

MANHEIM TOWNSHIP
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Minutes, Manheim Township Board of Supervisors Meeting
February 18, 2019

The Manheim Township Board of Supervisors, York County, PA met on Monday, February 18, 2019 to transact the regular monthly business.

The following were in attendance:

Matt Muir
Larry Miller
Burnell Doll

Township Staff:

Loren Riebling, Township Manager
Gerald Shue, Road Foreman

Not present

Michelle Hershey, Secretary-Treasurer
John Elliott, Solicitor

There were 105 persons in the audience.

Chairman Muir called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

Public Comment –

Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department presented their 2018 annual report to the Board of Supervisors. Township Manager Riebling had 2 questions on the JVFD financial report. First, why are the revenue and expenses of the lady's auxiliary donations the same exact amount? JVFD representative will have to talk to Troy to find out why its listed that way. The second question is in regard to the contribution from Manheim Township and where it's listed at in the revenue section of their report. It was stated that it is was lumped in with all donations.

Chairman Muir stated that he wanted to give an update on the signs that have been placed and the letters that the residents received and where they stand as a board and what decisions have been talked about but not made. Chairman Muir stated that in September or October of last year they started hearing that North Codorus could possibly be pulling out of the SWRPD. Chairman Muir stated once they heard this the Board of Supervisors started asking question in regard to what that does to Manheim Township. Chairman Muir stated that the letters that the residents received stating the .26 cents per hour (the cost of a stamp) and other information was not approved by the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Muir stated that they have never really had an issue with any of the costs associated with the police department their concern was, is and has always been what happens if North Codorus leaves the department and their \$1,000,000.00 share is gone and what does that do to Manheim Township. Chairman Muir stated that at the end of

October 2018 North Codorus submitted their letter of intent to withdrawal in writing to the police department, which starts a 1-year ticking clock. At the end of that year North Codorus is able to get out of SWRPD and at that point they will still have to pay for the following year but not receive service. Chairman Muir stated our question has always been what do we do to prepare for when that happens. Chairman Muir stated that North Codorus pays about half the SWRPD budget, so when half the money goes out of a police department what does that look like for the remaining 3 municipalities. Chairman Muir stated that when talking to other police departments they would like a one year ramp up time. If SWRPD can't provide the coverage we want or ceases to exist because too much of the budget goes away it's their job to do what they can to make sure their residents are covered. Chairman Muir stated our question since October has been what does this force look like when North Codorus goes away. The only answer they have received so far is your budget will stay the same and you will have to rely on part time. They have no other information, does that mean they have 12 hours a day, 8 hours a day, is it morning or night, just have no idea at this point. Chairman Muir stated as Supervisors they are disappointed on a lot of this information that gets out that simply aren't questions that they are asking or something that they are bringing to light saying that we are getting out when all the Board of Supervisors is doing is asking for information. Chairman Muir stated that they are trying to be prepared so he has had conversations with State Police Commander because one of the things they wanted to find out is that Codorus Township has relied on State Police and speaking with their supervisors they've never had a complaint. Chairman Muir stated that when he talked with the Commander the way it's broken up is that they take the townships crime stats from the last 3 years, calls for service, road miles and anything that the township deems important. When the state police receive that information, they run a test and then give that information to the commandant that is in Harrisburg if they need to hire more officers for our zone they would. Chairman Muir stated that he assumed that only response for calls were done through state police and the Commander told him that, that is not true that part of their duties while covering the township is patrol time. State Police would also ask for trouble spots such as speeders and they would set up radar and they are there until they can get the speeding under control. Chairman Muir asked if a State Police representative would be able to speak at one of the meetings and they are not allowed while the township is still under contract with a regional police department. Chairman Muir stated that one of the concerns is Manheim Elementary School and that the state police routinely will go to the school and have lunch with the kids. Chairman Muir stated that the Commander said that one thing that has caused problems in the past with townships that mix and match with part time local and part time state police; it does not work. When calls come in to county control they don't know where to go, they will always go to the force that is regional first and when county control can't get ahold of them they will contact state police. Chairman Muir stated that West Manheim Township contacted Manheim Township and stated that they would be willing to sell us time. Chairman Muir stated that if we are having part time police and paying the same amount of money that may not seem like something we want to do here when there are other alternatives such as try state police which every resident pays for already or see what's out there with West Manheim, Northern Regional or West Manchester.

Vice Chairman Miller stated that he's the Supervisor Representative on the Police Board and at the Police Board level they are trying to come up with some sort of a plan that may work for everyone. Vice Chairman Miller stated that hopefully by mid-March they will have something

put together. There is a personnel committee that is trying to assemble a budget that would work with fewer officers and a considerable reduction in costs and that also involves coming up with a possible schedule that would work with fewer officers.

Resident Josette Fahey asked what is the response time for the state police for Codorus Township and how much additional time would they need to get in to Manheim Township? Chairman Muir stated that if they are in the zone and have no other calls they could be here very quick. Chairman Muir stated the Commander said that they aren't coming from Loganville they are coming from a zone that is next to us. Vice Chairman Miller stated until we know what direction SWRPD is going we can't provide any specific information.

Resident Mandy Weaver asked when you talk about \$1,000,000.00 leaving the police force and she knows the letters that came home had details in them but when you dig deeper into the past minutes from meetings it breaks it down into the fact that it wasn't mentioned how many boroughs or townships are splitting that bill. Are the 3 remaining municipalities splitting that total and how can Manheim Township eat all North Codorus's share? Chairman Muir stated Manheim Township wouldn't cover that loss, it would go out of the budget. Ms. Weaver asked if there was any talk of redistributing those funds for the idea of making it slightly more expensive to keep the coverage we have now? Chairman Muir stated that an additional \$300,000.00 isn't slightly more its double the cost. Ms. Weaver stated that she is a parent of students at Manheim Elementary School that she would give her left arm to make sure that her kids are protected on a moments notice. She's not saying that state police or the department of natural resources officers will not be there, but looking at it from all angles, is that anything that is remotely on the table? Vice Chairman Miller stated that the Police Board Personnel Committee is currently working on a way to make it work, to see if we can get something together so that all four municipalities can stay. If it still doesn't work for North Codorus and they still pull out it will still be worked on to see what it would look like for the remaining three municipalities. Ms. Weaver asked about bringing back Manheim Townships own police force and Chairman Muir stated that is something that can be talked about. Chairman Muir stated that in his conversation with the Commander he said let the people at the school know they will be covered.

