BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2006

The monthly meeting of the Longswamp Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Longswamp Township Municipal Building, 1112 State Street, Longswamp Township, Mertztown, Pennsylvania, 7:30 p.m., prevailing time as previously advertised and posted.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. ROLL CALL.

Officials Present: Donald C. Siegfried, Chairman; Bruce E. Hall, Vice Chairman; Steven C. Wyka, Supervisor; Jill Smith, representing the Engineer; Jill Nagy, Esquire, representing the Solicitor; Joni McPike, Treasurer and Barbara Ebert, Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Siegfried called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and announced the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2006, would not take place. Draft copies of those minutes were available in the meeting hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steve Wyka made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2006; Bruce Hall seconded that motion. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Wyka made a motion accepting the Treasurer's Report for June 2006; Bruce Hall seconded that motion. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PA Renaissance Faire Tickets on Sale - $20.00/adult; $9.00/child

An Executive Session of the Board of Supervisors was held this evening from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Winfield Lease noted that he was in attendance for the recent hearing held by the DEP on the matter of the Mulberry Hills 2 Subdivision. He reported that Federal, State and County government officials discussed concerns with stream waters in the area. Public comments were made and recorded for submission with the NPDES permit application.

Mike Sacks requested an update on the Act 537 proposal. The Supervisors noted that the Township has received an initial response from the DEP to which Hanover Engineering is responding with information as requested. The Township will then await additional comments for DEP.

ENGINEERING, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – Jill Smith

The Estates of Sutherland – Preliminary Plan approval

The Planning Commission has recommended conditional Preliminary Plan approval based on conditions as documented in our Solicitor's letter dated August 11, 2006.
Median at main entrance to the development will be recessed 20-25 feet to ease fire and emergency access.

The Township Roadmaster has recommended widening of North Park Avenue to accommodate increased traffic which will be created by the development.

The developer stated that detailed landscaping will be shown on the Final Plan drawing.

A correction will be made to the plans to show that detention basin A will be fully enclosed with fencing.

Steve Wyka made a **motion** granting conditional Preliminary Plan Approval for The Estates of Sutherland based on the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission at their meeting on August 1, 2006, and as documented in the township Solicitor's letter dated August 11, 2006.

Maintenance Building Drainage Improvement Project
The Engineer and Roadmaster have reviewed drainage issues at the Maintenance Building and the Roadmaster has proposed the creation of a swale which will encroach on the Moyer, Geist and Lipeter properties. The Solicitor has prepared agreements granting right of entry and a temporary construction easement.

Steve Wyka made a **motion** authorizing the Solicitor to send letters and agreements to property owners affected by the Maintenance Building Drainage Improvement Project; Bruce Hall seconded that motion. All in favor.

Township Stormwater Ordinance
The Solicitor and Engineer are preparing a draft Ordinance updating general stormwater management including the Perkiomen Creek Watershed to be adopted in conjunction with the new SALDO.

Steve Wyka made a **motion** authorizing completion of a draft by the Solicitor and Engineer and advertise it for adoption at the September 12, 2006, Board of Supervisors meeting; Bruce Hall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Feld-3 Subdivision: Final Plan Approval
Steve Wyka made a **motion** to accept and authorize the execution of the Developer's Improvement Agreement for the Feld-3 Subdivision; Bruce Hall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Steve Wyka made a **motion** authorizing Donald Siegfried to sign and accept the the Declaration of Covenant and Agreement for Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities; Bruce Hall seconded that motion. All in favor.

Steve Wyka made a **motion** approving **Resolution 2006-17** accepting a Deed of Dedication for land to be used as an ultimate right-of-way located along Forrest Road (Township Road 854) in the Feld-3 Subdivision; Bruce Hall seconded that motion. All in favor.

Steve Wyka made a **motion** approving **Resolution 2006-18** accepting a Deed of Dedication for land to be used as an ultimate right-of-way located along Cider Mill Road (Township Road 500) in the Feld-3 Subdivision; Bruce Hall seconded that motion. All in favor.

Steve Wyka made a **motion** to accept and sign the Final Plans for Recording for the Feld-3 Subdivision conditional upon the Engineer's review of the plans; Bruce Hall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Godshall Renner Heights Subdivision – Final Plan Approval
Steve Wyka made a **motion** to accept and sign the Final Plans for Recording for the Godshall Renner Heights Subdivision; Bruce Hall seconded the motion. All in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT
Nothing at this time.

RECREATION REPORT – Bruce E. Hall
Summer Playground Program Bonus – tabled until meeting on September 12, 2006.

Back to School Dance for 6th and 7th grade students will be held September 8, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

ROADMASTER REPORT
None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
Friends of Brandywine Community Library – Lisa Hunter
Lisa Hunter reported on the status of the Brandywine Community Library noting that it operates with 4 part-time staff members on a budget of $101,000/year. Over 46,000 visitors walked through their doors and approximately 300 books were borrowed; 44% of all Longswamp residents have a library card. Last year Longswamp Township contributed $2500 to the library. The Friends of Brandywine Community Library are requesting that Longswamp Township contribute $1 per capita based on the 2000 census which will then be matched by the State.

Approve funds transfer from Capital Reserve Fund (PLGIT) to Capital Project Fund (PLGIT) in the amount of $78.000.00.
Steve Wyka made a **motion** approving a funds transfer from Capital Reserve Fund (PLGIT) to Capital Project Fund (PLGIT) in the amount of $78.000.00; Bruce Hall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Approval of Tax Collector's Requests for Exoneration to satisfy the outstanding 2004 Tax Collection Audit Findings
Steve Wyka made a **motion** granting exoneration to the Longswamp Township Tax Collector for March 2004 Per Capita Taxes in the amount of $65.00; Bruce Hall seconded. All in favor.

Steve Wyka made a **motion** granting exoneration to the Longswamp Township Tax Collector for July 2004 Real Estate Taxes in the amount of $28.23; Bruce Hall seconded. All in favor.

Steve Wyka made a **motion** granting exoneration to the Longswamp Township Tax Collector for August 2004 Real Estate Taxes in the amount of $209.71; Bruce Hall seconded. All in favor.

Steve Wyka made a **motion** granting exoneration to the Longswamp Township Tax Collector for December 2004 Real Estate Taxes in the amount of $103.39; Bruce Hall seconded. All in favor.

Approve hiring of Marybeth Hendley to assist with clerical responsibilities in the Municipal Office from August 2006 through December 2006.
Steve Wyka made a **motion** approving the hiring of Marybeth Hendley to assist with clerical responsibilities in the Longswamp Township Municipal Office from August 2006 through December 2006; Bruce Hall seconded the motion. All in favor.

RECORD NOTES

None at this time.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Steve Wyka made a **motion** to approve processing for payment, bills totaling $265,762.87; Bruce Hall seconded that motion. Roll Call Vote: Bruce Hall, Yes; Donald Siegfried, Yes; Steve Wyka, Yes.

BOARD COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Bruce Hall made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.; Steve Wyka seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara K. Ebert
Township Secretary