

Meeting Minutes for Caln Township  
Board of Commissioners  
March 10, 2022 7:42 PM

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Mullin called the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Commissioner Mullin then called for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Board Members Present:** Paul Mullin-President, Jane Kennedy-Vice President, Joshua Young-Commissioner, Lorraine Tindaro-Commissioner, Mark Evans-Commissioner.

**Staff Members Present:** Kristen Denne-Township Manager/Secretary, Denise Miller-Assistant Township Secretary, Lisa Swan, Township Treasurer, Ray Stackhouse-Director of Building and Life Safety.

**Professionals Present:** Kristin Camp-Township Solicitor.

**Special Guest:** Calhoun Financial Group-Jeff Calhoun, Southdown Homes-Vice President Tim Townes Southdown Homes, and Mr. Gibbons of D.L. Howell & Associates.

The Board of Commissioners March 10, 2022 agenda was posted on the Township website, and at the Township building, on March 09, 2022. Agendas were made available for the public, at the meeting.

The 2022 Township Board of Commissioners meetings were published in the Daily Local News, on December 28, 2021.

Commissioner Mullin asked the public to approach the podium when they are called on to speak. Commissioner Mullin also noted that there are quite a few people in attendance at the meeting so he would like everyone to keep their comments to a minimum. The Board will listen and answer your questions, as best as they can.

**Commissioner Evans Township Update**

Commissioner Evans welcomed and thanked everyone for joining tonight's meeting, and shared and continue to share their thoughts and feelings about their Township, its issues, and governance. Commissioner Evans also noted that all meetings are "Neutral Ground", a place to hear and be heard. The Board of Commissioners (Board) are here to represent everyone in Caln Township (Caln). They strive to be sure their decisions address the needs of all, and appreciate everyone's interest, patience, and willingness to roll up your sleeves to be a part of the solution. We're all in this together.

Commissioner Evans gave an update on Township issues.

1. The people of Ukraine continue to be under siege by Russia's unprovoked invasion. Tonight, the Board will consider enacting a proclamation of support for the Ukrainian people, and their democracy.

## 2. LERTA and Lincoln Highway:

LERTA is an acronym for “Local Economic Revitalization Tax Incentive Act” and is a way of incentivizing businesses to invest in Caln with the resulting tax increase from improvements realized over time.

Lincoln Highway through Caln is currently a somewhat depressed 3+ mile stretch of empty storefronts, and unimproved properties.

The Board believes that LERTA will help revitalize Lincoln Highway, attract new businesses to Caln, encourage current businesses to make aesthetic and structural improvements, and generate increased tax income to help fund our public schools.

With that in mind, on Tuesday evening Commissioner Young and I presented a proposed 5-year LERTA to the Coatesville Area School District finance committee, Superintendent Tomas Hanna, and the full Board of Education. This was a follow-up to our October 2021 presentation. We had been asked to return with an in-depth business plan for LERTA, and we did just that. We were warmly received, and they asked the sort of questions “I” would ask if I were trying to find a way to “Yes”. While nothing is guaranteed in this world, we left feeling positive about the engagement, and hopeful we’ll have an official answer soon.

## 3. Sewer and Trash Bills:

Bills have been hitting mailboxes just like the tax bills did last month. We’ll take a few minutes now to provide clarity for those who were not at earlier meetings when this was reviewed in detail.

The Township must pay trash and sewer bills in full, and they like to be paid on time. There is no way for us to split the increase over a 2-year period or we most certainly would have at least considered.

Why the higher costs? Under our old trash hauling contract with Eagle Disposal, we were paying approximately \$750,000 per year. That contract expired at the end of 2021. For 2022-24 they proposed a staggering increase of nearly double for the same services. In conversations with Eagle and other haulers, we learned they all were dramatically raising prices, and based on higher wages for labor and unknown fuel costs. The trash hauling contract was triple bid, and A. J. Blosenski was ultimately awarded the business at approximately \$1.2 million per year.