Resident David Miller stated that as the maybe 4 people that regularly come to this meeting know he has been a supporter of the police force. As of receiving the letter he no longer supports the State Police, and while every word on this paper is true, the problem is it's less than 1/3 of the truth. The problem is in the other 2/3 plus that the residents have not heard anything about and what the Board of Supervisors have been trying to explain. Mr. Miller stated that the police force has been supported by four municipalities for which Manheim Township is the smallest. There have been rumors for 4 years that North Codorus was going to pull out and if everyone would have bothered to attend the meetings. The Board of Supervisors have been working all that time in what we do for all kinds of "what if's." David Miller stated again this letter is the truth, but it is such a small portion of the truth. David Miller stated that he sat in the audience and made arguments like everyone here but he was part of the few people organizing the police force. David Miller stated as the police force was set up North Codorus, the biggest, the \$1,000,000.00, the half of the cost of this force any municipality could pull out at anytime under certain laws. So 4 years ago North Codorus said they want to go with Northern Regional Police because they are going to give us a better deal. North Codorus was asked not to do that, what can

be done to help them out. Manheim Township has been talking to state police and other boroughs as well as the Chief of Police has been talking to other boroughs to see if we can get other boroughs to join us such as Southern Regional and make our own police force bigger. If North Codorus drops out there is not a darn thing we can do about it. We can float for a year on their penalty money. Anyone who drops out has to pay a penalty. It's becoming so important to North Codorus that they are going to pay the \$1,000,000.00 penalty which will float us very nicely for one year. We can't just double our budget and Spring Grove said they can't afford to pay anymore. David Miller stated that if you folks would have been coming to the meetings for the last 4 years you would have known all this stuff and he has been a supporter of the police if there was any way around it, but this paper is the junk you get from CNN and MSNBC, it's the truth highly edited, very carefully leaving out the important stuff. Mr. Miller stated this will not stand if North Codorus drops out and we sure can't take up a \$1,000,000.00 and what was already told to everyone is that we already pay for state police. Despite that he wanted to keep regional police but he's sorry, no longer will he support the Southwestern Regional Police.

Resident Brad Arnold stated that he understands that there are 4 PSP officers in 2 cars divided among a northern section and a southern section and approximately 1000 square miles in York County and wanted to know if that's correct or incorrect. Vice Chairman Miller stated that he would say that's incorrect. Vice Chairman Miller stated he spoke to the prior commander, Nicole Palmer and she told him the least that is ever on duty is 5 officers, 2 per car patrolling and supervisors travel solo. Mr. Arnold stated so the officers could be over at an accident in Fawn Grove and there could be an incident here and you are saying that they are going to get to Manheim Township in under a half hour to forty-five minutes, that's not realistic. Vice Chairman Miller stated that he thinks there is more than one barracks for the whole county but doesn't know that for sure and she told him that's the least that's ever on, and the current commander told Chairman Muir that there is an officer in your zone. Vice Chairman Miller stated he doesn't know what a zone would look like. State police is also hesitant to tell you how many actual police are on because the wrong people can count how many officers they see. Mr. Arnold stated he understands accurate data is really hard to come by right now but there are a lot of different ways to look at things. Certainly, keeping Southwestern Regional Police intact would be our highest preference if you need to look outward and onward then do that, but certainly the idea of insinuating that somehow state police is going to give us the same type of coverage as we currently get from our police force. He thinks there isn't anything accurate about that statement at all. Vice Chairman Miller stated that the one thing you can do, which is what he did, you can contact Codorus Township, Springfield Township and Shrewsbury Township. All 3 are much larger than we are and all 3 rely totally on state police and all 3 have no intention or desire to do anything different. Vice Chairman Miller stated that at one time there was a rumor that Shrewsbury Township was considering going with South Western Regional and he called them to see if this was true. Shrewsbury Township stated that is absolutely a rumor and would appreciate anything you could do to squash that rumor. Mr. Arnold stated he talked to 3 different people and got 3 different responses to what the Manheim Township Board has done. Chairman Muir stated that they talk to Supervisors, Managers and people in Codorus Township and again we haven't heard one bad thing. Chairman Muir stated until we can provide state police with all our information, they can't provide us accurate and specific information. Mr. Arnold asked if there's a way within the township such as the website to publish some of the information that was shared tonight? Chairman Muir stated yes, the township manager has put together a letter

that is comprehensive, but probably not as comprehensive as what was said because that would be pages and pages. This information will be included in the next newsletter that will go out. Chairman Muir stated we've been waiting to get this information out because we wanted a little more time, but we wanted a little more detail on what the part time looks like if North Codorus pulls out, so we could include that. We just don't have that yet to put out and don't want to put stuff out that's going to cause more questions that can't be answered yet.

Resident Katherine Weiss asked who was on the Police Board and asked if only two people were on the police board. Vice Chairman Miller stated that the police board is 8 members. Two members from each municipality; one is an elected official and the other is a resident representative. Ms. Weiss stated that she's a home care nurse and most of her territory is in Manheim Township and she can't imagine doing her job without these men and women in South Western Regional Police Department. She can't give any examples because that would compromise people's privacy, but just in the past two months she can think of four times that she doesn't know what she would have done if they didn't show before the ambulance. She's been in dangerous situations, she's been in situations that were dangerous for patients. She's had police officers sit by moms' sides while they are doing CPR on her sons overdose. She can't thank them enough as a nurse, and as a mom she thanked them again when her son was being harassed by an angry parent at a school two years ago. As a mom she has three children at Manheim Elementary School. Thanks to the police for keeping them safe and to think that the officers might not be around is just heartbreaking.

