

**WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 1, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the West Manheim Township Board of Supervisors was held on the above date and time at the Municipal Building at 2412 Baltimore Pike.

The Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Hartlaub followed by the Pledge to the Flag and the Invocation.

ROLL CALL: Present were Supervisors Hartlaub, Woerner, Staaf, Parr and Gobrecht. Also present were Solicitor Linus Fenicle, Mike Knouse of C. S. Davidson, Inc. and Manager Kevin Null.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Visitor's Register Attached.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved with Item 14 New Business (A) York County Board of Commissioners moved on the agenda as Item 5(A) New Business, in a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht and seconded by Supervisor Staaf. Motion carried.

5. (A) York County Board of Commissioners

Supervisor Hartlaub asked Mr. Steve Chronister, President, York County Board of Commissioners to introduce the representatives in attendance to discuss the concerns regarding the problems with the 911 radio system.

Steve Chronister, President, The York County Board of Commissioners introduced Doug Hoke, Vice President Commissioner, Christopher B. Reilly, Commissioner, Eric Bistlin, Director of Emergency Services, Julio Mendez, Director, York County 911 Center and Carl Lindquist, Communications Director, The York County Department of Emergency Services to the Board of Supervisors. He said he would let Eric Bistlin address the concerns that were raised by the Township.

Eric Bistlin, Director of Emergency Services, York County, said he would like to discuss the concerns raised and also including the recent problems expressed by the Township with the communications system and the results of the county's recent investigation and solutions. He would also like to provide a brief overview of the systems performance and outline some of the technology challenges of an extremely difficult system. He explained that this system is an interoperable system that communicates with many other entities. He also explained that some of the errors with the system include human errors and not only technology errors. He said if they make a mistake they take it very seriously and try to fix the problem.

Supervisor Jim Staaf said his understanding is they are bringing in units from the other counties, and when the Township fire department is having problems being dispatched into the adjacent counties they are being told it's not a priority for York County to be dispatched into the other areas.

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Erick Bistline, Director of Emergency Services, York County, asked Supervisor Staaf if he could clarify his question.

Supervisor Jim Staaf said the mutual aid request for going into Maryland, they are not being dispatched like they should be and there are firefighters at their own station that York County is not dispatching them on the mutual aid agreement.

Eric Bistline, Director of Emergency Services, York County, said it depends how the box cards are set up for the individual fire departments in York County and how the one cards are set up in Carroll County as to who they want dispatched into their county. They don't control this because it is controlled by each individual fire department. If there is a response that is called for and they don't do it then they have not done their job and they have made an error. If they make a mistake they own up to it and try to fix it. They make mistakes and they are human.

Supervisor Jim Staaf said the new radio re-organization when they go from a 4 zone to a 2 zone; he asked if this will interrupt the system.

Eric Bistline, Director of Emergency Services, York County, said no, because all the radios at some point will need to be reprogrammed but they will still work. He said it is how the new talk group identification will be displayed on the radio but it will not affect whether or not the radios will work.

Supervisor Jim Staaf said his concern was whether or not it would create more drop calls.

Eric Bistline, Director of Emergency Services, York County, said no it will not affect the functionality of the radios.

Ted Clouser, Pleasant Hill Fire Chief said he would like to clarify what Supervisor Staaf was asking Mr. Bistline. Carroll County calls York County on mutual aids and until the Townships emergency responders are being paged they are getting a response check in Carroll County. He was asking why it was such a length of time between the time the York County dispatcher receives the request and the Townships tones are officially notified. He said in the past they have been informed that any call in York County will take precedence over any dispatch out of County.

Eric Bistline, Director of Emergency Services, York County, said he is not aware of this information.

Julio Mendez, Director, York County 911 Center said he does not know that to be the case. He said they have a very aggressive complaint response format. He apologized for any errors and staff will continue to investigate any problems.

Doug Hoke, Vice President Commissioner, said he wanted to be sure that the Board knows that he and his fellow Commissioner's take their concerns very seriously. He said

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technology isn't always going to work 100 percent of the time, but as Commissioners they are going to make sure that they take care of the issues that West Manheim Township has experienced. He would also like to invite West Manheim Supervisors and some of the staff to the visit the 911 systems center for a tour. They would like to have the staff at the 911 systems center available to answer any questions.

Ted Clouser, Pleasant Hill Fire Chief expressed his concerns and said they can't risk the lives of the emergency responders because of the radio system failures. He said they are scared of the radio system.

Supervisor Hartlaub said they are jeopardizing lives.

Tim Hippensteel, West Manheim Police Chief said that Mr. Mendez is correct about the complaint procedures and they are given a timely response to complaints. He said the problem is with the technology.

Jan Cromer, Fire Chief Penn Township expressed his concerns and said the issues are becoming a serious problem. He believes that the 911 Center representatives involved are trying very hard. He said they should push Harris Radio because it's in the system He just wants the system to work.

Supervisor Hartlaub asked if there were any further questions, and seeing none he closed the agenda item and said the Board would now continue with the meeting agenda. He thanked the Commissioners and 911 representatives for taking the time to address the Boards concerns.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Worksession Meeting of February 21, 2012 were approved, as submitted, in a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:** The Disbursements from all Funds were approved as listed in a motion by Supervisor Woerner, seconded by Supervisor Parr and carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There were no correspondences received.

**RECREATION BOARD REPORT:** Christine Gienski, Chair, West Manheim Twp Park and Recreation Board was absent from the meeting. Copies of the monthly Park and Recreation Board report were distributed to Supervisors and Staff (copy in Township files).