## 4. Our Commissions are doing great things for Caln, and that’s 100% attributable to the many residents who have answered the call. Thank you! The more neighbors that step up, the sooner we can make Caln a better place for all. To find out what Commissions and Boards have openings, and how to join, please visit [calntownship.org/volunteer](http://calntownship.org/volunteer). You too can be a part of it all.

5. And speaking of being a part of it all, our 2022 Caln Community Clean-Up Day will be Saturday March 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM. You can sign up at [calntownship.org](http://calntownship.org). Ms. Swan will have more on that later.
6. COVID-19 (COVID) may finally be nearing endemic stage, how wonderful would that be? Mask mandates are being lifted, and with the coming warm weather and more outdoor activities, we're hoping for another extended break from the variations that once again plagued us through the winter months. However, COVID remains a potential death sentence for our immunocompromised neighbors and those who have chosen not to get the vaccine. Please keep them in mind when deciding whether or not to mask up indoors.

### **Citizens to be Heard**

Mark DeYoung of 20 Beaver Run Road asked to have it in writing that FEMA is a reimbursement agency and will only give the Township money when they are done with the projects. Ms. Denne noted that she will reach out to the Township's FEMA Representative, at the Federal level, and ask for something in writing. Commissioner Evans noted that he addressed this at the last meeting with him, regarding his question, that they made an exception for the 18 months for Hurricanes Sandy, Floyd, and Katrina. Commissioner Evans noted that those had more of a national impact so they had to get things accomplished.

Joe Clark of 17 Brook Lane opposed the name change of Brook Lane, and making Foundry Street one-way, because now they have to go around to get to their homes. Mr. Clark noted that a former resident named Ms. Vaughn went to the Township about the strip on Carver Court and it was made a two way street for their easement when entering and exiting. Mr. Clark also noted that both of these were done without the consent of the residents in the area. Commissioner Kennedy noted that Brook Lane will not have its name changed. It has been discussed to have a memorial dedication to the street, however, nothing has been finalized. Commissioner Kennedy also noted that a traffic study was done in this area and they had some near miss accidents during the traffic study as well as other times. Commissioner Mullin noted that Mr. Clark's comments will be taken under advisement.

Arden Hunt on behalf of her mother who resides at 7 Foundry Lane, noted that she agrees with all of Mr. Clark's comments. Ms. Hunt noted that she would like a copy of the traffic study that was done in their area. Ms. Denne noted that she will need to submit a right-to-know request for this information. Ms. Hunt noted that the residents were not notified of either change, and she would like the one-way on Foundry Street reconsidered. Commissioner Mullin asked Ms. Denne if the Chief of Police should visit that area. Ms. Denne noted that this is past the Police Chief and it is at the Board level now. Ms. Denne also noted that residents should review the traffic study, and come back to the Board if they have further questions.

Ms. Hunt noted that they are a Historical area and she would like some information on what "Historical" means. Commissioner Mullin noted that the Township can provide her with some information on this.

Ms. Hunt noted that Ms. Vaughn was already recognized with a sign placed in front of 113 Foundry Street.

Joyce Hardy of 19 Brook Lane opposed the change of Foundry Street to a one-way street, and she never heard of any accidents at the end of Brook Lane. Ms. Hardy also noted that it is a problem for her to go all around the court to get to her home.

Jaci Hill of 16 Beaver Run Road noted that she is feeling like it is lack of communication in informing the residents who are impacted by the one-way change, and the tax is excessive for residents. Commissioner Mullin noted that the Township should figure out a better way to reach out to residents.

Wesley Nixon on behalf of his mother who resides at 9 Brook Lane, noted that he stands with his neighbors in everything that they said tonight.

Pamela Depte on behalf of her mother who lives at 15 Brook Lane, noted that she is concerned that they have to go around the court to get to their homes, and she opposes the name change for Brook Lane. Ms. Depte also noted that she would like the Codes Department to get involved with the old cars and junk in her area.

