

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HUNTINGDON, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2009, 7:00 P.M.
11279 Center Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642
Presiding Officer – David E. Herold, President, Board of Commissioners**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Herold called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Furlin	Present
Commissioner Patter	Present
Commissioner Gray	Present
Commissioner Martino	Present
Commissioner Moffatt	Present
Commissioner Austin	Present
Commissioner Herold	Present

Also Present:
Michael M. Turley
Chelsea Dice
Richard G. Albert
Andy Blenko
Gene Komondor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS' INPUT

Gene Komondor, Coordinator for Emergency Management: He gave the Board a packet of information of an update on the extent of the storm damage that led to the signing of the Disaster Declaration on June 17 which was extended for a week and remains in effect. The Fire Departments, Police, Rescue 8 and Public Works responded to about 135 incidents of flooding. The map has the locations displayed that were affected. Damage assessments were conducted by Township Emergency Management, Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety and P.E.M.A. to get data for the Governor to be able to request a Federal Disaster Declaration. There is sufficient damage for the Governor to make the request but it hasn't been acted on yet. The residents here tonight are looking for answers, but the Federal Declaration has not been issued yet. The State is without a budget now and there is no money coming from them. There have been many inquiries made for information from the Township but we are still waiting for answers from Washington, D.C.

Mr. Turley said this has been discussed with Congressman Murphy's office who discussed it with F.E.M.A. officials but it is still under review.

Katie Pedder, 9820 McClellan Street: She has two concerns and one problem has been ongoing which is the stream behind her garage. This is runoff water from the Penglyn area that runs across the cemetery across the road and into their three yards. Any heavy rain and her garage is flooded. The neighbors have small children and after a rainstorm, they find hypodermic needles, condoms and all types of contaminated things. They have talked to the Township to pipe this in for years. Her garage has been flooded so many times over the years that half the concrete floor is gone. Her other concern is this past storm. She was given a form by Jim Casorio's office, but

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she was told by the office that they don't know if they are getting any aid and are not sure what forms will be used. How will F.E.M.A. know the extent of the damage if you don't have these forms? The paper has said that they should report all damage but when you try to report it, there is no one to report it to. She would like someone to look at that stream.

Mr. Albert said he is familiar with the area and sees the concerns, but there isn't much the Township can do because the majority of the water is coming from private property.

Mrs. Pedder said when the sewage was put in years ago, they offered to lay the pipe if the Township could supply the pipe. The pipe was put in below her and this is water that is coming through their yards and into another pipe.

Mr. Albert said he doesn't know why it was piped in below, but the stream has always been there. At one time, the Township had a pipe policy that if the Township was discharging water from a public road onto private property, the resident could get the pipe from the Township and install it themselves. The Board of Commissioners abolished the pipe policy two years ago.

Mrs. Pedder said her yard was piped in at her cost and she wants the water piped in above her.

Mr. Albert said the water she was getting was not from a public right-of-way, but is coming from a natural spring originating in Irwin Borough.

Mrs. Pedder asked if she should go to Irwin to get it corrected.

Mr. Herold said she could go to Irwin or Representative Casorio's office. If they get the F.E.M.A. money, they will set up a center.

Mr. Komondor said if a Federal Declaration is issued, there will be a center established, but does not know where. He showed the list of all the damage reports that occurred from the flood and he feels there has been a pre-occupation with forms. If there is a Federal Declaration, another form will be issued and they didn't want residents filling out several forms. They only want residents to contact the Township with a damage report and record it. If the aid becomes available, they will go to all lengths to inform the residents. There was a letter prepared but not sent out because they were not if it was the right form. He would like everyone who has not reported their damage to do so at this time.

