

**WEST POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP
980 GROSSTOWN ROAD
STOWE, PA 19464
MARCH 3, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

The monthly Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to Order by Board President; Steve Miller.

ROLL CALL

Board members present were Commissioners Palladino, Valentine, Green, La Rosa and Miller. Also present was Township Manager; Scott Hutt, Township Solicitor; Jamie Ottaviano, Officer in Charge; Tim Roeder and Township Secretary; Joanne Herb.

President Miller commented; I would like to thank the Road Crew for the excellent job they did during the last few snow events.

MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Valentine to approve the Minutes from the previous Board Meeting. Roll Call: Palladino; yes, Valentine; yes, Green; yes, La Rosa; yes, Miller; yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Vice President Palladino to approve the Financial Report. Roll Call: Palladino; yes, Valentine; yes, Green; yes, La Rosa; yes, Miller; yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion by Vice President Palladino, seconded by Commissioner Green to approve the Bill List, in the amount of **\$117,635.18** for all funds. Roll Call: Palladino; yes, Valentine; yes, Green; yes, La Rosa; yes, Miller; yes.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Patrick Griffin – 305 Jem Avenue – Stowe; asked if the Bill List and Minutes could be posted, so residents could review them as they have in the past. President Miller stated; we will have to check with our tech people to see if we can. Presently we just post the Agenda. Mr. Griffin noted; if you could check on that, it would be great so that everyone can have an understanding of money coming going out and bills coming in. Mr. Griffin also asked about the purchase of a new Police vehicle and if we are going to be expanding on that or if it's just approval tonight. President Miller deferred the question to the Township Manager. Mr. Hutt stated; we will elaborate later in the meeting and if you have any more questions, you may bring them up in the second round of Citizen's Comments.

Patricia Urban – 306 E. Race Street, Stowe – noted that she was informed by Mr. Hutt that Quinter Street would be doing some sort of excavating, adding; I am still getting flooding in my basement. Mr. Hutt commented; we had our Pre-Bid meeting for the Quinter Street project and will award the contract in the middle of the month. Ms Urban commented; I heard you were doing some other things on Grosstown Road and wondered about Quinter Street, confirming; you are definitely going to put the bid in? Then when would that start? Mr. Hutt stated; I do not have that timeline in front of me, but most likely a month later. Ms Urban asked; what is going on with the Firehouse, are we still going to have one? President Miller stated; as far as the Fire Company is concerned; we had a meeting with them a few weeks ago with their new administration. We are moving forward to try to get them in the right spot; as far as administratively. West End Fire Company is still responding to calls and we are working with them to get whatever internal issues they have; straightened out. Ms Urban asked again; they aren't thinking of dismantling in a few months, or year to come though, are they? President Miller stated; I can't answer that because the issues that they're having are internal with West End Fire Company; which is separate from the Township, adding; they have some issues that they are trying to work on to stay afloat. President Miller noted; as we've said, we met with them a few weeks ago to come up with a plan and hopefully it works out for them. Ms Urban asked; who is their Fire Chief right now. President Miller stated; Nick Egan, adding; again, they've gone through some internal issues, including Fire Chief and that's on them, we've got nothing to do with that. Ms Urban stated; it's like a security knowing they are there. President Miller stated; we will always make sure someone comes if there is a fire; you don't have to worry about that.

MR. PALLADINO: COG, CODE ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC WORKS

Code Enforcement – February 2021

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| <i>Code Calls – 3</i> | <i>Permits Issued – 8</i> |
| <i>Code Inspections – 3</i> | <i>Hearings -0</i> |
| <i>Code Complaints – 3</i> | <i>Complaints Resolved -1</i> |
| <i>Rental Inspections – 6 Units</i> | <i>Rental Permits – 0</i> |
| <i>Rental Registrations – 0</i> | <i>Notice of Violations – 0</i> |
| <i>Code Notices – 0</i> | <i>Property's Posted – 0</i> |
| <i>Permit Inspections – 16</i> | <i>Citations – 0</i> |
| <i>Site Inspections – 0</i> | <i>Completed Permits – 12</i> |

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| <i>Rental Registration Fees</i> | <i>\$.00</i> |
| <i>Building Permit Fees</i> | <i>\$ 7,516.50</i> |
| <i>Construction Costs</i> | <i>\$ 479,275.00</i> |

Vice President Palladino stated; the rest of my report will be covered under Old and New Business.

MR. VALENTINE: REGIONAL RECREATION, RECREATION, TOWN WATCH

Regional Recreation

Commissioner Valentine reported; Michael Lane is retiring. We have advertised his position and have gotten 12 applicants.

MR. GREEN: RECYCLING, FINANCE, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Recycling

For the month of February, there was 20.02 tons of recycling collected.

