he was related to or had a close personal relationship with any Township, State or Federal Government employee, volunteer or elected official.

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Mr. Kerber said John Shepherd is his godson.

Mr. Gray asked if he could be prohibited as a candidate in a partisan election by the Hatch Act which governs Federal, State and Municipal employees.

Mr. Kerber said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he had two personal references and two political references.

Mr. Kerber said he did.

Mr. Gray asked if he had any advanced knowledge of any of the questions.

Mr. Kerber said no.

Eric Kwasny

Mr. Kwasny said he lives at 1946 Colleen Drive and has been there for 32 years. He has a small trucking company business and he does know how to keep a budget. He has a background in construction also. He is a mechanic and he certifies scales. He has a wife and son and he grew up in this community. He feels communities are about small businesses also and they need to try to get more business in the Township. There are road improvements needed around the community. He solves a lot of problems working for himself and he is his own boss. There are water runoff problems and they need to deal with it.

Mr. Martino asked why he is interested in elected office at this time.

Mr. Kwasny feels his background can help solve some of the problems in the community. He has always had an interest and this is a prime opportunity.

Mr. Martino said since he runs his own business, would he have the time to put into the Township.

Mr. Kwasny said he would.

Mr. Martino asked what his stance was on public safety as far as the Police, Fire Departments and Emergency Management.

Mr. Kwasny feels the Police are great and he likes how they are out there. The Fire Departments respond quickly.

Mr. Gray asked if he currently or within the last year resided in the Third Ward.

Mr. Kwasny said yes.

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Mr. Gray asked if he was available to regularly attend the Regular Meeting on the third Wednesday of every month and the Work Session six days before plus any special meetings.

Mr. Kwasny said he could.

Mr. Gray asked how many Commissioner Meetings or Planning Commission meetings he has attended in the last four years.

Mr. Kwasny said he has attended two, one for general interest and the other about trucks. One was a Planning Commission meeting and the other was a Commissioner meeting.

Mr. Gray said elected officials, appointed Board members and candidates are required to complete a financial disclosure statement and would he complete one immediately for their review.

Mr. Kwasny said he would.

Mr. Gray asked if he or his family members had ever appeared before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission to give input for or against any issue.

Mr. Kwasny said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he or any of his business associates or friends ever had business before the Commissioners, Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission or Sewage Authority.

Mr. Kwasny said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he was related to or had a close personal relationship with any Township, State or Federal Government employee, volunteer or elected official.

Mr. Kwasny said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he could be prohibited as a candidate in a partisan election by the Hatch Act which governs Federal, State and Municipal employees.

Mr. Kwasny said no.

Mr. Gray asked if he had two personal references and two political references.

Mr. Kwasny said he would.

Mr. Gray asked if he had any advanced knowledge of any of the questions.

Mr. Kwasny said no.

Mr. Moffatt thanked all who participated and Mr. Martino also thanked them.

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Mr. Gray asked what direction they should give the candidates. They won't be ready to make a decision tonight and would like the candidates to fill the forms out and bring back on Monday with the references.

Mr. Moffatt said he would like have it ready for a vote next Wednesday.

2) Public Works Department salt utilization – discussion.

Mr. Shepherd said he sent a memo as to where they stand with salt usage. As to this date, they have used \$353,000 to purchase salt in 2010 and the budget was only \$240,000 leaving them over budget by \$113,000. When they do the budget they take the money from the Liquid Fuels Fund to use for road related projects such as salt purchase and winter maintenance. If the salt usage is lower, they can add more money to the Road Paving Program. They will be purchasing more salt going into the winter season. There is less salt on hand this year than last year. The budget for Paving and materials is \$475,000, \$50,000 for the Seal Coat Program, \$5,000 for the Test Sealer Program and \$30,000 for engineering totaling \$560,000. The majority of that came from Liquid Fuels and the rest from the General Fund. They don't want to authorize the Road Paving Program for that amount if the Board isn't willing to fund that program. We will need to utilize money from the Reserve Fund, or to eliminate some of those programs or reduce the scope of the overall program this year or to eliminate some of the programs from the General Fund. The Engineering Consultant will bring the list of roads to the Board in April to go out to bid. The Board needs to decide where to get the money from the make up the difference from what was spent on salt or consider reducing some programs. There is \$8,500 for guide rail replacement which you could consider not doing this year. The program wasn't done last year and there is guide rail that needs to be installed.

Mr. Martino asked Mr. Blenko what he recommended to eliminate or reduce.

Mr. Blenko said there are 150 miles of road and since he has been there they have paved about three miles of road every year. This figures out that a road will be paved once every 50 years and something needs to change. Either more funding for roads or more preventative maintenance needs done. Many plans were built in the 1990's and will be up for paving five years from now and he is not sure how they can fund that. If they reduce it further, they will be more behind.

Mr. Moffatt asked about the Seal Coat Program.

Mr. Blenko said this is done on rural roads that don't have a lot of pedestrian traffic or don't have asphalt underneath. Pine Hollow Road, Baker School Road and Schade Hill Road are more rural and it is cheaper to do that than asphalt.

Mr. Albert said he agrees with Mr. Blenko to continue to move further and to look for ways to increase funding for paving in the future. The Seal Coating Program is very cost effective and efficient. They need to find ways to increase funding.

Mr. Herold asked how much should be allotted for paving.

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Mr. Blenko said he looked at it last year and had been looking at Murrysville last year. They have over 125 miles of road and spent over a million dollars for paving. Bethel Park has 28 miles of road and they spent close to a million dollars.

