

CALN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BUSINESS MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2013

The Caln Township Board of Commissioners held its work session on April 25, 2013 at 253 Municipal Drive, Thorndale, PA 19372. President Rose called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Other Board members present:

Vice President Charles Kramer

Commissioner James Kruse

Commissioner Lorraine Tindaro

Commissioner Joshua Young

Others present:

Township Manager Greg Prowant

Assistant Township Manager Tony Scheivert

Township Engineer, Jeffrey W. McClintock, PE, CFM

Police Chief Joseph Elias

Fire Chief John Cordisco

All present saluted the Flag.

President Rose asked everyone to remain standing and offer a moment of silence for those lost in Texas this past week in Texas and in Boston.

**Swearing in of Police Chief Joseph Elias**

President Rose welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for their support. President Rose then turned the floor over to Judge Ronald Nagle. Judge Nagle conducted the swearing in ceremony. With his hand on the Bible and his wife and children at his side, Chief Elias took the oath of office.

Chief Elias then addressed the floor. Chief Elias noted that it was a humbling experience to stand before everyone several weeks earlier as his appointment of Chief of Police was approved by the Board, he considers it even more a honor to stand before everyone this evening before his family and friends and in front of the brave men and women who sacrifice their lives to keep this community safe. Chief Elias commended the Police Department on handling the difficult time that began last fall; he noted that they never lost focus because of the character and integrity of the fine men and women of the Police Department and the proven leadership of Lt. Jeffrey Nash.

Chief Elias thanked them wholeheartedly. Chief Elias noted that tonight is not about him but about the future of this community. Like many families his family is constantly on the go, the day of the Boston Marathon bombing they were sitting down to dinner together and his daughter Sarah said, is it safe to go anywhere anymore. His wife reassured her that most people are good people. Chief Elias has noted that in a relatively short time he has met a lot of good people that care deeply about this community and many of those people are in the room tonight.

Chief Elias pledged that the Police Department is committed to working with this community and the law enforcement partners throughout the region to keep Caln Township a safe and prosperous place for families and businesses to thrive for generations to come. In his less than two weeks on the job he has witnessed smart police work, professionalism and compassion from these men and women the hallmarks of a great police agency. He thanked everyone again for the privilege of serving and working with all of them and all of staff and community. He is leading a group of men and women that he is already very proud of. Chief Elias asked God to bless this community and our country and the men and women of our military and law enforcement agency throughout this country who to live serve and protect all of us every day.

President Rose noted and thanked the State Representatives who were here this evening to help us celebrate this incredible occasion. Rep. Hackett, Corbett and Ross. They presented Chief Elias with a proclamation recognizing his professional service to the state and wishing him well at Caln Township.

Representative Ross then addressed the crowd. He thanked the Commissioners and noted his delight to be a part of such a wonderful day and an important day for Caln Township. Tonight represents the beginning of a new period of calm and stability for the Township. Representative Corbett and Representative Ross noted that they will do anything in their power to help.

Representative Ross then turned the proceedings over to Representative Hackett. Representative Hackett reported that he had the honor and privilege to dedicate the citation from the House of Representatives signed by the Speaker of the House Sam Smith. Representative Hackett pledged to keep it short. He is a friend of Joe Elias. He had the honor of serving with Joe on the MOPEC (Commission which handles all training for law enforcement across the Commonwealth of PA) Board; Joe was his boss. Joe in the last four years has brought together a team of hard workers, dedicated service and essentially turned the Commissioner upside down. Joe is a leader that leads with compassion. Representative Hackett feels that compassion is a huge component in law enforcement. The State Police's loss is definitely Caln Township's gain. Representative Hackett asked that everyone give Joe the benefit of the doubt. He then presented the citation to his friend and retired Major from the State Police who is now Caln Township Chief of Police, Joe Elias.

President Rose welcomed Chief Joe Elias and his family and offered the Board's support.

### **Acknowledgment of Lt. Jeff Nash as Interim Police Chief**

President Rose then acknowledged the faithful service and dedicated leadership of Lt. Jeff Nash who served as interim Police Chief from August 2012 to April 2013. The Board of Commissioners would like to offer the following proclamation.

Presented to Lt. Jeff Nash in recognition of your successful service to the residents of Caln Township and your unwavering leadership of the Caln Township Police Department as Interim Police Chief.

Jeff was interim police chief from August 2012 to April 2013. Presented on behalf of the citizens of Caln Township by the Caln Township Board of Commissioners this day, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

President Rose then presented Lt. Nash with an iPad as a symbol of appreciation from the staff, and the Board of Commissioners.

Vice President Charles Kramer also presented Lt. Nash with the Air Force Coin of McGuire Air Force Base, it is generally given as a Job Well Done acknowledgment and it is given inside a gentlemen's handshake.

Lt. Nash then thanked the incredible Police Dept. that he is honored to serve with and thanked his wife and son for their support throughout.

President Rose acknowledged the entire Police Department as well as the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company. The Fire Company and the Police Department work exceptionally well together and do a great job serving and protecting our Township.

