

# LEHIGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 14, 2024

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** The Lehigh Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on May 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Lehigh Township Municipal Building, 1069 Municipal Road, Walnutport Pa. 18088. Vice Chairman Jerry Pritchard called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Present:       Cindy Miller  
                  David Hess  
                  Janet Sheats  
                  Jerry Pritchard  
                  Attorney David Backenstoe  
                  Alice Rehrig  
                  Mike Muffley  
                  Liz Amato  
                  Scott Fogel  
                  Frank Zamadics

Absent:         Mike Jones

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Vice Chairman announced the Board met in an Executive Session prior to the start of the meeting to discuss personnel matters. No action was taken.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of April 9, 2024. Janet Sheats made a motion to approve these minutes. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS.

- A. General Fund Checks 27690 to 27778. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve these bills. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. Jerry Pritchard questioned if the truck with the bad transmission was back in service. Frank Zamadics confirmed it was back in service. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. State Fund Check 1595. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve this bill. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

IV. **PLANNING RELATED ITEMS**

A. Plan for Approval

1. John and Dennis Moyer Lot Consolidation Plan. Dennis Moyer was present to represent this plan. This plan was granted conditional approval by the Planning

Commission on April 8, 2024. There are three waivers that are being requested and the Board would need to determine whether the payment of Recreation Land Fees is appropriate for this plan. Cindy Miller noted the Planning Commission does not typically waive recreation fees; it is up to the Board of Supervisors to set the fee. Mr. Moyer commented he feels his plan falls under the exception of the ordinance because there is no new lot being created, this is a lot consolidation plan, and there is an existing structure on the lot. Mike Muffley commented the purpose of the land development plan is to build a new structure.

Cindy Miller made a motion to grant the requested waivers of SALDO Section 147-9.A., regarding showing all existing features within 50 feet of the tract boundary, Section 147-9.A(10) and 10.A(16), regarding showing the location of all manmade features within 50 feet of the project boundary, including inverts, size, material of utilities, etc., and Section 147-12.B(3) regarding the requirement to show the location, size, arrangement and capacity of all areas to be used for motor vehicle access, off-street parking, off-street loading and unloading, including location, dimensions, grades and materials proposed for paving and curbing. David Hess seconded the motion. Jerry Pritchard questioned why the Board would consider waiving the requirement for paving. Mike Muffley commented the new driveway area is only a small stone area accessing the back building. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Cindy Miller made a motion to table the determination of the recreation fees until the next meeting. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Cindy Miller made a motion to grant this plan conditional approval subject to the items in the Township Engineer's letter dated April 8, 2024, the Planning Commission's letter dated April 18, 2024. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

**B. Extension of Time for Plan Recording**

1. **Turkey Hill Land Development Plan.** No one was present to represent this plan. The deadline for recording the plan is May 31, 2024. The Board raised concerns about the continuing of extensions for this plan, particularly since no one attended the meeting. Mike Muffley commented he would like to verify that there is no liability to the Township with regard to the Cherryville Intersection since the Township's permit was predicated upon Turkey Hill completing their improvements. Attorney Backenstoe suggested this matter be tabled until the next meeting and have Alice Rehrig get in contact with the traffic engineer and

representatives from Turkey Hill. Cindy Miller made a motion to table this plan until the next meeting. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. Release of Escrow/Maintenance Period for Northampton Area School District. Mike Muffley reported the elementary school was completed approximately a year and a half ago. When the project was completed, they were required to post security for the maintenance period of 18 months. The 18 months maintenance period has been completed and he conducted a final inspection and there were no issues; therefore, it would be his recommendation to release the \$ 163,848.94 security that is being held and conclude this project. Cindy Miller made a motion to release the security of \$163,848.94. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- D. Engineer's Report. Mike Muffley reported the Planning Commission agenda this month only consisted of a Zoning Hearing Board advisory review. There were no new plans before the Planning Commission.
1. 3963 Recker Drive. Mike Muffley reviewed this property in response to a stormwater related concern. The property is located at the end of a cul-de-sac and at a low point as far as drainage is concerned. This is a development that was built approximately 50 years go. The drainage comes off the cul-de-sac. There are a few best management practices in place to help direct the water around the driveway and the yard. There are also a couple of features of the property that promote the stormwater to flow towards the driveway. As far as the Township is concerned, this would be an existing condition from when the development was created. The homeowner could take actions to help direct the stormwater on their property if they are having on site issues, but the stormwater does have to flow off the street and make its way down stream. The water will travel at its own path. The way the lot was created and where the buildings are, the water will flow the way it is flowing. It is more of a homeowner issue. The Board agreed a letter should be sent to the homeowner letting them know the engineer reviewed the site and the conditions of the roadway are in accordance with the approved plan and the lot features are what is creating the problem.