Lynn Clark, 11479 Drop Road: She is there about the stream behind Drop Road and McKee Road. This problem was brought before the Board in 1998 and 2003. This stream is washing away the hillside and during the last storm, it did damage to the homes downstream. They just found out they were in a flood plain and they need flood insurance. When they first moved to Drop Road, the stream was only 6 inches across and now it is 4 to 4 ½ feet across. Flooding occurs because all the roads in the area flow into this stream. They need help to get it dredged as people are dumping in the stream. They received a letter a couple years ago to take the weeds off the hill or they would be fined. They aren't dumping, but other people are. The stream needs dredged as it goes down to the Roth Drive area. After the storm, sewage got into some of the homes. It shouldn't be her or their neighbor's responsibility to keep the stream cleaned out even

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though they were told that. They offered to put a pipe in at their expense, but were told they couldn't do that. They want to know if the stream can be dredged and why are they responsible to clean it out. Mr. Patter toured some of the damage also. At the top of Drop Road, there is no curb and they are getting drainage from across the road which has washed out their fence.

Mr. Albert said he would look at the curbing in the cul-de-sac. The stream was inspected many years ago and many residents created their own hardship. They threw in grass clippings and debris from their yards and one person built a bridge that had to be taken out. It is permitted for the Township to have water runoff into the streams from the roads. When he was going to build his home, he looked at a lot with a stream but built elsewhere.

Mrs. Clark said they didn't know they had to maintain a stream. When there are large rocks and there are women trying to move them, it is ridiculous.

Mr. Turley said that is considered a private drainage way owned by property owners. The Township doesn't have an easement. Even if the homeowner allows the Township, there would be a cost to do it as they would have to hire equipment and contractors. The Township maintains the public drainage ways, but the private drainage ways are not maintained unless there is an emergency.

Mrs. Clark doesn't understand why they have to get flood insurance. Over 30 years ago, someone from the Township put rocks up each side and now they are falling in and women have to try to get them out. They aren't throwing the bricks in but they end up in front of her house.

Mr. Patter said it is hard for a resident to hear that the stream is private property and they have to maintain it. The Township is adding to the stream with water from the streets and the resident is asking how they can maintain the stream when they don't have the ability to do that. Hopefully there will be some Federal money and something can be done.

Mr. Albert said he isn't familiar with that but there was a sewer line that goes under the creek and that grant money was probably for a sewer line project that included restoration to the stream area.

Mrs. Clark said the Township came out one time with summer kids and equipment to help move a boulder. With the sewage line under there, that is a problem as the sewage is coming into the stream and backing up into homes.

Mr. Albert said this is a common problem during a heavy rainfall where the water infiltrates the sewage lines. This is an ongoing problem that they are trying correct.

Mrs. Clark said Senator Ward said there would be grants available and could they get a grant to get the stream dredged. They can't get the rocks out.

Mr. Martino said the Township needs to be proactive and address that problem with that stream.

Mrs. Clark said they need to get it fixed as people are losing everything. They don't want the kids in the stream.

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Mr. Martino said it is their job to contact Senator Ward. Mr. Komondor can contact her and try to find something out.

Mr. Herold said they will get in touch with the Sewage Authority as there should be a flapper valve to stop the sewage from backing up.

A resident said the flappers don't work as he got \$20,000 in damages and he is three houses down.

Mr. Herold said they need to check that the downspouts and rain gutters are not tied into the sewage lines.

Mr. Turley said the Township has to discharge to natural drainage ways. Creek cleaning and dredging is a maintenance item. The storm a couple weeks ago brought 5.3 inches of rain in 24 hours and stream cleaning would not have helped with that magnitude of water.

Mrs. Clark said if it had been widened years ago, it would have filtered the water differently. They need grant money to get it cleaned out.

Mr. Furlin said they need special permits to dredge the stream. The last time they got involved with dredging, DEP said the flow of water was changed and the Township was fined \$5,000.

Mr. Patter said in the cul-de-sac on Drop Road, there is curbing on the up side but not on the down side.