Resident Karen Scheldt reported that she has dealt with South Western and that they sit in her driveway to catch speeders. Ms. Scheldt stated that she has never seen state police. Chairman Muir stated that state police are not allowed in our township if we are contracted with someone else. Vice Chairman Miller stated that if state police were patrolling in our township while under contract with South Western Regional it would look like we don't need South Western Regional, it would be like stepping on each other's toes. Ms. Scheldt knows we have South Western but thought what was said in addition is we have the state police and she had stated she's never seen state police. Where are they? Township Manager stated that state police will assist if needed.

Resident Robert Elmiger stated that the state police have a finite amount of people on their force as they're taking up larger geographies of area then will they be hiring proportionately and then where does that money come from? Chairman Muir stated that the funds come from our state taxes for state police. Chairman Muir stated we aren't saying we aren't going to have some sort of police coverage we just don't know who yet. Chairman Muir stated if our zone would increase the need for officers with the state police then that, according to the commander, would facilitate bringing more officers to our zone. Mr. Elmiger stated that he is ex-military and he knows what the difference of one or two minutes can make especially with school shooting. Mr. Elmiger's concern is that a response time wouldn't be as quick as a local force. Chairman Muir stated that one of the things being talked about with getting the budget down to where North Codorus possibly feels comfortable is a reduction of officers. If they dropped down from 14 officers to 10 officers, we could possibly run in to the same situation. If the officers are in North Codorus Township handling an accident and something happens in Manheim township and there is only one or possibly none available and could be looking at the same thing. Response time is always key but there are so many variables with our own force. Vice Chairman Miller stated that

he wants the residents to decide and wants to make sure it's a well-informed decision. Vice Chairman Miller stated that Southwestern has 2 officers on duty and a sergeant, the sergeant is usually back at the barracks so if need be he can come out on a call and it's very easy that Southwestern doesn't have an officer available immediately. Mr. Elmiger stated that when he goes to developments, or roads that aren't state roads you almost never see a state police officer monitoring speeds and there is major danger for children, school bus stops and even coming out of your own driveway. Mr. Elmiger lives on Blue Hill Rd. and people come down that road 60 to 70 mph and eventually someone is going to get killed if we don't have people monitoring the speed. Chairman Muir stated that he touched on this briefly but one of the comments that the commander made was give them their hot spots, give them their speeders, they will sit there until they take care of it. Chairman Muir stated that it's not that Regional doesn't want to use radar, they can't so they rely on either bringing state police in for a day or two to monitor or it's the painted lines and they do timing. State police are able to use radar. With the timing system there must be an area where there is enough distance between two white lines and is visible for the officer to see. Chairman Muir stated again nothing has been decided but if it gets to that point State Police and West Manheim Township police stated they will come in and answer questions.

Resident Ethel Caudill asked if there is a change in the police department will the residents of Manheim Township have a choice to vote on it? Township Manager Riebling stated that a referendum could be done but it's a timing issue. It may or may not workout. Vice Chairman Miller stated the difficult part of this is that normally we only have 4 residents here every month and now we have 105 residents here, but we have 3300 residents and that is not a majority.

Resident Howard Witterman suggested presenting option details at a public meeting for residents to consider and/or vote on. Vice Chairman Miller asked Mr. Witterman how we are supposed to get that out to all the residents? Mr. Witterman would like a representative to articulate each argument with representatives from the police at another meeting with a bigger venue. Chairman Muir stated that's not the hard part, it's we don't know where we are headed yet. Mr. Witterman stated so we can't articulate the different options? Chairman Muir stated that he has asked the SWRPD Chief for the different options since October and we still haven't received anything on what a part time force would look like if North Codorus leaves. Chairman Muir stated that North Codorus has put their paperwork in that says they are out as of October and we still don't know what that looks like with SWRPD. Chairman Muir stated that we have been asking the questions, but the only response so far is you'll pay the same but have part time police. Mr. Witterman asked what if the residents decide that they are willing to pay x amount of dollars and Vice Chairman Miller stated we don't know what x is yet. Mr. Witterman stated as it becomes clear a presentation can be made at some point at a bigger venue and let more residents see that. Hopefully it can be narrowed down to 3 options. Mr. Witterman asked about the original agreement. Vice Chairman Miller stated the formula is a certain percent is population, certain percent is road miles and certain percent is call volume. Mr. Witterman stated that a lot of people don't know exactly what the metrics are so that we could go to Spring Grove and say you may not want to pay more but this is what the data shows, and this is what you're fighting for. Vice Chairman Miller stated that the way the agreement between the municipalities is written someone has to ask for more time, you can't ask to have your time reduced. Vice Chairman Miller stated at one point originally Spring Grove was the smallest portion of the budget, but he negotiated a deal with Spring Grove's mayor and was able to reverse that, so Manheim

Township is the smallest portion and they are paying more than us now. The fact is Spring Grove should be paying more and they are getting the best bang for the buck and they are getting more service than what they are paying for. Mr. Witterman asked if the cost vary based on the metrics you are talking about, and if Spring Grove said they aren't paying anymore aren't they violating the agreement that they originally had? Chairman Muir stated no, they can just pull out. No one has to say we are being held hostage and paying more, they can just say no we are out. Chairman Muir stated to get out you pay one year and get service, then you pay one year and you don't get service or the other escape clause that they built in is if all four entities just say we are stopping at that point nothing is paid, all the assets are divided and sold based on the percentage of the budget you pay and it just goes away. Mr. Witterman stated this is why we need a bigger venue and a lot more residents would like to hear all the options. Vice Chairman Miller stated once we know we will be more than happy to provide all the information.

Resident David Miller stated this idea of having more and more of these meetings and having more and more people come in is called sense of community. Mr. Miller stated you can not have a vote as previously stated by another resident unless you have an announcement and it has to be township wide and it has to be a recorded vote where everybody in the township gets to vote. You just don't come to a meeting and say I feel this way or that way.