Linda Roman questioned if the Township did any paving along Recker Drive at any time. Mike Muffley commented there is no obvious changes to original roadway. Nothing occurred on that road which would have changed the flow of roadway.

Katherine Mack commented a priority for 2024 was to develop a plan of the parks and repair the wall at Berlinsville. Where do these projects stand? Cindy Miller

commented she asked Alice Rehrig to place the park plan on the agenda for the next meeting. Jerry Pritchard commented they are looking to address the wall after baseball season ends this fall.

V. DEPARTMENTAL/ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

- A. Recreation Report. Sandy Hopkins reported the Northern Lehigh/Palmerton Senior Night game was played at Bryfogle Park on May 7. The Recreation Board had the refreshment stand open and the entire Recreation Board was present to help.

Skylar from Suburban YMCA will be taking over the summer camp program. She has contacted the School District about using the elementary school from Monday through Thursday and would only need to use Danielsville Park on Fridays.

The pet inoculation clinic will be held on at the Municipal Building on Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dr. Shelly from Blue Ridge Veterinary Clinic will be administering the shots. The charge will be \$30 for rabies vaccines and \$35 for distemper shots.

The Blue Mountain Fish and Game will be holding a basket raffle on June 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The proceeds from the raffle will be for Furry Feet Rescue and the Recreation Board. The Fish and Game are looking for basket donations.

- B. Public Works. Frank Zamadics reported the Public Works Department is starting to prepare roads for the chip seal project. Weather permitting, they will be starting on Hickory Road tomorrow and continue with the roads from there. The order of drainage pipe has also been received. Once the roads are ready, they will start working on the pipe projects.

Jerry Pritchard questioned if the weeds on Aspen Drive by the ballfield can be taken care of. Frank Zamadics commented he sprayed the weeds at the field. They generally use the roadside mower to cut the bank to prevent erosion issues from cutting too low with the weed whackers.

Katherine Mack noted the dog park really looks good. There was a suggestion by some people if more mats could be placed in the large dog park because of how much use and wear there is on that side.

- C. Zoning Report. Liz Amato reported she received 65 new permit applications in April. 43 permits were issued. There were 9 new complaints received.

The Zoning Hearing Board will be meeting this week to hear a special exception, variance request and a use variance and validity challenge for a principal solar energy project.

The Zoning Hearing meeting for June was moved up to June 5 because the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor was not able to make the meeting. It will be to hear a special exception for a home occupation and a variance for driveway slope for a new home.

The company who is proposing a principal solar energy property for the Michele McBride property has complete everything they needed to do with Moore Township. They will be coming into the June Planning Commission meeting for their advisory report. Once they do that, they will need to schedule a conditional use hearing with the Board.

- D. Police Report. Chief Fogel reported the past six weeks have been very busy for the department, but their crashes have been down by 50 percent. Some of the incidents they have had over the past six weeks were a check fraud case at EAG that was over \$11,000. The individual was from Delaware and turned himself in. There previously was a distraction burglary, home invasion on Myrtle Road. Two people have now been arrested in this case. One was found in a hotel near the airport and the second was in Illinois. They were both transported back to Northampton County and are awaiting their hearing dates. A domestic standoff took place on Steven Lane that started at 11:00 p.m. and ran until about 11:00 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. the following day and continued on for another four hours at the hospital because they had to maintain security for the individual who was taken into custody. In addition to assistance from the State Police, there was also assistance from Walnutport Borough, Moore Township, Slatington Borough and North Catasauqua Borough. Chief Fogel also wanted to give Eli Batihk credit for his handling of the situation. He established a really good rapport with the individual having the crisis and was able to talk his way through to getting him to surrender. He also did a good job with handling the scene of the dump truck roll over which ended up in a fatality. He stepped up very well with both of these cases. Sargeant Henry also spent 14 hours on the Appalachian Trail with the call for the lost hiker, who unfortunately was located deceased.