### **Township Solicitor – Ms. Camp**

Motion of the Board of Commissioners for the Final Subdivision and Land Development Application of Southdown Properties Inc. - The Hills at Thorndale Woods – For Board consideration, Ms. Camp presented the final subdivision and land development application of Southdown Properties Inc. for the Hills at Thorndale Woods. Ms. Camp noted that the Applicant is the owner of a 119.279 acre parcel of property located between South Caln Road and Bailey Station Subdivision, identified as Chester County tax parcel #39-4-123.3. The property is located in the R-2 and R-3 Zoning Districts.

Ms. Camp noted that the Applicant seeks to construct 87 single family dwellings and 175 townhomes. Ms. Camp also noted that this application started in 2003 when the Applicant filed a conditional use (CU) application seeking CU approval to develop the portion of the property located in the R-2 District as a clustered residential development with 90 single family detached dwellings pursuant to Sections 155-26.C(3) and 155-136J of the ordinance. The Board of Commissioners approved the CU subject to various conditions set forth in a Decision and Order dated December 17, 2003. The development of the property in the R-4 District with 210 townhomes is a by right use.

Ms. Camp noted that the Applicant filed a Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan on October 15, 2015, which are the subject of this motion. The Applicant seeks to construct 87 single family dwellings and 175 townhomes in accordance with the Final Subdivision and Land Development plan. Ms. Camp reviewed the 22 conditions with the Board.

Commissioner Evans asked for information on the Historic structure. Ms. Camp noted that there is a valve house that is constructed with concrete, stone walls, and a concrete roof. Currently today there is graffiti all over the structure. The Applicant has agreed to completely wash the structure and remove all of the graffiti, remove all overgrowth and vegetation surrounding the structure, and clear a way, and install a new door and make sure that the structure is secure. They will also landscape and install a decorative metal fence around the structure. Ms. Camp also noted that the Home Owners Association (HOA) will have to add details relating to the HOA's obligations in maintaining the house in the condition in which the Developer refurbishes and maintains it.

Mr. Townes noted that it is a stone structure that has been defaced. Mr. Townes also noted that there are a few stones on the ground that they will replace across the top. They will also do any repointing that may need to be done.

Commissioner Mullin called for Board and public comments.

Tony DiSario of 251 Loomis commented on the South Caln Road traffic. Commissioner Young noted that this will lead to a spine road that will lead to the SEPTA station. Ms. Camp noted that there has been extensive traffic studies there, and one of the conditions is that the Applicant has to make contributions of \$1,360 per dwelling unit for traffic. Ms. Camp also noted that the law does not allow a Township to deny a subdivision on traffic. The property is zoned for this and they had these approvals from a zoning perspective since 2003. There are also quite a few contributions that the Applicant is required to make on the 2003 decision. Mr. Stackhouse noted that the traffic study was originally done when the Applicant submitted their application, and it has been updated multiple times throughout the years. Mr. Stackhouse also noted that there has been improvements to the light and improvements are coming to the light and improvement to South Caln Road to account for traffic.

Ms. Denne asked Mr. Towns when this subdivision started. Mr. Townes noted "2003". Commissioner Young asked Mr. Towns to confirm that this version started in 2003. Mr. Towns noted that it has. Mr. Townes also noted that there have been three or four versions. Ms. Camp noted that those versions started in 1999.

**Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to approve the Final Subdivision and Land Development Application of Southdown Properties Inc. for the Hills at Thorndale Woods. Moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Young.**

**Vote passed 5-0.**

Ms. Denne asked the Board if she could waive the agenda and bring forward the authorization for advertisement while Ms. Camp and Mr. Calhoun are still on the line, in case there are any legal questions for them. The Board approved.

**Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to authorization the advertisement of an ordinance that authorizes the Incurrence of Nonelectoral Debt by the Township of Caln, Chester County, Pennsylvania pursuant to the issuance of the General Obligation Notes, 2022 Series in the aggregate principal amount of \$8,100,000.**

**Commissioner Mullin called for Board and public comments.**

Mark DeYoung of 20 of Beaver Run Road noted that the Township is doubling the Township debt, and noted that an interest rate has not been set. Mr. DeYoung also noted that if the Board does not understand the numbers then they need to have an accountant explain them to them. Commissioner Mullin noted that Mr. Calhoun is present to explain this to everyone. Commissioner Mullin also noted that the Township is hoping to lock down the interest by the end of the month. They also need to advertise this ordinance for the public.