Resident Lisa Schmidt asked if the Board of Supervisors can define what the township budget would look like or change if we were to drop SWRPD. Chairman Muir stated that currently our portion of the budget is \$350,000.00 of our \$1,000,000.00 budget a little over 1/3 is police coverage. Chairman Muir stated that if we went with state police that \$350,000.00 would stay in the township to do something else with such as fix up some of the roads that we haven't been able to fix over the years, some of the buildings have been here since the 60's or 70's that need updated and maybe enlarged, also discussed some of that money goes back to the residents. Chairman Muir stated we are a pretty frugal group, there has only been one tax increase in the last 18 years and gave up half that increase 2 years later when we were reassessed. So, to say we aren't fiscally responsible with our money is an understatement when all the townships around us year after year have increases. Chairman Muir stated I'm sure if we relied on state police a portion of that would go back to the residents. We don't just spend money or raise taxes to buy a truck we save for it. We might save 3 or 4 years to get the money together before we purchase a truck. The Road Department wanted a new building back in 2008 and we saw the economy going and we put it on hold. We now have \$150,000.00 trucks that aren't being kept the way they should be. The money is just not sitting here for a windfall for the supervisors to just spend.

Resident Christine Grasser asked if any other part of the budget is reliant on others such as fire or anything else. Chairman Muir stated no.

Resident Jim Monahan stated that he understands what the barrack commander told them but that is pie in the sky type thinking. You are talking if they have 2 or 3 people working at a time, you are talking about a 50% to 60% increase in his barrack and he is telling you that the governor and the state police will tell him no for the next 5 years before he gives him 1 person, that is a huge bureaucracy and he is not just going to snap his fingers and get two more troopers for this area and it's not just this area because if we are talking about doing away with SWRPD the extra trooper or two is going to be responsible for that entire area not just our township. Mr. Monahan

stated I know the commander talked to you about getting stats and we live in this township for a reason, we have very low crime, Southwest Regional is probably in our township less than the other townships for that reason and that's a good thing. Mr. Monahan would like to hear from Chief Bean. Chairman Muir stated that everything is out there right now, it's just very hard for us to actively go out with still not knowing anything. Chairman Muir stated we thought it was premature to contact other departments if we want to make arrangements. I guess now it's not if we are going to have this kind of showing. Maybe we should get some budgetary stuff together and talk to West Manheim and West Manchester to get numbers to see where we stack up. Vice Chairman Miller stated nothing is ruled out we are still working on trying to keep all four together. Vice Chairman Miller stated to keep facts straight, Mr. Monahan said one thing that needs to be corrected; Mr. Monahan said that it's not just Manheim Township, it's all four using the state police and that is incorrect. We are just talking about Manheim Township. North Codorus is going to contract with someone else, Spring Grove and Heidelberg indicated they will contract with someone else if Southwestern fails.

Resident Rose Kirkpatrick asked if for the next meeting if they could have the data to support the amount of hours that we have for the police department in our township and then what kind of cost we are getting, how is that spread out over the course of the year. Chief Bean stated that the 2017 annual report is on the website and the 2018 stats will be done in a couple of weeks.

Resident Kevin Kidd, LVFD Chief, stated that Lineboro Fire Department covers a little over half of Manheim Township. Mr. Kidd stated that 90% of the residents who have talked tonight are spot on. One thing that he would like to bring up to Chief Bean and the Southwestern Regional Police Department, or what ever police coverage lands in Manheim Township, we as the fire department rely on the police department to effectively do our jobs. If their assistance is delayed it may effect our response, but if your house is on fire we are coming, obviously. There are a lot of medical issues and the fact of the matter is in 2019 we are not running fires every day. 80% of what they do is medical and with a lot of medical calls we require the police departments assistance. With an extended response time from the police department it is in turn going to affect your fire and EMS service. We are the only fire department that covers in Manheim Township that provides advanced life support that is vitally important. This is why we as the fire department and the spokesperson for Lineboro as well as a township resident he's very adamant that a well informed decision be made. Mr. Kidd stated no disrespect to Chairman Muir but the information that the state police commander shared with you that there is no additional response time is 100% inaccurate. Chairman Muir stated that the commander never said that. Mr. Kidd stated that Chairman Muir stated earlier that he said the response time would very similar. Chairman Muir stated that's what he told me. Mr. Kidd stated that is 100% inaccurate and the reason he can tell him that is because we had the unfortunate or fortunate pleasure of sharing a small portion of Codorus Township in our territory, which everyone knows is covered by the state police in comparison to the Manheim Township which is currently covered by SWRPD. There is a night and day difference in police response times. When they are sitting out there with a street closed, we have a police officer so we can move vehicles, get patients, they provide our safety with traffic control until they are done with their part of the incident and then we turn it over to them and get out of their way. They are very important to us. And in regard to the time that it takes a state police officer, if they are in the area for some other reason the response times are very equivalent to SWRPD. On a day to day basis hands down they are smoked and SWRPD

will get them every day. Chairman Muir stated that's the information I like to hear. He's had one conversation with the commander for 45 minutes and we've just started getting information. Mr. Kidd stated he looks forward to hearing more and if they need any input from the fire department he would be more than glad to sit with them.

Resident Jane Wilson stated that she can vouch for Lineboro and what Chief Kidd stated she is also part of Lineboro's lady's auxiliary.