May 31<sup>st</sup> will be the Movie in the Park. They will be showing The Incredibles. This will be held at Danielsville Park at dusk. They will be having the snack stand open, serving popcorn and drinks, and probably hot dogs.

National Night Out will be taking place on Tuesday, August 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Indiantrail Park.

Today, he learned that the 2015 Explorer is in need of a timing chain, water pump, and head gasket which entails removing the motor, and estimates it to be \$4,652 in repairs. A new motor would cost around \$7,400. Janet Sheats questioned where this vehicle would fall in terms of replacement. Alice Rehrig commented she wasn't certain of the specific year, but believes it is several years out because there is limited mileage put on that vehicle. Chief Fogel commented the vehicle has roughly 100,000; either the repair or motor replacement would work. He believes the motor replacement would get more time out of the vehicle since it would come with the three year warranty. Frank Zamadics commented it came into the garage with an overheating problem and when they diagnosed it, they determined it was more than what could be handled at the shop so they took it to a garage and put dye in it and ran a compression test. There are leaks at water pump, head gasket, and unfortunately, the water pump is driven by the timing chain so it needs a water pump, timing chain kit, all the guides, idlers, which are internal to the motor as part of the drive system, so the motor needs to come out to make the repairs. There is no warranty with the \$4,600 repair. The vehicle will need to be towed if it is going to be moved any distance. Cindy Miller questioned how long the vehicle would be out of service for the repair. Frank Zamadics commented as far as he knows, the proposed engine is a genuine Ford OEM engine as opposed to a rebuilt engine. As far as he knows, the engine is available so it would just be the time it takes to install it. This was tabled until the next meeting.

- E. Municipal Authority Report. No one was present on behalf of the Municipal Authority.
- F. Fire Company Report. Rick Hildebrand reported the Fire Company will be helping the Blue Mountain Fish and Game with Day at the Lake which is for handicapped and disabled youth.

The Fire Company was at most of the high scale incidents that the Chief was referring to. In addition, they also were called for mutual aid to the fire at the trucking company in Ormrod.

The brush truck that they received through the FEMA grant went back to the manufacturer for some laundry list items from production. They addressed most of the items on their list and the truck is back in service. The truck will not be going out to the PA Fire Expo.

The transmission on the tanker will need to be replaced. They are looking at approximately \$20,000 for this repair. They are looking for multiple pricing options to try to reduce the cost. A transmission rebuilder has estimated the repair could be

done for \$11,000. The rebuilt transmission would come with a warranty. The neighboring departments have all been notified that the tanker is out of service for a few weeks.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Maintenance Building

1. Billitier Electric, Inc. Payment Request #7. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve Billitier Electric Payment Request #7 in the amount of \$18,000. David Hess seconded the motion. Jerry Pritchard questioned if there are any change orders included in this payment request. Alice Rehrig commented the change orders are separate and not included in this request. The \$18,000 is for work completed. All voted aye. Motion carried.
2. Bracy Construction, Payment Request #12. David Hess made a motion to approve Bracy Construction Payment Request #12 in the amount of \$42,134.17. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
3. Shannon A. Smith, Inc. Payment Request #9. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve Shannon Smith Payment Request #9 in the amount of \$1,228.50. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
4. Vision Mechanical, Payment Request #7 (Balance) This payment request is the balance that is owned on this payment request. When the payment request was originally submitted, the retainage was not reduced from ten percent to five percent. Based upon the work that was completed and the way the contract is written, Alice Rehrig doesn't believe we can legally keep the retainer at ten percent. Cindy Miller made a motion to authorize the release of the retainage to five percent and approve payment in the amount of \$36,649.38 that is remaining for Payment Request #7. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Vision Mechanical, Payment Request #8. David Hess made a motion to approve Vision Mechanical Payment Request #8 in the amount of \$132,675.67. Cindy Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
6. Billitier Electric, Change Order #3. This change order is in the amount of \$26,475. This is for the electrical components that are specific to the brand of fire suppression system. Because the bids could not specify a specific system and the plumbing and electrical contractors should not communicate with each other until after the bids are awarded, there was nothing included in the electrical bid for this and it was not included in the plumbing contract. Jerry Pritchard questioned if this wouldn't have been addressed during the weekly construction meetings.