Mr. DeYoung noted that the Township still needs to find out about FEMA money. Commissioner Mullin noted that FEMA money will come back to the Township, however, it will not be 50%. It will be 10%, 20% or even less.

Mr. DeYoung asked why the Township cannot do the work first, and then get the FEMA money. Commissioner Mullin noted that Ms. Denne will provide him with any information that she can get from FEMA, to prove their case.

Mr. DeYoung noted that he mentioned last month that the Board should reach out for political help, and no one did a thing. Ms. Denne noted that Friday she was on a virtual meeting with Representative Houlahan and the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development of the State of Pennsylvania, and these are ongoing conversations. Ms. Denne also noted that staff members are on weekly meetings with FEMA. Commissioner Young noted that he has been in touch with the Governor's representative.

Ms. Denne noted that Fisherville Road is collapsing and is closed off. This bid alone is \$500,000.

Commissioner Mullin noted that the Board is listening and providing information to the residents. The Township needs to move the Township forward and repair the bridges and roads, and they need \$8.1 million to do so. This is why taxes were increased.

Ivana Potts of 350 Sherry Lane asked the Board if they would ever take someone else's opinion like from several accountants instead of just listing to Mr. Calhoun. Commissioner Young noted that there are multiple ways to take a bond. DeVal is a Municipal Consortium that saves the Township money. Commissioner Young also noted that you can go to a bank and take a bond or go out to the bond market. Commissioner Young further noted that since he has been on the Board, these both have been done.

Ms. Denne noted that the Township is spending anywhere from \$100,000 to \$150,000 in fees between the bank fees, the underwriters fees, the bond insurance, and the two attorneys to review the bond action.

Commissioner Young noted that since he has been on the Board, the Township had two credit upgrades, which has saved the Township a significant amount of money. Commissioner Young also noted that the Township is now a double A rating for a bond, which means that the Township does not have to take bond insurance This saves the Township hundreds to thousands of dollars over the life of the bond. Ms. Denne noted that in addition, the \$5 million project completed by the Municipal Authority is at the Municipal Bridge line, and if it is not stabilized immediately the project will go into the stream. Ms. Denne also noted that the infrastructure that has failed is now impacting the newer infrastructures that have already been paid for.

Commissioner Evans noted that this loan has been discussed extensively at prior meetings, and going with DeVal it is the most financially wise way to go. Commissioner Evans also noted that Mr. Calhoun did not say that the interest rate is going to be 15%, Mr. Calhoun said that because of the way their formulations are done, he has to put it in as 15%, however, it will be what the interest rate will be in two weeks. Ms. Denne noted "3.49%".

Commissioner Evans noted that he does not want Ms. Potts to think all the Board meetings have this level of frustration, and welcomes her to join the future meetings.

Nermin Cox of 298 Meadowlake Drive asked how long the bond has been active since 2002, and where the \$330,000 went to after it was removed out of the capital budget. Ms. Denne noted that the 2002 bond was rolled into a refinancing. Ms. Denne also noted that this year the Township enacted a Debt Fund specifically for paying existing debt, and the new debt that the

Township will be incurring. Commissioner Young noted that the \$330,000 was moved into the Debt Fund. The \$300,000 that is in the General Fund for debt is for the new debt that the Township will be taking. The Township is still paying on the existing debt, which is in the Debt Fund that is on the tax bill.

Ms. Cox asked to see how the money is used, and allocated. Commissioner Young noted that the Township can give her an accounting on every dollar that was spent on every bond.

Ms. Cox asked the Board how long they knew about the homes that were impacted with flooding. Ms. Denne and Commissioner Young noted that they were exposed during Hurricane Ida.

Ms. Cox asked if the Township could apply for grants for any of these projects. Ms. Denne noted that you have to have the program designed before you can apply for grants. Ms. Denne also noted that in 2022 the Township received approximately \$900,000 from the State for the Small Water Grant, which the Township is using for the Reed Street and Oak Street area. Commissioner Young noted that the Township would have to have a match for these grants.