Resident Mandy Weaver stated that in regard to the gentleman who has spoken twice as well in reference to the amount of people here this evening. She's sorry that the meetings to this point haven't been well attended but as a mom of 3 kids who works on Monday nights she also had to rearrange to be here, but she made it because it's very important to her. Ms. Weaver stated that the majority of us came because of the letter. Ms. Weaver stated you send out a newsletter that she actually reads and she thinks a lot of people do. So, four months ago when rumors started whether they were rumors or not, maybe we could have said hey, we might have a problem coming up and if you care about your township, get to the township meetings and let's start hashing this out now. The township could have also utilized the school where you have 207 children, 235 families, the PTO which she heads would have been absolutely happy to put out any information on their page which is utilized on a social media account to get that information out. She understands it's a bigger world and she understand the other end of that spectrum, but you can push information out very quickly if you need too. She's not saying the board dragged their feet, but heard words like I guess we better get on that. Those things are terrifying when you are talking about the potential of having someone respond to someone breaking in to your home. Chairman Muir stated that we are going to respond to this and strongly. First of all 4 months ago we had nothing to get out, we had rumors of somebody pulling out, we had nothing to put out and at that point if we put things out that aren't true we are the horrible township that puts information out that's not true. So, to just sit here and talk about rumors we couldn't do. Chairman Muir stated we have the remainder of this year and supposedly next year and still have their money so all these police forces have wanted to ramp up so we are probably still a year and a half to where we have to make a decision. Chairman Muir stated we are not just sitting up here twiddling our thumbs and deciding on what we are going to do with police coverage. That has not happened anyway, shape or form. Ms. Weaver stated respectfully that there are people that are wanting and willing to help. Maybe it doesn't work on a Monday night at 7:00 pm but you have your community and resources. She will help and offered her own services. She just thinks there are other ways to get information out, if you have it now, lets do it now, if you have it in four months tell us then. Utilize your newsletter, utilize things like that and inform your community that the gentleman spoke about that is now here, whether we weren't here before, we are now here.

Resident Geraldine Ambrosius stated that everyone is talking about wanting information, that everyone is invited to attend the SWRPB meetings. Ms. Ambrosius stated that these 3 men have been elected by all of you and they have been working. Ms. Ambrosius stated Vice Chairman Miller has been working, he has a meeting he has to attend every month and there should be minutes on the internet from the SWRPB meetings that everyone can read. Ms. Ambrosius stated I'm here every month and all of you should be.

Resident Michael Wellein stated that he's lived in this area for 25 years and he comes from Maryland. The way you do things up here is so backward. No one has mentioned that we are being surrounded by populations from Maryland. There are little cities going up behind Walmart and you are trying to tell him they are going to have enough officers to cover all these people that are moving here. It's a shame that you have to negotiate for a police department, that's insane. Why can't there be county police like Maryland.

Resident Melanie Proepper stated that she lived in Codorus Township for 10 years and had a husband who was a drunk and belligerent and she waited an hour for someone to come and help me and my kids and they never came. It happened 3 or 4 times and once they never came and the other times it took 45 minutes to an hour.

Resident Kevin Dickmyer stated that state police do rank their call differently in reference to domestic type calls, he's not sure if that is accurate or not but that was information that was provided to him is that domestic type incidents go very low on their rankings on how they deliver service. Again not sure if that's accurate or not. Mr. Dickmyer stated that he volunteered with Lineboro for 25 years and that he can tell you without a doubt that Chief Kidd is accurate on his facts in regards to response times being much longer in Codorus Township for accident scenes than it is in Manheim Township. Mr. Dickmyer asked if Southwestern Regional has taken a look at possible mergers with other regional departments to utilize economy of scale. Vice Chairman Miller stated yes we have repeatedly tried.

Resident Deb Spanhake stated she's been a resident for 40 years and recently called SWRPD and they have responded on an ongoing issue with a personal family affair in regards to her son. Ms. Spanhake asked if anyone can define crimes to her. Chairman Muir stated there are all different classes of crime. Ms. Spanhake doesn't have a problem with the response time, we need a police force hands down, the community needs a police force. She has no qualms with the police force, the qualms she does have is with certain police officers being biased with past experiences and that shouldn't happen with any kind of stations or response to what was going on. Chairman Muir stated that if you have complaints like that I'm sure that Chief Bean would love to hear them or you can drop them off at the township. Ms. Spanhake stated that she was in Loganville and stopped by the state police barracks and she asked them if they would respond if she would call them and they said they can't step over the other responders unless the DA orders the state police to get involved.

Resident David Schmidt asked if we have 24/7 coverage and Chairman Muir stated yes. Mr. Schmidt asked if we go with state police is it 24/7 coverage and Chairman Muir stated yes. Mr. Schmidt asked if we always have two cars on patrol in the Southwestern Regional area? Vice Chairman Miller stated yes.

Resident Steve Hersh asked what the time frame is where a decision has to be made. Vice Chairman Miller stated the police department wants 6 months. North Codorus was told they need to have a final decision by June 1st and that's why they are on a push to get something put together that may work for all four. North Codorus turned in their notice and it was effective January 1, 2019 which means this is the year that they are receiving service. Next year will be when they still pay their share but will not receive service. For Manheim Township we don't

know how this is going to play out, but we currently have a year to a year and a half to make a decision. Chairman Muir stated that it becomes a little clearer on June 1st because they will know if they are staying or if they are going. So, as of June 1st with all the stuff that is up in the air, budgets are being proposed with 4 and right now there are no budgets out with 3 municipalities. Chairman Muir stated the question is can we still have the same type of service with half the money, so at that point that's where their decision making then becomes more critical once we know for sure. Chairman Muir stated that there is a chance that what you all know and love now may not be the same force if North Codorus leaves.

Resident Carlos Snyder stated he spoke with a lot of residents in Codorus Township. They have an elementary school in their township and they probably have speeders too. The residents he talked to have no interest in local police and has read that Red Lion has dropped their local police force and is now going with state police. Mr. Snyder asked is there a way that the township can pay state police for additional services? Chairman Muir stated no we can't. Mr. Snyder stated that he feels just as safe in Codorus Township with state police as he does in Manheim Township with SWRPD.

Resident Karen Scheldt asked that if we get state police would they would be willing to hire 3 people? Chairman Muir stated that the state police said that perhaps they would hire more people. Ms. Scheldt stated that it takes forever to get to Manheim Township. Chairman Muir stated we don't know anything about response times. The information we are providing is only from a 45 minute phone call to one place and the reason we did that was because one of our residents was really interested in the school district asset. That is the only reason state police was contacted at this point because we aren't ready to say we want you or even to do a proposal.