Alice Rehrig commented the bids and pricing would have been submitted prior to the construction meetings. Mike Muffley commented the electrical components were basically outside the scope of service that was included in the bids. Jerry Pritchard commented there should have been some type of allowance included in the bids. Janet Sheats made a motion to approve Billitier Electric Change Order #3 in the amount of \$26,475 for the scope of work as outlined in their proposal. Cindy Miller seconded the motion. Cindy Miller commented when discussing total change orders on this project, including the items being discussed tonight, the total is \$49,066 on a \$4.2 million contract. The change orders were 1.2 percent on the project. That is a minimal amount. Linda Roman commented there are turn key systems and if there are any extensions that were missed, it would fall under that contract. All voted aye. Motion carried.

7. Billitier Electric, Change Order #4. This change order is in the amount of \$8,980 for heat trace tape for the fire suppression system. When the engineers developed the bid package for the electrical, plumbing, and mechanical contracts, they missed the heat trace tape and it was not included as a line item in the bids. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve Billitier Change Order #4 in the amount of \$8,980. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.
8. Vision Mechanical, Change Order #1. This change order is for a reduction in the drain in the building. When Vision Mechanical and Bracy reviewed the drain that was specified in the bid, they felt changing type of drain system would provide for a better finished product. The end result was a reduction in the cost of the drain in the amount of \$6,787. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve Vision Mechanical Change Order #1 in the amount of \$6,787. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Manager's Report. Alice Rehrig reported a flagger training class will be held at the Municipal Building on May 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Alice Rehrig questioned what the Board would like her to submit for the 2024 GroNorCo grant from Northampton County is due on May 31. It is a matching grant up to \$50,000. The Board agreed the technology upgrades should be submitted.

1. Approval of Application for Pension Benefits. Officer Manogue has submitted his application for pension benefits as prepared by the actuary. Cindy Miller made a motion to approve the application for pension benefits for Officer Manogue. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.



B. Solicitor's Report.

1. 4158 Wood Drive. Attorney Backenstoe reported there has been activity taking place at 4158 and felt it was important to give the new Board members a history on this property so there would be an understanding of what could be the next steps with this property. He understands the Board as well as the residents are frustrated with this matter and the residents have every right to be frustrated, but they don't have the right to say the Township hasn't done everything they could do up to this point. After reviewing the history, Attorney Backenstoe will be asking the Board for permission to file another petition with the court.

Mr. Vandling purchased the 33 acre lot in 2016/2017. The lot is in a residential neighborhood. It was a non-building lot because it was considered to be a residual lot and subject to certain DEP restrictions. The lot could not be built upon without having a land development plan. The plan also specifically indicates no building/construction can take place on the lot until such time as there is a land development plan. At the end of 2019, he started to build a house without any permits or plans. Liz Amato cited him, he was found guilty at the magistrate, and subsequently filed an appeal. There was a hearing in January at the Northampton County Court for a summary judgement appeal. The Court found him guilty of violating our ordinance and fined him \$1,000. Mr. Vandling agreed at that time that he was going to submit a land development plan, which he did, but he didn't pay the fees associated with it so ultimately the plan was rejected. As a result of this, he continued to construct a house on a residential lot, but one in which he filed to obtain the proper plans and permits. He was also excavating a lot of earth and running over a lot of trees without explanation. At the authorization of the Board, Attorney Backenstoe filed a full blown injunctive complaint and received a judgement against him. Mr. Vandling never filed an answer to the complaint that was filed. Attorney Backenstoe then got an equity action default judgement against Mr. Vandling which means the court found him guilty, but there was no penalty because it was an equity action. Attorney Backenstoe then had to file a petition to enforce the equity judgement that was received. He was in front of Judge Baratta on May 14, 2021, with this petition. The Township received a favorable order. He was evicted from the property, enjoined from living there, directed to raise the home he constructed without a permit, prohibited from doing any more earthmoving or excavation. He was also fined \$3,000. Mr. Vandling did not comply with this order so Attorney Backenstoe had to file another full blown injunctive action. On July 14, 2021, they were again in front of Judge Baratta and at that time Mr. Vandling was there and the judge wanted to know if Mr. Vandling filed the land development plan, grading plan, building permits, and sewage permits, would he be able to live on the lot. The answer was yes. With that, the Judge fined him \$5,000, directed him to file a land development plan, a soil and erosion plan, septic plan, building