Commissioner Mullin called for a vote.

Vote passed 5-0.

#### **Township Engineer**

Fisherville Road Streambank Protection Project Bid Award – For Board consideration, Ms. Denne offered a Fisherville Road Streambank Protection Project bid award to James R. Kenney Excavating & Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$500,100. Ms. Denne noted that this is an emergency bid because of the road collapsing.

Commissioner Kennedy asked if this bid is part of the bond reimbursement. Ms. Denne noted that it is.

Commissioner Mullin asked Ms. Denne if the Township wants to entertain a guardrail. Ms. Denne noted that previously there has not been one there and the rest of the road does not have one so it is not necessary. Ms. Denne also noted that the Township will work with watershed groups for to plant trees and plants to protect the streambank.

Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to award the quote to James R. Kenney Excavating & Paving, Inc. and select the SCOURLOK streambank protection option for the Fisherville Road Streambank Protection Project bid award, at a total quote price of \$500,100. Moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy.

Commissioner Mullin called for Board and public comments. There were none.

Vote passed 5-0.

Municipal Drive Bridge Streambank Protection Project Bid Award – For Board consideration, Ms. Denne offered a Municipal Drive Bridge Streambank Protection Project bid award to James R. Kenney Excavating & Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$61,215. Ms. Denne noted that the streambank

is continuing to erode and there is concern that the new sewer line that was recently put in could be in danger.

**Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to award the quote to James R. Kenney Excavating & Paving, Inc. for the Municipal Drive Bridge Streambank Protection Project bid award, at a total quote price of \$61,215. Moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy.**

**Commissioner Mullin called for Board and public comments.**

**Commissioner Mullin noted his concern with children playing on the bridge, and asked that residents and children stay off the bridge.**

**Commissioner Kennedy asked when the project will start. Ms. Denne noted that she will not know until tomorrow.**

**Vote passed 5-0.**

Caln Park West Bioswale RFP Authorization for Advertisement – For Board consideration, Ms. Denne offered the Caln Park West Bioswale RFP for advertisement. Ms. Denne noted that the Township has to go through a full bidding process because they received grant funds. Ms. Denne also noted that the Township has to do a project that reduces the sediment in the stormwater as part of their MS4 permit, every five years.

**Commissioner Mullin called for Board and public comments.**

Commissioner Evans asked Ms. Denne the amount of the grant. Ms. Denne noted that it is approximately \$69,000 with a Township match of approximately \$30,000.

**Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to authorize the advertisement of the Caln Park West Bioswale Project. Moved by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro.**

**Commissioner Mullin called for Board and public comments. There were none.**

**Vote passed 5-0.**

ARRO PSA 0222-PT01 Amendment #1 Amending PSA 0222-PT01 dated February 2, 2022 for the Implementation Phase of the 2022 Road Program Based on the Results of the Previously Approved Tasks that Provided Information to Develop this Full Roadway Improvement Project Scope – For Board consideration, Ms. Denne offered the Board an amendment to the original PSA 0222-PT01 for the 2022 Road Program, which is for the implement of the program.

**Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to accept PSA 0222-PT01 amendment #1 for the implementation phase of the 2022 Road Program, based on the results of the previously approved tasks that provided information to develop this full roadway improvement project scope. Moved by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro.**



**Commissioner Mullin called for Board and public comments. There were none.**

**Vote passed 5-0.**

**Township Manager – Ms. Denne**

Rates for Pennoni Traffic Engineering Services – For Board considered, Ms. Denne offered a change in the Township traffic engineering firm to Pennoni Engineering (Pennoni). Pennoni is a full service firm that will be able to do large reviews for the Township. Ms. Denne noted that the Township often does not pay engineering rates because they get passed on to the Developers. Pennoni held their rate at \$150 per hour.

**Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to accept the rates for Pennoni Traffic Engineering Services. Moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro.**

**Commissioner Mullin called for Board and public comments. There were none.**

**Vote passed 5-0.**

**Ordinances and Resolutions for Consideration**

Resolution 2022-13 A Resolution Establishing the Fire Police Officers for Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company for 2022 – For Board consideration, Ms. Denne offered Resolution 2022-13 establishing the Fire Police Officers for the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company for 2022.

**Commissioner Mullin entertain a motion approving Resolution 2022-13 establishing the Fire Police Officers for Thorndale Volunteer Fire Company for 2022. Moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Evans.**

**Commissioner Mullin called for Board and public comments. There were none.**

**Vote passed 5-0.**

Authorization to Advertise an Ordinance that Authorizes the Incurrence of Nonelectoral Debt by the Township of Caln, Chester County, Pennsylvania Pursuant to the Issuance of the General Obligation Notes, 2022 Series in the Aggregate Principal Amount of \$8,100,000.00 – Ms. Denne waived the agenda and presented the authorization to advertise before the engineer's report.

Resolution 2022-04 A Resolution Designating the 2022 Response Territories for Emergency Service in Caln Township (Tabled 01/13/2022) – N/A

**Minutes to Approve**

Motion to Approve the March 10, 2022 Board of Commissioners Minutes – **Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to approve the March 10, 2022 Board of Commissioners Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro.**

**Commissioner Mullin called for Board comments. There were none.**

**Vote passed 5-0.**

**Finance Department – Ms. Swan**

**Motion to Approve General Checks 47747 to 47797** – Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to approve general checks 47747 to 47797. Moved by Commissioner Tindaro and seconded by Commissioner Young.

**Commissioner Mullin called for Board comments or corrections. There were none.**

**Vote passed 5-0.**

**Boards and Commissions Updates – Summary by Applicable Board Liaison**

Parks and Recreation – Commissioner Kennedy noted that they now have a full quorum. Commissioner Kennedy also noted that Community Clean-up Day will be held on March 19, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, a Riparian Buffer Planting event held on April 2, 2022 at 12:00 PM, and an Easter Egg Hunt held on April 9, 2022 promptly at 1:00 PM. Commissioner Kennedy also noted that Municipal Park and Lloyd Park are receiving two P.U.L.L. stations provided by AHHAH.

COG – Commissioner Kennedy noted that County Commissioner, Josh Maxwell gave a presentation on the Brandywine and Jennersville Hospital's closing. Commissioner Kennedy noted that a substantial amount of money was given to Penn Medicine to expand their emergency room services, and open up a vacant section of the hospital to use for additional patients.

Commissioner Kennedy also noted that discussion was held on the SPCA again.

Municipal Authority – Commissioner Mullin noted that on February 17, 2022 they had a pre-construction meeting with Equix Integrity, Inc. and a notice to proceed was issued on February 18, 2022 by Gilmore & Associates for the Caln Interceptor Phase 4 repair project.

Commissioner Mullin noted that even though the Municipality Authority is not responsible for trash, he asked Director Scot Gill to provide him with an update. Commissioner Mullin noted that the Municipal Authority continues to receive calls from the Hauler regarding certain stops that continue to put out contaminated recycling. Commissioner Mullin also noted that the Hauler is currently leaving those cans. A flyer was mailed stating what is recyclable and what is not. This information can also be found on the Township website or by calling the Municipal Authority if you are not sure.

Commissioner Mullin noted that beginning March 25, 2022, the Township yard waste collection will begin for Monday and Tuesday customers, and April 1, 2022 for Wednesday and Thursday customers.

DARA – Commissioner Mullin noted that there is no report for tonight.

Fire Board – Commissioner Mullin noted that there is no report for tonight due to no meeting held in February.

Historical Commission – Commissioner Evans noted that the Historical Commission met on Wednesday February 16, 2022, and below is an update of that meeting.

Old business included:

1. A report from our Marketing and Social Media sub-committees, and approval of the Spackman Farm article for distribution to select local news outlets, pending our receipt of Hi-Residential arial photos taken by ARRO.
2. Spackman Farm sub-committee hosted a discussion about revisiting the naming convention used to designate Spackman Farm. There was also discussion of the Kings Highway Masterplan.
3. Historical Preservation sub-committee hosted a discussion about the definitions of Class 1 and Class 2 historic resources. They also reported that pending completion and cross-checking of the updated Historical Resource document, the Historical Preservation Ordinance was ready to be transmitted to the Zoning Taskforce. That has since been accomplished.