Resident Bob Elmiger asked if the current officers of SWRPD can be assimilated into another local police department if we go with a different local police force? Chairman Muir stated that is not our decision to make.

Resident David Schmidt stated that in trying to keep North Codorus in, you said they requested less than half the hours they are paying for currently. If they do negotiate a lower number of hours, his first question is are they using their hours already that they are paying for? Chief Bean stated yes and no if the community buys 100 hours the state says its good to have 50% of those hours used while the officers are on a call, 50% is unobligated where they are driving around someone's community looking for speeders. Chief Bean stated to be clear North Codorus had asked that from another agency and SWRPD came back and said we will try to cut hours as much as we can, but they can't get down to 100. Mr. Schmidt asked if we renegotiated lower hours, what happens when they reach their hours, do you stop responding to them? Chief Bean stated no, we aren't close to that. Spring Grove is the closest to that, where Spring Grove had a homicide last December they put a ton of hours in to that, the outcome was good after the fact, but they were way over their hours for that month. There is a cushion of time that they may have patrolled a little less in Spring Grove to make up for it. Chief Bean stated that since 2005 they track those number and hours and they are within 1 -1000th of a percentage point of being accurate. Mr. Schmidt asked if there are any statistics to say what happens to cars or crime rates when we don't have coverage 24/7? Chief Bean stated he can give real life. Manheim Township had two officers working, Heidelberg had 3 officers working and North Codorus had 5 officers.

They were all full-time officers, but it didn't cover the entire shift. So, if an officer in North Codorus is scheduled until midnight and then no one is scheduled after that they call the state police and say "tag your it" and then calls that come in at that point will go to the Loganville Barracks. The example I just gave you is probably the best one to help you answer that question. A reduction of 47% of part 1 and 2 crimes occurred from that scenario (part time with the state police to where we are today) and he is very proud of that. Chief Bean stated that he doesn't know that you could get a better example of the difference between additional police all the time knowing the residents, caring about what's going on versus a little more sporadic way to provide service.

Resident Barbara Mills asked what is the response time in Manheim Township? Chief Bean does not know because if he said it was 3, 8 or 10 minute response time it would be skewed because of the way it works. We talked about priority calls. A priority call is going to be a lot less than where a person calls in and an officer is already on another call and it's a barking dog that happened yesterday, so the priority sort of slips a little bit, but what occurs is the officers all have cell phones and will call that person and tends to make them ok. So if it's a 30 minute versus a 3 minute, it all depends on the type of call. Chief Bean stated that they just don't keep those averages because it's a drop everything call they will be here, but of course having as many as 6 officers in the 70 square miles beats the 1000 square miles the state police has to deal with. They are great guys, but they are on 83, every call on 83 is the state police. They are 500 troopers short right now and that's not getting any better and they don't have the resources. So that's the advantage of paying a little more. Ms. Mills asked how many cars are patrolling? Chief Bean stated that there are 2 zones and then there is a cover car. At 8:00 am there are 3 available in 2 zones. At 2:00 pm a cover car comes in so now there are 4. There is an investigator who normally works during the day and then the sergeants are working too which equals 6. There are as many as 4 patrol cars and then 2 backup positions that would respond.

Resident Matt Burgan asked if North Codorus leaves what does day to day operations look like. Chief Bean stated its tough to give that exact answer because they haven't spent a lot of time on that. We are trying to keep them in. Chief Bean stated if we lose half our budget over night and at that point they tell us in June they have 6 months, then we have their \$1,000,000.00 the next year so things aren't too bad for that year and a half. At that point staffing is the biggest expense and will suffer, but we can continue to look for communities who want to buy hours. They have tried this for a lot of years and hasn't gone in our favor, but we would love to do that to be able to try and replace that income as best as possible. Whether that works or not, there are other regional departments in our county, that's not out of the question either. Chief Bean stated worst case scenario is that they wouldn't have enough people to cover 24/7. That's not great but its better coverage than not having it, but it's not his goal.

Resident Rob Perry asked who sent the letter? Chairman Muir stated the Police Association.

Chairman Muir stated that Chief Bean articulated that very well. The only reason for our discussion was not that we are dissatisfied with what we have, he couldn't have said it any better. If \$1,000,000.00 walks what does that mean, we don't have 24/7 coverage. That has been there conversation, if that happens how do we get back to 24/7, that's it. Chairman Muir thanked Chief Bean for explaining everything.

Resident Josette Fahey had a question regarding Smoketown road being in terrible condition mainly because the tractor trailers traffic. Is there anyway they can be prevented from traveling on Smoketown Rd. Vice Chairman Miller asked Township Manager Riebling if they tried to do something with that when they addressed the bridge weights? Riebling stated that was primarily Codorus Township trying to keep them driving down Smoketown Rd. The state had scheduled 17 pipe replacements, they had the pipes marked out for cutting them out, so he thought that was going to progress and then there was a change in management. Riebling doesn't know where the project stands at this point. Chairman Muir stated he thought that Codorus had tried to put some weight restrictions on some of the bridges to reroute them a different way. Ms. Fahey asked is there anything we can do to keep them on 216? Chairman Muir stated unfortunately that's a state road. Riebling stated that these are public roads and the only restriction we have that we can ask the state to put on is based on width and if they exceed total maximum weight on the roads. They can contact PennDOT because it's a state road. Ms. Fahey asked if there were any plans for a dog park over at the recreation park? There was general discussion indicating there are no plans at this time.

Resident Jim Wright asked if anything can be done about the rat's nest next to his house that's been that way for the last 25-30 years. Riebling stated it's a situation where its probably been 3 or 4 years since he's been in touch with the owners. It's a family owned house that they tried to maintain but now the glass is broken out of it and its really get dilapidated. Riebling stated that it's a situation where we would have to adopt an ordinance. Riebling stated he has been unable to contact anyone. Riebling suggested the board drive by and look at the property and they may quickly be on board having an ordinance drafted.