permit, and zoning permit. Shortly after this hearing, Mr. Vandling did file a land development plan, soil and erosion plan and septic plan. He did everything he was supposed to do; however, in July he started to do earth moving which he was not supposed to do and the neighbors were upset with that. Attorney Backenstoe then filed another petition for contempt and had a non-jury trial before Judge Baratta. The judge found him guilty of violating the July 14<sup>th</sup> order for not paying the \$5,000, found him guilty for continuing to excavate, and the Judge directed him to pay the \$2,000 that he didn't pay from the last fine and also fined him another \$3,000 for not paying the previous fine and also fined him another \$10,000 for grading without the proper permits. He directed him that if he didn't pay the \$15,000 in 10 days that he could take a judgement against him and put a lien against his property for \$15,000, which Attorney Backenstoe did. Judge Baratta also entered an order that was unique in that he felt the Lehigh Township Police could arrest Mr. Vandling at this point although it is a little unusual because this is civil, not criminal, but he felt Mr. Vandling was obstructing justice and guilty of disorderly conduct for his continued excavation without the appropriate plans. There has been a question of why the Township doesn't execute on the \$15,000 lien against the property. The Township could, but there is a first mortgage and you would need to bid over the first mortgage to get the property to sell it to get the \$15,000, so it doesn't make sense at this time. He did stop grading then and his plan as processed and through the end of 2022 and beginning of 2023, his engineer was at meetings for the plan and received conditional final approval from the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. He was very close to having the plan completed. He only had one item left to meet the conditions of approval and that was a title search. He just simply did not do this. The Township wrote to him; the Board gave him an extension to get the title search. He didn't do it, so the Board ultimately denied the plan. So, now he is in complete violation of everything again. At that time, the Township didn't take additional action because Mr. Vandling was in jail and nothing was going on. In addition, his property was sold at tax sale in the end of 2023, and everyone thought this was over. As it turns out, the Northampton County tax bureau mis-advertised the sale by placing the ad in a New Jersey edition of the newspaper. Even though Mr. Vandling was in jail, he hired an attorney and was able to get the property back. Mr. Vandling got out of jail in March 2024. His new attorney had indicated to Attorney Backenstoe that he understood that he needed to refile the plans for approval and obtain the property permits. Mr. Vandling's attorney assured Attorney Backenstoe that Mr. Vandling would be doing this and not causing any problems at the property; however, over the past few weeks Attorney Backenstoe has received calls and emails from the neighbors that Mr. Vandling is again out there with a bulldozer. As you can tell by this history, the Township has done everything they could do in a timely manner, but as it stands right now, he is again in violation of the July 14,

2022, order because he doesn't have a land development plan, a grading plan, or permits for the property. He believes the Township now needs to file another petition. He knows it is costly to do so, but everyone else needs to comply with obtaining the proper plans and permits. With this new petition, he will be asking the court to enjoin him from living there until he gets his plans filed and obtains the proper permits.

David Hess questioned, if there was a court order and he kept making all the noise, why didn't the police arrest him. Attorney Backenstoe commented the Police were in contact with the District Attorney at that time who didn't authorize the arrest.

Cindy Miller commented she understands wanting to file another petition, but this whole situation has cost the Township close to \$30,000 and we don't seem to get anywhere. In her opinion, the judicial system and the County has failed us. It becomes a cycle where everything keeps coming back to the Township and costing more without resolution. She knows Mr. Vandling was just picked up again and probably going to jail again. Attorney Backenstoe commented the courts did not remove him from the property because of the agreement that was reached with him to get the necessary plans and permits which he didn't do. What he did was keep excavating when he shouldn't have been and the court fined him \$15,000. We will eventually get that money.