New business included:

1. An update on PA SHARE - we now have a 1-year subscription
2. Historical structures at Brandywine Hospital were discussed but it was determined they were not in Caln.
3. Organizations to consider joining remained tabled.
4. New Member, Tom Parr delivered a detailed report on Certified Local Government, and how to achieve that status.

Commissioner Evans noted that the Historical Commission is doing great things to save the Township history, and we have a lot of fun doing it. We now have 8-members and would like to have more. Please consider joining us. Our next meeting is coming up, Wednesday March 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM. It will be a hybrid meeting, so guests are welcome to attend either in person or via Zoom.

Lincoln Highway – Commissioner Young noted that he would like to thank Commissioner Evans for his LERTA presentation to the Coatesville School Board. Commissioner Young also thanked Ms. Denne and Ms. Swan for providing the tax numbers from Keystone Collections from the past 10 years. Commissioner Young gave an example using Del Toyota. Del Toyota had a tax increase of almost \$2 million because of LERTA, and they had an increase of more than fifteen employees.

Commissioner Young noted that the presentation went very well and the School District asked the Township to present a five year plan. The Chairman of their Finance Committee asked if five years is too short and their answer to that was “yes”, however, if you want five years the Township will come back every five years and ask for an additional five years. Commissioner Young noted that they are waiting for word from the School Superintendent if they want to move forward or not. The Township would have to enact an ordinance to accept LERTA, if it does move forward.

Commissioner Young noted that they continue to work on the Zoning Task Force update.

#### Additional Business

Commissioner Evans read a Proclamation that Caln Township stands in Solidarity with Ukraine.

**Commissioner Mullin entertains a motion to accept the Proclamation read by Commissioner Evans that Caln Township stands in solidarity with Ukraine. Moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Tindaro.**

**Vote passed 5-0.**

Commissioner Evans noted a reminder that their membership to CCHPO needs to be renewed.

**Public Comments**

Tony DiSario of 251 Loomis Avenue asked if the \$8.1 million load will be locked in now. Ms. Denne noted that it will lock in at the closing.

Mark DeYoung of 20 Beaver Run Road commented about doubling the Township debt to \$16 million. Commissioner Mullin noted that there is a reason why the Township is doing this, and the Board has explained why. Commissioner Mullin also noted that this money is going towards Caln Township, and they are not using this money for anything else.

Commissioner Mullin noted that any money received from FEMA will go towards the Township and their residents. Commissioner Mullin also noted that since the new Board, they have been transparent and let residents speak.

Commissioner Young noted that the debt tax is only for the bonds from the 2019 series, which will go away in 2032.

Commissioner Evans noted that a year and a half ago he met with a conservancy group who was very interested in a Historical property in the Township and he presented several ideas to them and they loved them. They said that they could probably find some ways to help out if you would consider raising the taxes a little in order to make sure things could be covered. As much as the property meant to him, he said “no, I am not asking our people to raise taxes: We didn’t raise taxes because the Board just wanted to, they raised taxes because it is the smart thing to do and it had to be done.

Licia Carini of 103 Ayerwood Drive noted that she wants the audience to understand what is happening here. What is happening here is that there is a deliberate smear campaign going on against this Board, largely being headed by Mark DeYoung and some other folks. Ms. Carini also noted that she feels that the people now attending the meetings are getting a negative perception of the meetings. Ms. Carini asked residents to look at their bills and see what portion of it is paid in school taxes. Ms. Carini further noted that as a resident, she is tired of attending the meetings and hearing a .45 minute campaign.

**Adjournment**

**Commissioner Mullin entertained a motion to adjourn the March 10, 2022 Board of Commissioners minutes at 9:35 PM. Moved by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Young.**

**Vote passed 5-0.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Denise Miller**  
**Assistant Township Secretary**

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