Consent Motion Package

Chairman Muir made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Miller, to approve the consent package consisting of: minutes January 7, 2019, Tax Collector Report December 2018 and January 2019, Planning Commission Minutes January 10, 2019 (Approved) & February 7, 2019 (Draft), Recreation Committee Minutes February 13, 2019 (Draft) and reports from the following: Manager, Zoning, Treasurer, Road Department, SEO (January), SWRPD – Approved Minutes/Reports & Monthly Statistics (12/2018 & 01/2019).

Vote 3-0

A. Solicitor Report –

Mason Case update – Finalizing the petition for summary judgement.

B. Committee Reports –

1. Southwestern Regional Police Department –

Next SWRPB meeting, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm at 6115 Thoman Road.

Chief Bean reported that they have as many as 6 officers during certain times of the day that can respond. Chief Bean is sitting behind the desk but when it gets pretty thick he responds too. Chief Bean reported how things were setup 17 years ago when he was hired on as Chief to disband Manheim Twp, North Codorus Twp and Heidelberg Twp and that's how SWRPD

started and Spring Grove Borough joined afterwards. When the department started it was decided on how many hours to buy, so it's a very exact way on how they provide service. There is a certain amount population and that's what it's mostly based on, so you pay that portion of the budget and then you get that much time. It's fair and equitable. He's talked to the Manheim Township Board for years that it's the least busy township and would like to try and figure out a way to sell Manheim Township less hours but that's not an easy task. Chief Bean stated that DCNR are great folks and they would never respond to a call here unless SWRPD or the state police have requested it. DCNR is not a department that would come here and handle a burglary problem they just aren't designed that way. Chief Bean stated that North Codorus has created shock waves quite frankly with what he does and that puts Manheim Township in a pickle, there is no doubt about it, and some tough decisions that have to be made based on the residents' input but they haven't left yet. Chief Bean stated as Vice Chairman Miller stated earlier they are trying to negotiate a better cost, a better price. Chief Bean stated the problem is we've been the least expensive regional department in York County since inception and almost in the state so, we are doing things very reasonably priced but the situation in North Codorus is they buy x number of hours, 250 hours a week and they want to cut down to somewhere around 100 hours per week. So, they want to cut their time more than in half, will that affect their services there, absolutely. Chief Bean stated this is what is creating problems for Manheim Township's community because now we are faced with a \$1,000,000.00 less. Chief Bean stated that he knows that Heidelberg and Spring Grove have said they are in it and aren't going anywhere so, we are encouraging Manheim Township to talk with those 2 municipalities to try to figure out a way if North Codorus left. Chief Bean stated that all our time and effort hasn't been to figure out what happens if they leave, it's been working on how to keep them, to try and figure out a way to cut cost. Chief Bean stated the reason SWRPD got started was because things weren't working so well. Chief Bean stated he talked to Dan Baugher who was one of the founders here in Manheim who wanted better service, round the clock and so they invented this regional concept where they all came together and they all paid a fair portion and you got that much time. Chief Bean stated it's worked for all those years and he just saw a statistic the other the day which even surprised him that when they first got started their first full year of service was 2003 and they looked at all the crime stats in that year and compared it to just last year in 2018. Crime has gone down regional wide 47%. Chief Bean stated there is a reason for that it's because they do respond to domestics in a timely matter before somebody is victimized. Having that local service does make a difference. Chief Bean stated that you can cut out SWRPD if you want to save the money but as you've heard already by people in the field, don't think that for half a second that is the same, it's different. Chief Bean uses the example of if you check in to a hotel and it's a pretty good price and there is one employee working, if your sink never clogs, you don't even know that there is one person working, things are great no big deal. On the other hand if there are a hundred people in a hotel and there is a problem and only one person working that's because there is less service, less service providers and it's the difference and it's why the residents have decided to pay a higher level for policing when you can get it for free or something like free. Chief Bean stated you want that higher level, that service, you want to be able to pick up the phone and call and somebody will respond, it's that different. If that's not what you want that is understandable and that's ok but there is a huge difference. Chief Bean stated that he knows the commander at Loganville as well and he is a very proud person. Their dictate is to give you service if there isn't regional. Right now our dictate is to give you the best service possible and there is a difference. Please know that based on the fact that there are more

officers working at any particular time. Chief Bean stated just a couple of things that he thinks make sense. All he can say is for 17 years we've been doing it, you own 17% of our police station and I'm not so sure why you'd give it up very quickly. It will be a very inexpensive cost to you as it has been. Whether its federal government, state government or local government, the first responsibility of the government is public safety. There are a lot of other services that they provide but by all accounts, that's the way it should be. Chief Bean stated that he's okay with 1/3 of Manheim Township's budget going to public safety because he thinks that makes sense. They do have to sit down and work with all four communities to try to make this thing happen because we are better together than apart, there is just no doubt about that. Chief Bean stated that you have my assurance that most of my waking hours are spent to try to make this thing work. If for some reason North Codorus cuts out, and we should know by June 1st, then we will sit down again and then we will rewrite the books and see if it looks tempting. Its not a decision you have to make very quickly, but we would love to stay together. He's not so sure why you would throw out what has worked for a lot of years.

Resident Geraldine Ambrosius asked Chief Bean what will the incident at Spring Grove do to our liability insurance? Chief Bean stated that the incident would be where an officer, by all accounts, during the course of arresting somebody accidentally shot this gentleman. Chief Bean stated that's about as ugly as it gets. How does that transfer in to a cost? Well every police department is a high liability business. We take away peoples freedom, we carry firearms and we sometimes drive over the speed limit, so it's a very high liability. Chief Bean stated that they have insurance that covers that. The insurance carrier has told them that they are on the bottom of the bottom of the pack for what we pay compared to other policing because they just haven't had many accidents, not made many mistakes, so they are very low to start with. What usually happens is if some money is provided to this person who was hurt because of the officer they will receive x amount of dollars. The liability rating won't be as good as it is today because they paid out money. Chief Bean stated that in 17 years they paid out one other time and that was \$3,000.00. Anyone in the liability business knows that doesn't even pay the lawyer. The cost will go up but he doesn't have any idea on how much, but he guarantees it will still be below average. Ms. Ambrosius asked Chief Bean if he thinks they will have to go to state insurance? Chief Bean stated absolutely not.

