

Lower Oxford Township
Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2010

A Special Meeting of the Lower Oxford Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Building, 220 Township Road, on Monday, September 20, 2010.

The following were in Attendance: Chairman Kenneth L. Hershey, Vice Chairman W. Ronald Kepler, Supervisor W. Ralph Cheek, Robert Yeatman, Robert Cantarera, Secretary/Treasurer Sara Laganelli, and seven guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kenneth L. Hershey called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Kenneth L. Hershey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and asked for a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mrs. Jane Smeltzer – Has comments and questions concerning the funding for the OASA USDA loan.

RECOGNITION OF THOSE ASKING TO APPEAR ON THE AGENDA

None.

Act 537 Resolution

Mr. Hershey introduced the Township's Sewer Authority Board Members: Mr. Robert Yeatman and Mr. Robert Cantarera. The purpose of this meeting was to adopt a Resolution approving the Township's part of the OASA Act 537 Plan. There was much discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Jane Smeltzer – Asked what happens if the OASA cannot pay for the \$27 million USDA loan. Questioned if the Township is being asked to cosign for the loan. Asked if funding cannot be gotten, what proportion of responsibility is of the Townships. Wanted to know if there were any alternatives to taxation. Would like to see contingencies built in so that if residents will be taxed then the developers will pay since it is going to benefit them. Noted that Lincoln Village needed sewer, now they have it available and they are not hooking up.

Mr. Stephen Elinsky – Says he owns four properties in Oxford Heights and has suffered economic loss because there is no sewer. He's attended sewer meetings since 1998. Said we are in a recession and need to put people to work but without sewer there is no development. As an outsider he can see that you either want it or you don't and if you don't then you pick apart the plan.

Ms. Chris Watters – Said she appreciates the Supervisors and wants them to do it right without hurting the people that live here.

Mr. Joel Brown – Said that the Township would have to raise taxes to 1.6 mils to pay for its share of the USDA loan. Noted that the current millage is .25 mils and that would be an average increase of \$250 per year. Said that if we don't get sewer there will be no commercial and the School taxes will increase.

Mrs. JoJo Campbell – Said that she spoke to Gary Rothroc from the USDA and he said that the OASA cannot make our taxes go up. They would have to ask the Township for help.

After all public comments were discussed; Mr. Kepler moved to adopt Resolution 2010-30. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Kepler moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Cheek seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara B. Laganelli
Secretary/Treasurer