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** Solicitor Linus Fenicle indicated that he had nothing to report.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Mike Knouse presented a written report of C. S. Davidson, Inc. dated March 1, 2012. Written copies were distributed to Supervisors and Staff (copy in Township files).

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Mike Knouse, C.S. Davidson reviewed the following action items from staff report:

(A) 2011 Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Item 1.

He reviewed Application for Payment No.1 – Fitz & Smit, Inc. submitted in the amount of \$17,403.61. He would recommend approval.

In a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried, the Board authorized the payment of Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$17,403.61 to Fitz & Smit, Inc.

Mike Knouse reviewed the 2012 Streets Improvements (3) Line Striping and said a Bid was submitted from Interstate Road Management for the Line Striping in the amount of \$26,655.37. He would recommend awarding the contract to Interstate Road Management.

In a motion by Supervisor Woerner, seconded by Supervisor Parr and carried, the Board authorized the awarding of the 2012 Street Improvements bid to Interstate Road Management for Line Striping in the amount of \$26,655.37.

Mike Knouse reviewed the 2012 Streets Improvements - (1) Aggregate Bid information as submitted to the Board. He would recommend the award of the contract to York Building Contracts Company.

In a motion by Supervisor Woerner, seconded by Supervisor Parr and carried, the Board authorized the awarding of the 2012 Street Improvements contract to York Building Contracts Company for the Crushed Aggregate.

Mike Knouse reviewed the 2012 Streets Improvements - (2) Bituminous Paving Material as submitted to the Board. He would recommend award the Bituminous Paving Material Contract to York Building Contracts Company.

In a motion by Supervisor Woerner, seconded by Supervisor Staaf and carried, the Board authorized the awarding of the contract for the 2012 Street Improvements (2) Bituminous Paving Material to York Building Contracts Company.

REPORTS: The Chief of Police Report for January, 2012 was approved, as distributed, in a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Staaf and carried.

The Treasurer's Report for January, 2012 was approved, as distributed, in a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Staaf and carried.

The Code Enforcement Officer's Report for January, 2012 was accepted, as distributed, in a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Staaf and carried.

The Public Works Report for January, 2012 was accepted, as distributed, in a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Staaf and carried.

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The Pleasant Hill Fire Company and Ambulance Reports for January, 2012 were accepted, as distributed, in a motion by Supervisor Parr and seconded by Supervisor Staaf and carried.

There was no SEO Report submitted for review to the Board for January, 2012.

The Utilities Supervisor's Report for January, 2012 was accepted, as distributed, in a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Staaf and carried.

The EMA Activity Report for January, 2012 was approved and accepted, as distributed, in a motion by Supervisor Parr and seconded by Supervisor Staaf and carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Kevin Null, Township Manager reviewed the Manager's report as submitted to the Board.

In a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried the Managers Report for January, 2012 was accepted, as distributed.

OLD BUSINESS:

(A) Guthrie Memorial Library – Fair Share Contribution Request

In a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Parr and carried, the Board approved the donation of \$6,000.00 to Guthrie Memorial Library, Hanover's Public Library. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) York County Board of Commissioners

The agenda item was moved on the agenda as Item 5 (A) for discussion.

(B) ALL TO BE TABLED:

Joshua Hill Farm, 124-lot Preliminary, The Warner Farm, 15-lot Preliminary, Orchard Estates-Gobrecht, 58-lot Preliminary, Preserve at Codorus Creek IV (Marlee Hill), 79-lot Preliminary, Wyndsong Pointe-Phase II, 15-lot Final, Fuhrman Mill Heights, 1-lot, 34-units-Final Plan, Fox Run Village, 25-lot Final, Steeple Chase, 12-lot Final, Community Banks, Land Development Plan, 1-lot, Homestead Acres, J.A. Myers, 134-lot Preliminary,

Benrus Stambaugh et al, Land Development Plan, Homestead Acres, 366-lot Preliminary, Reservoir Heights – Phase 2 – Section 2 – 28-Lot Final Subdivision Plan

In a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht and seconded by Supervisor Woerner, the Board tabled all the following plans: Joshua Hill Farm, 124-lot Preliminary, The Warner Farm, 15-lot Preliminary, Orchard Estates-Gobrecht, 58-lot Preliminary,

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Preserve at Codorus Creek IV (Marlee Hill), 79-lot Preliminary, Wyndsong Pointe-Phase II, 15-lot Final, Fuhrman Mill Heights, 1-lot, 34-units-Final Plan, Fox Run Village, 25-lot Final, Steeple Chase, 12-lot Final, Community Banks, Land Development Plan, 1-lot, Homestead Acres, J.A. Myers, 134-lot Preliminary, Benrus Stambaugh et al, Land Development Plan, Homestead Acres, 366-lot Preliminary, Reservoir Heights – Phase 2 – Section 2 – 28-Lot Final Subdivision Plan. Motion carried.

**SUPERVISORS AND/OR PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Stanley Werkheiser, Sara Lane said he was not able to attend the meeting during the discussions with The York Water Company regarding fluoridation of the water system. He would like to see the Township continue with the fluoridation of the water system. If a decision is to be made to discontinue the fluoridation of the water he would like to have the decision be made by a referendum and give the opportunity to the residents to make the decision.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:** Next Scheduled Meetings: Supervisors Work Session – Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisors Caucus at 6:00 p.m. Supervisors Regular Meeting - Tuesday, April 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisors Caucus at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Staaf and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Gately  
Secretary