Mr. Gray said if they spent a million dollars every year, would they cut the cycle in half.

Mr. Blenko said that is double what they are spending now. The new plans have helped to increase the number of roads for Liquid Fuels, but the State borrows from the fund for other programs. They get less back from the State and asphalt prices have gone up again.

Mr. Gray said we need to address funding for infrastructure now so as not to pass along to a future Board.

Mr. Blenko said his strategy is to try to keep the roads that are in good shape that way. The tendency is to want to spend the money on the worst roads first but those roads cost more money to mill and resurface. A simple overlay is less costly and they should do that on some roads to keep them from getting worse. Residents may feel that is foolish, but looking at the overall picture, that is the smart way to go.

Mr. Shepherd said he would like the Board to think about it for the April meeting when the Engineering Consultant comes back with the list of roads or they will end up with a large bill and not have a budget for it.

Mr. Gray said he feels they should bid the program as planned and talk about how to fund it.

Mr. Shepherd said it will be brought back in April and then they can see how to budget it.

Mr. Herold asked if Mr. Blenko could look at milling certain parts of road instead of paving it just to pave it.

Mr. Blenko said he advocates edge milling because many roads don't have enough crown to them. The edge milling does not mess up driveways.

Mr. Gray asked if they have done edge milling before.

Mr. Blenko said it has been done a few times in the last few years. It has to be the right road and in good shape to do that.

David Castle, 1089 Brownstown Road: He moved here in 1986 and is in business for himself. He has a dump truck and has brought it home to do repairs in peak season, May through November. He doesn't bring it home in the winter. He didn't bring the truck home to upset the neighbors, but only to save money. A 5-Ton weight limit was put on the road and he can't service his truck. He feels this was done to appease the neighbor, Catherine Brown. The Police have been to his house in 2006 – 2007 at least 47 times. The Police never said to move his truck nor has he received a citation. Dave Stitt and Keith Evers told him it was all right to bring his truck home. He just needs one entry to his driveway to service his truck. With all the complaints Catherine Brown has made, she has never stated a reason why the truck shouldn't be there.

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He was doing a wall replacement and she called Zoning because she didn't like the replacement. He got a variance and finished the job and she was angry. He pays to store his equipment at GDC property on Route 30. He is tired of this woman calling the Police for everything he and his family do. He needs help with the weight limit signs. He has letters from some of his neighbors who say they don't have a problem with him bringing the truck there.

Mr. Moffatt said this is for Shannon Street, School Street, and School Hill Road.

Mr. Castle said there are three signs for the weight limit on the corner of Brownstown and School Street, corner of School Hill Road and School Street, and going towards Larimer Fire Department so he can't get in. He spoke to the Police and was told he can't bring his truck home or he would be fined. His truck is doing less damage than any other vehicle on that road.

Mr. Moffatt said the signs were put up a few months ago. Mr. Castle contacted him when the signs went up but he doesn't bring the truck home all winter.

Mr. Castle said there was damage to the road when the water company did work and had to use their backhoe that tore up the road. The road has gotten worse this winter from salting and plowing.

3) Planning/Engineering Topics.

a) Planning Commission Agenda Items:

1) S-4-2010, Lincoln Hills Phase 7, Ashton Court, R-1A Zoning.

Mr. Blenko said this is next to the final phase and there are 29 single family lots. This plan abuts 6B and most of the engineering was completed with Phase 6. The Sewage Authority is still reviewing the sanitary sewer drawings and need to sign off on the module exemption as well as the Water Authority. The Conservation District approved the erosion control and storm water plans. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan. Ashton Court is single family homes and on Delaware Avenue behind it is where the town homes and villas.

Mr. Gray said the development only has one access.

Mr. Blenko said the access to Lockport Drive in Hempfield is under construction now and should be opened up by June or July.

Mr. Gray said when you come into Delaware Avenue, if there is a problem at the first six to eight homes, you won't be able to get anything in or out.

Mr. Blenko said the Ordinance recommends more than one way to get in or out of a plan. They gave into Chestnut Hills because they couldn't get the offset at Sedona or any other way and there were 80 plus homes there. They may want to look for the future that there should be a maximum number of lots to have two ways in and out. This plan is consistent with the master plan of Lincoln Hills way back. One of the requirements for Lincoln Hills was that there was to be a traffic light at Caruthers Lane and Barnes Lake Road and another one at Norwin Avenue

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and Barnes Lake Road. Lincoln Hills has been working for three years to get the permit approved by PennDOT and they are close to getting it. The traffic signal at Norwin Avenue will be good because of two driveways coming into the intersection that will have to have their own signal. Last fall Mr. Shuster requested a rezoning of the area near the Holiday Inn. If that was to be residential, Lincoln Hills wanted to access it through Phase 7. If it was commercial, they wanted access from Country Club Drive or Rhonda Court. A decision was made because Ashton Court will be a loop with no connection to that. RWS withdrew the request for rezoning waiting to see what happened with DeBartolo and Rhonda Court. DeBartolo received the Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT and there is an appeal in place. If they proceed, at some point Lincoln Hills will come in to get Phase 8 rezoned. There was a conceptual plan presented last fall showing a hotel, office buildings and restaurants.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Martino I'll make a motion we adjourn.
Second: Mr. Gray

Motion Carried 6 – 0 – 0

- Special Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2010 were approved by the Board of Commissioners on _____.

Lee D. Moffatt, President

John M. Shepherd, Township Secretary

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