Mr. Albert said if the Township can get help to do the work, they will do, but he pointed out facts about working on private property and the legality of it. If they work on one, they will have to do more and there is a huge cost associated with it. It can't be done in-house because they don't have the equipment or manpower so it would have to be sub-contracted. If there is money available, they will do what they can to assist them.

Max Dervin, 12420 Roth Drive: He was there two years ago about the stream behind Roth Drive and the water came up half way to the street. The Fire Department came up and helped them out. He came to the Township meetings and was told they would look into it, but nothing has been done. The Township can go to all the streams but they could possibly hire an hydraulics engineer or contact the Army Corps of Engineers to do a study. All the streams from McKee Road flow to Roth Drive where there are a lot of catch basins that drain in to the creek. The creek can only handle so much water. The Township went into the end of Roth Drive where the creek ends and there is a crossing with a pipe which is about 5 ft. This crosses Roth Drive and goes into the park to Wainwright Drive where there is an old tank car. During the last storm, they pulled a tree out of the creek and watched the water rise and it back up at that pipe. They called the Fire Department, but there were no sand bags. If the pipe was larger, maybe the stream would not flood. He heard the pipe was downsized to not have debris downstream. After the stream went down, the pipe was covered three-fourths of the way. The Township came down the next day to clear the pipe. When there is a pipe crossing, the Township is responsible to keep it clear within the right-of-way. He asked if there was preventative maintenance the Township could do.

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Mr. Albert said they do clear in front of the intakes and discharge and in the right-of-way. They do maintenance based on availability in the spring and the fall. He does thank the residents that call when there is a problem.

Mr. Dervin said when they did the intersection at Abrams and Roth in the 70's, there are many pipes that dump into the creek. This should be considered a main artery to have it cleared. He would like it checked on a schedule.

Mr. Albert said the pipe could be cleaned and then the next day, a tree could fall to block it. They do appreciate it when a resident calls to inform them.

Mr. Turley said with a major storm event, debris went with the storm and there isn't time to clean it. There are many pipes, culverts and inlets to maintain. When you get 5.3 inches of rain in a short period of time, anything washed down will clog inlets.

Mr. Dervin said there should be scheduled maintenance where the pipes are. He hasn't seen anyone down there unless they call.

Mr. Turley said the magnitude of the storm was unprecedented. They are looking into seeing what type of storm that was and that creek will flood in that event.

Mr. Dervin said in the past six years, the creek has come three times. When he was here a couple years ago, the Township said they would call different agencies and they told him to call also. He wants to know what the Township has done in two years to look into that.

Mr. Turley said except for the culvert, it is a drainage way that the Township doesn't maintain because it is privately owned.

Mr. Dervin said he isn't looking for compensation, but is looking for this type of flooding not to happen again. He wasn't told when he bought the house five years ago that it was in a flood plain area. He wants to know when the Township is going to look into this. He asked if there was something in the budget to have a hydraulics engineer or the Army Corps of Engineers to do a study of that area.

Mr. Albert said in the five years that he has lived there, has he seen the pipe not handle the water. Since they have replaced the pipe, they haven't had an issue with the pipe not working at full capacity.

Mr. Dervin asked if it had ever been calculated how much volume of water is dumped into the creek.

Mr. Turley said it doesn't change the volume, just the velocity and the peak rate.

Mr. Dervin said more water is being added to the creek so they are putting more volume into the creek than it can handle.

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Mr. Turley said the peak rate can be increased if the velocity is increased by more impervious surfaces. You can increase the amount over a shorter period of time which is a flash flood event.

Mr. Dervin asked if there was anything that the Township was willing to do to have a professional come in. He lived in the North Hills when Little Pine Creek flooded and they fixed it. Nothing has happened in the last two years and if it doesn't get fixed, he will have to move. He doesn't want flood insurance. If the Township says it won't be fixed for years, he will put his house for sale.