### **Citizens to be heard**

N/A

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

Mr. Prowant introduced Gordon Walker, PCM Financial Advisor to give an overview for the proposed bond funding. Bill Carlin was in attendance with Mr. Walker. The new Bond would refund the 2007 bond and also generate \$1.5 million in new bond funds. The expected savings is \$375,000 on the Golf Course piece and the General Fund will be a savings of \$450,000. Sale

date is Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Township has a double AA rating from Standard and Poors. Mr. Walker explained the bidding process. Bill Carlin handed out the purchase contract which is part of the Ordinance. He then asked for any questions. Commissioner Young asked if Mr. Walker would guess where he thought the interest rate might be. Mr. Walker said he felt it would come in somewhere around 2.6. There was some discussion on rates. The previous bond was over 4% which was to have been a good rate 5 years ago.

Tim O'Neil, from Bond Counsel reported the Ordinance was advertised last Thursday. His firm has proof of publication for the record. This is a parameters Ordinance it means that the Board is approving a Bond Issue of up \$8.5 million. It has to be bid with a maximum size, maximum maturity per year and a maximum interest rate as well. The Ordinance has to cover the Federal securities law and the State borrowing laws and the Federal tax laws. The disclosure document will be used by the bidders to evaluate the Community.

The Commissioners were given the opportunity to ask questions. Mr. O'Neil attempted to answer their questions in regards to terminology used in the paperwork necessary to proceed. There was a correction pointed out where it reads Hampton Road, it needs to read Humpton Road.

President Rose entertained a motion for the Caln Township Board of Commissioners to approve Ordinance #2013-04 which represents 2013 bond issue.

The motion was so moved by Charles Kramer and seconded by Joshua Young. Polled, all aye.

The Board was polled as follows:

James Kruse – aye

Charles Kramer- aye

Joshua Young – aye

Lorraine Tindaro-aye

Vince Rose – aye

Motion passes 5-0

### **Public Safety**

Fire Chief John Cordisco

Chief Cordisco reported that the company ran 31 calls in the month of March. There were 33 QRS calls. There are 60 active members taking place in training. Chief reviewed some of the training that is taking place. Chief Cordisco reported some of the reporting practices. Mr. Prowant asked Chief Cordisco to report on the traffic unit repairs. The final stages of

improvement of the body are 90% complete. The Fire Company met with the consultant and showed him around the Township. The consultant then met with the truck committee. SLS Stackhouse and Chief Cordisco are reviewing the contract prior to submitting to the Board of Commissioners. President Rose would like to see the contract as soon as possible. Commissioner Kruse had asked to review a copy of the contract as well. Chief would like to see it wrapped up in the next two weeks.

Chief Cordisco noted that a Caln Township resident passed away as a result of an auto accident. He also noted that there was a building fire (stove) at Hillside Apts., there was damage to the cabinets and the stove itself. The resident was able to stay in the apartment overnight.

Township Engineer Jeffrey W. McClintock PE CFM

### **Engineering**

#### **Land Development – Kings Grant**

The Township did not receive any sewer documentation. It will be removed from the agenda but if documents become available it will be re-instated to an upcoming agenda.

#### **Report Chart/Deadline Chart Review**

Mr. Kramer and Mr. Kruse and Mr. Scheivert met in reference to the pavement program. The listing would include 1.3 miles overlay and 3.2 miles double application tar and chip and 1 mile single application tar chip. There was discussion about what roads would receive the applications. Total miles would be 5.5 miles. Last year there were approx. 1.5 miles were paved. There is money in the budget.

#### **Paving Committee Recommendation Approvals**

President Rose entertained a motion for the Caln Township Board of Commissioners to approve the Paving Projects as described by Mr. Prowant, and the highways committee represented by Mr. Kruse and Mr. Kramer and various other staff members.

The motion was so moved by Charles Kramer and seconded by James Kruse.

Mr. Reymos made a comment about micro-surfacing and hopes that the Township no longer does that because it does not hold up. There was discussion about what will be done.

Assistant Township Manager Tony Scheivert

### **Community Services**

Mr. Scheivert reports that there are several proposals in the packet for the Lloyd Park precast bathroom facilities. From CXT Structures, Oldcastle Precast and Carr Concrete. Mr. Scheivert was asked to get proposals for double facilities and present at next meeting.

Township Manager Greg Prowant

### **Bond Issue**

Covered earlier

### **MOU – Employee Retirement**

Mr. Prowant stated that is the solicitor had prepared a memorandum of Understanding MOU for Catherine Orth's retirement.

President Rose entertained a motion that the Caln Township Board of Commissioners approve the MOU for Employee Retirement.

The motion was so moved by Charles Kramer and seconded by Lorraine Tindaro. Polled, all aye.

### **LERTA Update**

Mr. Prowant reported that the Coatesville Area School District met Tuesday night and voted on LERTA Proposal and there was a unanimous approval. It will now go to the County and hopefully back to the Board in June.

Mr. Scheivert reported that on May 15 at the Thorndale Fire Company there will be a Business Luncheon which will include a presentation on LERTA and Chief Elias will be introduced to the invited business people.

**Bill List**

President Rose entertained a motion for the Caln Township Board of Commissioners to approve the bill list including Check #31917 – 31978.

The motion was so moved by Joshua Young and seconded by Charles Kramer. Polled, all aye.

**Additional Business**

N/A

**Public Comments**

Mr. Scheivert noted that he wished to thank Noel Bernard for the T-shirts for Caln Pride day. President Rose noted that Caln Pride Day was successful and well received.

President Rose entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was so moved by Joshua Young and seconded by Charles Kramer. Polled, all aye.