Chairman Muir stated he has one question just so these residents kind of know what the Board of Supervisors is up against. Chief Bean made the comment that he is okay that Manheim Township is paying 1/3 of our budget right now for the service that we receive and Chairman Muir stated so are we. Chairman Muir stated we have approved those budgets, but please let these people know that if North Codorus leaves that 1/3 of the budget does not buy us the same service. Chief Bean stated that we have to sit down and do it. Chief Bean told Chairman Muir that because Chairman Muir said he had to know, he was trying. Chairman Muir stated he knows and agrees but just so that these people know that's our difficulty our budget doesn't buy what we have if North Codorus leaves and that's where these decisions and everything comes in to play. Chief Bean stated absolutely and that's why we are trying to keep it together at all costs. Chairman Muir stated he agrees and that SWRPD hasn't received any letters from Manheim Township saying that we are going anywhere.

2. EMA –

None

3. Rec. Board –

Next meeting on March 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Barb Mills stated that they are still looking for volunteer members for planned events.

4. Local Government Advisory Committee-

Next meeting on March 11, 2019.

C. Subdivision –

Bertha Berwager – 2 Lot Subdivision & MR Applications

This application was accepted for review and consideration at the November 19, 2018, Board of Supervisors meeting. The extended review period will expire on April 18, 2019.

This application has been reviewed by all required agencies.

Based on the nature of the application and the agency comments, the following recommendations are being made:

Grant all four modification requests that include:

- A. Section 403.A.1.b – Plan scale requirements, Due to the size of the property, the applicant is proposing a scale of 1”=60’.
- B. Section 403.C – Existing & proposed features plan on separate sheets. The applicant will provide this on one sheet.
- C. Section 405.D.3 – Erosion and sedimentation control plan approved by YCCD. The applicant has not made final plans for the actual location of the new home and wants to defer this approval until the time a Zoning Permit is sought. A note has been placed on the plan requiring YCCD approval prior to any permits being issued.
- D. Section 502.1.N – The number of required concrete monuments. Due to the number of curves, an alternative of 2 concrete monuments was proposed.

Grant provisional unconditional approval with the following provision to be verified by the Zoning Officer prior to release of certified plans for recording:

1. DEP approval of the sewage planning module.
2. Payment of any outstanding engineer review costs.
3. Payment of recreation fee in the amount of \$1,000.00

Chairman Muir made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Miller to Unconditionally approve the Bertha Berwager – 2 Lot Subdivision & MR Applications with the recommended provisions to be verified as stated.

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New Applications:

Meckley Property – Separation Plan & MR Application

This application was submitted on February 6, 2019. The initial completeness review was completed on February 11, 2019, with 14 deficiencies found. The review letter was sent out on February 13, 2019, indicating that the application cannot be accepted due to being incomplete. The corrected application will be resubmitted for acceptance at the March 18, 2019 meeting. Board action to reject the application as incomplete is needed.

Vice Chairman Miller made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Doll to reject the incomplete application for the Meckley Separation & MR Application as presented.

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D. Unfinished Business –

None

E. New Business–

MACP Mowing Contract – Bid Advertising & Letting for 2019-2021

Chairman Muir made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Doll to Authorize MACP Mowing Contract – Bid Advertising & Letting for 2019-2021.

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Office Closing on July 5, 2019

Riebling reported that a situation came up that he had already scheduled a weeklong vacation and Secretary-Treasurer's daughter is now in a very high-level fast pitch program and they will be out of town Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

Purchase Requisitions

New Tractor Purchase – Budgeted \$80,000.00 for this purchase (\$25,000.00 from GF; \$36,700.00 from SF; \$52,700.00 from CRF, with \$35,000.00 of this for a used bucket truck). Both of the following are CoStars discount contracts that do not require bidding. The prices both include a front 3-point hitch and PTO. The Road Foreman is recommending the John Deere due to more cab room for mower controls, superior ergonomics, a heavier front hitch for plowing, shatter resistant glass, and better visibility from the cab. The price differential is \$3,535.10.

1. \$70,925.30 – CoStars New Holland price (29% Discount) with trade allowance of \$14,000.00.
2. \$74,460.40 – CoStars John Deere price (25% Discount) with trade allowance of \$14,700.00

Chairman Muir made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Miller to approve option 2 \$74,460.40 – CoStars John Deere price (25% Discount) with trade allowance of \$14,700.00 as presented.

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Road Department – 3 each, 36" 2x4 stock boxes with tops & grates for Trone Rd.– Monarch Products, \$2,186.00 SF

Road Department – 1 24" x 20' SLCPP Pipe for Trone Rd.– DB Krieg, \$289.00 SF

Vice Chairman Miller made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Doll to approve the purchase requisition as presented.

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Training Notices

Road Foreman attended a flagger certification course at PSATS HQ on 1/15/19. The cost was \$50.00, and the certification is good for 3 years.

Road Department attended a free DGLVR maintenance seminar at Lower Windsor Township on 2/15/19 from 8-12. This was a free informative session. It is required training in order to be eligible for DGLVR Grants.

Road Department – LTAP Course; Common maintenance practices for unpaved and gravel roads, East Manchester Township on 4/8/19 from 8-12. No charge – provided through PennDOT.

Chairman Muir made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Miller to approve the training notices as presented.

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Next Meeting – March 18, 2019 @7:00 pm

With no further business Chairman Muir adjourned the meeting at 9:31 pm.