Mr. Martino said he will get a call into the Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Dervin said they called them and they have records when they repaired the creek, but they can't come out unless someone from the Township or the County calls them. They did work in there and would have the statistics on how much water the creek can handle. The pipe replaced at the end of Roth Drive was done after the Corps was there.

Bill Gonos, 12500 Adams Drive: He has lived there 54 years and there were two pipes put in. There is one at Wainwright Drive and one on Roth Drive that were put in by the contractors when they built the plan. They took the pipe out at the bottom. The six foot pipe was damaged about 10 years ago and they put a patch on it and put the road in to the playground. He went up the next morning after the storm and the hi-lift was digging out the pipe because it was blocked. They should have changed the pipe when they were putting in the road to the playground.

Mr. Dervin said they are asking the Township to do a study because if all the water flows into that area, if it was opened up, it may alleviate some back up.

Mr. Herold said they will try to get a hydraulics study done.

Mr. Gonos said they put something on Abrams a few years ago and that helped.

Rebecca Billott, 11440 McKee Road: She approached the Board in 1998 and 2003 and had DEP looking at it. They said it was the Township's responsibility and the Township said it was DEP. They would like to be included in the study by the Army Corps of Engineers. The Army Corps came through Drop Road at Whitmore but were stopped by neighbors to dredge the creek deeper and line with stones. She has had water in her yard since 1985 which was a result of too much water in too small of an area that doesn't have a creek bed. Her neighbor's property is level with the water. Debris is coming from everywhere. She is in contact with Senator Kim Ward who had two articles in the paper saying money is available. There should be grants available and they want invitations sent to Congressman Murphy, Representative Casorio and Senator Ward to be at the next meeting.

Mr. Turley said if the DEP told her that it was the Township's responsibility to clean the stream, they were wrong.

Mrs. Billott said the gentleman from DEP said as long as the Township approves it, they have the right to go in and dredge the creek.

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Solicitor Chelsea Dice said the Township has the right to go if they agree to do it, but there is no obligation. Because it is on private property, they can get a license to do work, but it is not the Township's property.

Mrs. Billot said the Township has the responsibility and the obligation to go in there since they are using the creek as a type of catch basin.

Solicitor Chelsea Dice said with the new developments and the way the Storm Water Management Ordinance is written, the new catch basins have accommodated velocity and volume so water will go in the streams at a lower rate. The storm we had was close to a 1,000-year storm when you get so many inches of rain in a short period of time. When a plan is developed, there are codes that say it has to be at a certain level and be able to discharge water at a certain rate. Water is allowed to be discharged into a natural course.

Mrs. Billott asked where the code is for the residents for their stream.

Solicitor Chelsea Dice said the Township doesn't own the creek. There was rock put up by the Sewage Authority and they should be contacted. As far as the neighbor who wouldn't permit the Army Corps of Engineers to go further they should raise the issue with him.

Resident, 11469 Drop Road: They had a problem in 1975 with the hillside falling in and flooding on McKee Road. There was money left from Hurricane Agnes and they put rip rap along the creek along his property and would have gone further but the neighbor beside him wouldn't let them touch his property. The storm knocked the block down and there is no creek now. Water can't go through there because there is no bank and it goes into people's yards. They were told no one owns it and the Army Corps said they can't change it or touch it.

Mr. Herold thanked the Public Works Department, Emergency Management, and staff for helping out in this situation.

Mr. Gray said Mr. Dervin brought up some good issues and some that were brought up years ago and not gone away. The pipe under Roth Drive was replaced 10 years ago.

Mr. Albert said they patched the old pipe on different occasions but it became unsafe and they put in new pipe. They did not downsize from the original pipe, but either put in the same size or larger. There isn't much coverage over top the pipe.

