

Central Lancaster County Council of Government
July 21, 2020 – 8:30 A.M. West Hempfield Township Municipal Building

The meeting of the Central Lancaster County Council of Government (CLCCOG) was called to order by Ralph Hutchison (ELT), at 8:30 a.m. Also in attendance: William Pfautz (EP), H. Scott Russell (EHT), Cindy Schweitzer (EHT), G. Edward Lefever (EHT), Andrew Stern (WHT), Kent Gardner (WHT), Barry Kauffman (MT), and Ethan Deeme (ELT – remote via Zoom).

Minutes of the May 27, 2020 Meeting

Motion by Cindy Schweitzer and seconded by Barry Kauffman to approve the minutes from May 27, 2020. Motion approved 8-0.

Municipal Reports:

East Hempfield Township:

- EHT just adopted a new wireless facilities ordinance after a lengthy process.
- The State Road bridge project is a little behind schedule and should be complete in mid-August of 2021.
- The Centerville Road project has a let date of February 2021, but will probably be delayed until 2022.
- EHT is working on ordinance amendments regarding their Village districts to prevent unintended demolition of properties to make way for new high-density projects.
- EHT will be looking at sign amendments.

East Lampeter Township:

- ELT continues to work with High Associates on the Walnut Street Extension north of 30 about one mile to the College of Health Sciences.
- ELT continues to work on planning for the Greater Lancaster Heritage Pathway.
- ELT continues to work on the Lincoln Highway East Streetscape Plan Implementation.
- ELT implemented their stormwater fee. They are including in their quarterly sanitary sewer bills, which means people without sewer are getting new bills now. Fees are based on several tiers of impervious surface amounts. Despite a lot of effort to educate the public they have had numerous calls from people surprised about this new fee.

East Petersburg Borough:

- EP finalized a fire service agreement with EHT. EHT will soon hire a Fire Chief. They are hoping to work closely together with their fire companies to enhance fire service in the Borough and Township.

Manheim Township:

- MHT is working through their recent swimming pool issue which has been reported in the news.
- The 222 expansion is moving forward. MT is working with PennDot to have extra emergency response access points between exits.
- Stehli Silk Mill project has not been submitted but their developer is anxious to start the project. Since 95% of the project site is in Manheim Township (5% in Lancaster City) they are looking to defer review to the Township with some conditions. At this point Manheim is trying to work through stormwater concerns the City has.
- MT has begun citizen advisory committees, including Agriculture, Sustainability, and Senior Citizens. Two more may soon be added – youth and police.

West Hempfield Township:

- WHT's new Authority is up and running with plans to have a stormwater fee implemented in early 2021.
- The Americold project (tall cold storage facility on Hempland Road) is under construction and will be for another couple of years.
- We will soon be working on a renewal for our park maintenance agreement with Hempfield Rec, which has been working great for both entities since the beginning of 2019. WHT is hopeful other municipalities will eventually join into this partnership.

Old Business:

- Public Notices – Legal Advertising Ms. Schweitzer provided a spreadsheet showing the potential savings by using CPBJ instead of LNP. She are updated is on the Steinman Foundation's plans to provide seed money into a major stream restoration project along the Conestoga Creek. The project cost is approximately \$15,000,000. The group agreed that timing might not be good right now to make a change.

New Business:

- Encryption of Police Radio Communication – In 2019 the County Commissioners agreed to encrypt police communications. Recently there has been a request to the Commissioners by a few members of the public to reconsider this decision. Mr. Stern explained that this is an officer safety and a victims' privacy issue. The removal of encryption from the police radios would allow anyone with a scanner to hear all details of police dispatches and discussions. The group expressed concern and will consider how to best inform the Commissioners of our concerns.
- County Drug Task Force – Mr. Russell provided an update. District Attorney Adams has concluded a study which will soon be presented to the Commissioners with her recommendations. The study addressed the issues raised in the LCATS resolution on this topic. The study was not provided to the COG at this time as it is not yet a public document.
- COVID-19 Response – Mr. Russell provided an update on available CARES Act funding through the County and possible future funding opportunities to address municipal emergency service costs during COVID.
- Identifying the Voting and Non-Voting Members of the COG – Mr. Hutchison asked that we clarify who our voting members are for each meeting. Each member municipality has their manager and one Board/Commissioner as a voting member, but the Chair and the person taking minutes needs to know who the designated voting members are for when motions and votes are conducted.

Public Comment:

- None

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 am.
- Next Meeting, September 23, 2020, at East Hempfield Township.