Janet Sheats questioned what happens if he does get the plans and permits. Attorney Backenstoe commented he will be able to live there. Cindy Miller noted he is living there regardless. Attorney Backenstoe also commented DEP has also gone after him and cited him for dumping and required him to do some type of remediation. They have also filed a recent petition and there was supposed to be a court hearing, but that was continued for some reason.

Janet Sheats questioned what the expected outcome and cost would be if another petition was filed. Attorney Backenstoe believes that a court should order him off the property until he has an approved plan and permits. Cindy Miller commented so far nothing has been resolved; how will this be different because he will continue to live there.

John Noblach commented he agrees this is a lot of money, but if you let him get away with it, what will stop someone else from doing the same things. Cindy Miller commented the Township would have to follow the same steps. Mr. Noblach questioned if it would be possible to get a judge to order the building be razed. Attorney Backenstoe commented that would be part of the petition that he be enjoined from living at the property and the building be razed.

Janet Sheats also commented it is also unacceptable for residents to be contacting Attorney Backenstoe at all hours. He is not their personal attorney. Attorney Backenstoe commented he understands, but he tries to be responsive.

Attorney Backenstoe commented he could send the draft petition to Mr. Vandling's new attorney and ask him if we are going to have to go through this again or will he be filing the proper plans and permits. If he files the plan, then its okay. The plan was already approved. All he needs to do is refile it. Cindy Miller questioned what can be done if Mr. Vandling is sitting in jail; he probably will be going to jail. Jerry Pritchard commented if the petition is not filed, then we have nothing to fall back on. Attorney Backenstoe commented the matter could be tabled until the next meeting to see if he can have a discussion with his attorney, but at the next meeting he will be asking for authorization to file the petition.

Barry Haydt commented he thinks Mr. Vandling will pay if the petition is filed; he has money now because he just sold a property in Laurys. He's just going to make the Township jump through all the hoops. Mr. Haydt commented he believes a way of getting Mr. Vandling would be to go after him for having all kinds of people living out there now. Some of them are probably wanted.

Joe Schwartz questioned if the Township could put a levy on his equipment or assets to help recoup the fines. Attorney Backenstoe commented he is not certain if that could be done, but that too is a long process and costs quite a bit of money. It would not be his first recommendation.

Rick Hildebrand commented he knows there have been various trouble properties over time. To just fight something to a certain point and then let it go is not the right answer. You send a message that the rules don't have to be followed. You can't let bad win.

Randy Braun questioned if there would be another tax sale coming up and were the taxes paid. Attorney Backenstoe commented he has heard the taxes were not paid. Mr. Braun questioned if the petition could be written to cover the costs that the Township has incurred. Attorney Backenstoe commented that is how all of them have been written and why Mr. Vandling was fined the amounts that he was.

Katherine Mack questioned if the Township could impound his equipment and store it somewhere since the equipment is part of the problem. Attorney Backenstoe commented he didn't know if a judge would authorize that.

Cindy Miller requested that the neighbors stop calling the Solicitor at all hours. It is very discourteous. He has been working very hard at this. He is aware of the situation.

This matter was tabled until next meeting.

- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT. John Noblach commented he had heard the Chief mention all the departments that assisted with the situation on Steven Lane and he is sure he has already verbally thanked them, but would request that either the Board or the Chief write a letter thanking the other departments. He knows when the call for help comes in, they all go but he also believes a written thank you goes a long way.

Linda Roman commented she has been seeing people at the pavilions in Pennsville on Friday nights from 8:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. They have been quiet and are not disturbing anyone, but wanted to let the Township know. They have not been parking in the parking lot; they are parking inside the park. Cindy Miller commented the police should be called. Cindy Miller commented she is not saying it was this group, but someone did vandalize the trail that was there.

Katherine Mack commented she believes kudos should also be given to our Fire Department for all the incidents they have been involved in. There is not a lot of people who are willing to give up the amount of time that they do as volunteers.

Randy Braun questioned if anyone knows what PennDOT is doing. Last year, they paved Blue Mountain Drive and Route 145. Now they are tearing up Route 145 and repaving it again and putting some type of coating on Blue Mountain Drive. The Board was not informed as to what they were doing.

- IX. ADJOURN. Janet Sheats made a motion to adjourn. Cindy Miller seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.