Mr. Gray said this new pipe hasn't been repaired since put in. Glenn Engineering had recommended putting in a box culvert at the time but the Board didn't want it because of the cost of \$35,000. They said they could do the job for around \$10,000 if they put in tin pipe. It wasn't enlarged because of the coverage but it is in good shape. After the pipe was approved and they went through the Sherbondy property, they had to put an elbow on the pipe. He is not sure if the elbow contributed to the flooding but the railroad tie and debris that blocked the pipe flow did contribute. There isn't any evidence that the Army Corps of Engineers did the section of the stream. One of the neighbors near Mr. Dervin said the Army Corps of Engineers was there and said they worked on that area of the stream and were looking for record of it.

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Mr. Dervin said where the creek is at Abrams and Roth, there are many pipes that come into that area. There is a lot of water dumping there and it needs to be inspected. They need someone who knows about hydraulics.

Mr. Gray said he would support hiring a hydraulics engineer for that area. Mr. Dervin is the second lowest property on Roth Drive and Mr. Gonos is the lowest property on Adams Drive. With the severity of the storm in June, nothing would have prevented them from getting flooded.

Mr. Dervin said the creek has flooded three times in the five years that he has lived there with the last time coming up to the house.

Mr. Gray said that night of the storm people would get flooded that may have never been flooded.

Mr. Dervin said a bank was built up along the creek when the sewage line was put in. Where the creek ends to Abrams Drive, the back yards fall to the center line of the creek and that is where the water came up.

Mr. Gray said the stream came through the Wright's back yard and onto Roth Drive, so they got flooding from the front before it came up in the back. The area in the neighbor's back yard was dug by a property owner. When the Sewage Authority put the line in, they built the bank up to keep the stream in and the homeowners dug it down.

Mr. Dervin said an engineer could look at it to say what to do even if it is at the homeowner's expense. If they put the bank back in, none of the water will drain from the yards. He asked if the Township had an emergency response agency.

Mr. Komondor said all municipalities are required to have an Emergency Management Organization which is not a response agency. Emergency Management does not go out to the scene, but services the agencies that go the scene of an emergency. What they do is facilitate a request for resources such as sand bags and perform communication with the Township and the County.

Mr. Dervin commended all the firemen as they did all they could do, but they weren't prepared. He has a finished basement and they didn't have any sandbags to give anyone. When they had the flooding two years ago, the fire companies had truck loads of sand bags.

Mr. Komondor said there are sand bags available and if the commander in the field had requested them, they would have provided them. People also need to take responsibility for these type of situations and be prepared for the first 48 to 72 hours to take care of themselves.

Mr. Dervin said he would follow through but people who are retired probably won't do it and they feel the Township should take care of it.

Mr. Martino asked if all the Chiefs know about the sandbags at the Public Works. Circleville does not stock sand bags and if they knew the sand bags were there, they would have sent trucks down to get them.

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Mr. Dervin said the Chief didn't know where to get the bags that night. He isn't saying anything negative against the Fire Departments or Rescue 8 as they did a great job.

Mr. Gray said he attended a meeting in Turtle Creek on June 20 with Three Rivers Wet Weather Program that deals with sewage overflows and flooding. He went to Monroeville two years ago with the Army Corps of Engineers who said they would do the work on Roth Drive, but someone had to pay them. They said there would be no grant money for this as places like Millvale were getting grants for flooding. Elected officials can say there are grants available, but where are they because North Huntingdon doesn't have any grants to give out. They are talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars to do stream restoration work. For C.D.B.G. grant money, the Township keeps track of the money but the County approves the projects. He asked Mr. Komondor if he could track in the Township where there were more than a cluster of a dozen homes damaged.

Mr. Komondor said he only knows what is on the map from the information provided to the Township from the residents or Fire Departments. They can look at the map for the grouping of homes involved and want to be able to layer more data on the map for other storms.

Mr. Gray said they won't study the 1,000-year storm, but there has been repetitive storms in the last five years. He doesn't know what can be done if anything and whether they can afford it.

Mr. Patter said there were 10 to 12 homes on McKee Road with damage so that area may need to be studied.

Mr. Dervin said with the new housing developments being built, could a tax be charged to the developer to help fix the infrastructure on existing developments.

Mr. Herold said the new developments have detention ponds to hold the water and release it slowly.

Mr. Blenko said that may not be the answer because when you get enough ponds in a watershed the situation can be worse. A detention pond is designed so the post development peak rate does not exceed the pre-development peak rate, but will match the peak rate after a storm. He would like to look at the detention ponds and see where it is safe area to discharge the water from the ponds and to hold back more water during minor storms. Most detention ponds don't hold back water until there is 2 ½ inches of rain. Older areas have no detention and there are problems with a heavy rainstorm. Penn Township went to two neighborhoods and bought land to put in municipally owned detention ponds.

1) Action for ratification of the Disaster Declaration from last month's flooding.

Motion: Mr. Furlin Action to approve.
Second: Mr. Gray

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

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- 2) Action to approve the application for funding under the C.D.B.G. for ADA improvements at the Town House (15% local match).

Mr. Turley said it is an update of an application several years ago to bring the Town House building into ADA compliance that includes renovations to the bathrooms and doors and other improvements.

Motion: Mr. Gray So move.

Second: Mr. Patter

Remarks

Mr. Martino said he would like to know what they are submitting for.

Mr. Moffatt said the grant is to make the building handicap accessible which is update to bathrooms, put in ramps and automatic doors.

Mr. Martino said he is looking for it to be written down what is applied for and that is what he will vote for.

Mr. Blenko said the study and cost estimate was done in 2003 by an architectural firm and he was asked to update the study in 2006 when he was hired. There was \$200,000 coming from C.D.B.G. funding but the total project was over \$400,000. It included an elevator, widening the doors, power assisted door, lowering light switches and more. He pared the list down and submitted it in 2006. The County didn't fund it because it wasn't geared to low to middle income people. The list from 2006 was updated by today's costs.

Mr. Martino wants to see the list.

Motion Carried 6 – 1 – 0 (Mr. Martino)

- 3) Planning/Engineering Topics.

- a) Planning Commission Agenda Items:

- 1) S-4-2009, Iwinski Subdivision, 2231 Ipnar Road, R-3 Zoning.

Mr. Blenko said it was tabled at the May Planning Commission meeting as there were many issues that hadn't been addressed. The Planning Commission recommended denial at the July meeting. The flag lot was too long and is not wide enough. There is no public sewage on Ipnar Road.

- 2) S-7-2009, Louis Botti Subdivision, Clairmont Street, R-2 Zoning.

Mr. Blenko said it was tabled at the June Planning Commission meeting and since then have received proof that his company purchased the lots. The second problem was with the lot sizes

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after the boundary line revision. The applicant is getting land from the surrounding right-of-way to increase the total area of the lots. All land owners along the paper street have a right across the paper street. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan in July conditioned upon Mr. Botti acquiring the unbuildable lot below the properties or obtaining a right-of-way across the lot for use as a storm water drainage easement.

Mr. Furlin said he gets complaints from two residents that are getting flooded out in that area. He is not in favor of it unless Mr. Botti gets the unbuildable lot and the right-of-way to divert the water into the storm basin.

3) S-9-2009, Schur-Southern Alleghenies Subdivision, Leger Road, I & R-4 Zoning.

Mr. Blenko said this is a minor subdivision. Southern Allegheny wants to purchase 0.714 acres from Mr. Schur and this will remain R-4. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan. There were code issues in the past because Waste Management was using the area to store roll-off boxes and dumpsters which is not a permitted use. That has been discontinued.

4) S-10-2009, Windstein Plan, 611 Turnpike Drive, R-3 Zoning.

Mr. Blenko said this is a lot consolidation. The Windstein's want to acquire a 20'x125' strip of land bordering their property which is part of an estate. They were asked to dedicate a piece of the lot for a partial turnaround for snowplow trucks, but the Windstein's won't do it. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

5) S-11-2009, Morrison #2 Subdivision, Garlow Road, R-3 Zoning.

Mr. Blenko said this is a two lot subdivision. The applicant proposes to subdivide the property to create a new lot of 1.050 acres that leaves 6.038 acres as the residual lot. The third lot will be given to the daughter. The Planning Commission recommended approval. He asked them to extend the water line to Garlow Road but it was too expensive. The applicant agreed to give a small piece of ground for a hammerhead turnaround for the snowplows.

6) S-12-2009, Lincoln Hills Phase 5B Subdivision, R-3 Zoning.

Mr. Blenko said this is the second part of Phase 5 consisting of 37 single family lots. The Planning Commission recommended approval with the same conditions that were part of Phase 5A. The developer provided drawings to Hempfield Township and has no response to meet with them. The specific conditions are: 1) The Erosion and Sedimentation Plan and Storm Water Management plan must be approved by Westmoreland Conservation District. 2) The applicant must obtain approval from PADEP of a Sewage Planning Module Exemption for 37 units. Phase 5A is eight lots that front Lockport Drive and the proposed Phase 5B is 37 lots and the connector that takes Lockport to connect into Hempfield. He is concerned about the bend on Lockport Drive and the numbers used for it. PennDOT recommends turning radii of 250' for 30 MPH speed limit. The Police will post a 20 MPH speed limit in the plan. There are three other areas in the Township with the same turning radii. The developer will install guide rail there.

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Mr. Moffatt said it states most issues were resolved.

Mr. Blenko said the issues are all now resolved as they received drawings the night of the Planning Commission meeting. With Phase 5A, they asked the developer meet with Hempfield Township as the Ordinance requires that the design be coordinated with a neighboring municipality. The developer asked for a meeting in May and Hempfield hasn't responded. He met with Hempfield on May 20 and it is not resolved. Residents on Lockport are concerned because road is not wide and that it will serve cut through traffic from Hempfield to Route 30. Hempfield Manager said if they improve the road, it will make it busier. They can't deny the plan because of a road leading into another municipality because of off site traffic issues. The intersection of Route 30 and Arona Road is a major bottleneck especially during rush hour. Hempfield considered making South Thompson Lane one way away from Route 30 because vehicles use it as a shortcut. One improvement would be to make Arona Road two lanes northbound at Route 30 to get more cars out at the light.

- 7) S-13-2009, Teddy's Restaurant Consolidation Plan and SP-4-2009, Teddy's Restaurant Site Plan, 8695 Route 30, C-1 Zoning.

Mr. Blenko said it is a site plan to revise the traffic pattern and parking at Teddy's Restaurant because of the widening of Route 30 at the new intersection of the re-located Barnes Lake Road. Part of the parking lot is in the PennDOT right-of-way and will be taken with the widening. The plan shows modifications of the parking arrangement and new traffic flow patterns in the lot. Vehicles wanting to exit and head east have to go behind the building to get to the new exit. There are enough parking spaces including handicapped spaces and a new pylon sign will be erected nearer the building. A directional sign is proposed to alert vehicles to the entrance of the restaurant. The Planning Commission recommended approval both the site plan and lot consolidation conditioned upon all the parking spaces meeting the Township's required 9'x20' dimensions. It is proposed to have a clockwise traffic on the right side of the lot and a counter clockwise traffic pattern on the left side of the lot. There will be curbs along Route 30 and a two-way entrance at the traffic light. There is enough room for a short tractor trailer to get through there to make food deliveries although most of the deliveries are done early in the morning before the lunch crowd comes.

The Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session this evening to discuss the following:

- Personnel

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Gray
Second: Mr. Furlin

So move.

Motion Carried 7 – 0 – 0

- Special Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2009 were approved by the Board of Commissioners on _____.

David E. Herold, President

John M. Shepherd, Township Secretary

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