Emergency Management

Commissioner Green reported; I received a letter from the County Emergency Management Coordinator and the Limerick Generating Station Exelon Drill is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Every few years you are federally evaluated and the rest of the time it will be a PEMA evaluation. This year every municipality is going to have a Federal Evaluator, evaluating how the EOC's work, adding; we just had that a few years ago and did very well, scoring high marks. So, we will have a Federal Evaluator in here when we do the Limerick Drill this year. I have not heard anything about Exelon doing anything with regards to training. Other years they would have training in Pottstown for all of the municipalities in the area, but nothing has been put out on that and I'm pretty sure we won't see anything right now, noting; Exelon is in the middle of splitting from their generation and distribution, into two separate independent companies, and I'm sure it's also got to do with COVID this year. I will be scheduling training for all of the EOC staff, adding; they will have to get some emergency training and tabletop exercises done before October 1, 2021 in preparation of the Limerick Drill, so I will be scheduling that with County.

MR. LA ROSA: PLANNING, ZONING, REGIONAL PLANNING

Regional Planning

Commissioner La Rosa reported; I represented the Township at a Regional Planning Meeting on February 24. The topic of discussion was the presentation of Strategic Planned Presentation, by a company called BerryDunn. Barbara Heller made the presentation, with lots of details on their goals to tie the communities together, to improve the parks, trails, open spaces and recreational opportunities throughout the region and come up with a plan of action; which I will report to you at the next meeting.

MR. MILLER: FIRE, POLICE, CIVIL SERVICE

Fire

For the month of February, there were a total of 12 calls in Montgomery County; 10 in West Pottsgrove, 0 in Upper Pottsgrove, 1 in the Pottstown Borough and 1 in Lower Pottsgrove. There were 9 calls in Berks County; 7 in Douglass Township, 1 in Union Township and 1 in Birdsboro. There were no calls in Chester County. There were 82 personnel who volunteered their time for 43.88 hours.

Police

Officer In Charge – Tim Roeder’s Report

Total Calls – **(Feb)** – 379

Total Arrests – 6

Adult – 6

Juvenile – 0

Total Citations – 7

Traffic – 5

Non-Traffic – 2

Traffic Warnings – 3

Crimes – 14

Assists – 28

Mileage – 3,031

Abandoned Vehicles

Vehicles Acted Upon - 1

Vehicles Tagged Abandoned - 1

Vehicles Removed From Roadway - 0

Vehicles Removed From Private Property -0

Vehicles Pending Action - 0

Monthly Codes Report

Other Code Violations – 39 (Snow)

Abandoned Vehicles – 0

Citations – 0

Juvenile Report

Calls – **(Feb)** - 8

Parent/Juvenile Conferences – 1

Child Abuse – 1

Community Relations – 1

MANAGER’S REPORT

- Mr. Hutt noted; I want to express our continued thanks to our Public Works Department and our secondary plow unit; Above Grade Landscaping, for their efforts during the seven winter events in February. There was 266 tons of salt used during that time frame and we have 250 tons remaining on site. We have also renewed our SALT contract with COSTARTS for 2021-2022.
- *Quinter Street Sanitary Sewer Project*; On February 19, 2021 we held our Pre-Bid Meeting. Multiple contractors were either on site or attended via Zoom. Bids open March 4, 2021 and the anticipated contract award date is March 18, 2021.
- Mr. Hutt reported; on March 5, 2021 Montgomery County Association of Township Officials will hold the virtual Spring Conference for this organization. I will be presenting on a panel at that conference, regarding fiscal issues, COVID’s impact and how to move projects forward.
- PennDot informed us with regards to bridge inspections, that our next bridge inspection will be 2022.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

The following is my report of the tasks I performed as Solicitor for West Pottsgrove Township since the Board of Commissioners’ last, regularly scheduled meeting on February 3, 2021, up to and including March 3, 2021.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Continued

1. Pottstown Gryphon Dryer
2. Advertise sale of 980 West High (second time)
3. Review J & B MOU regarding working during inclement weather
4. Provide form Land Development and Financial Security Agreement for Panda Express
5. Review AJ Jurich close-out documents

OLD BUSINESS

Montgomery County Planning Commission – West High Street Corridor

Mr. Hutt introduced Mike Narkowitz and Matthew Edmond from the Montgomery County Planning Commission, who will offer some suggestions and give a brief presentation regarding the previously discussed paving project on the West High Street Corridor. Matthew Edmond spoke as one of the Assistant Directors of the Montgomery County Planning Commission and head of the Transportation Section. Mr. Edmond gave a recap of PennDots repaving program and what it can provide the Township. Mr. Edmond reported; each year PennDot repaves dozens of miles of major roads, and this year West High Street is on that list. This provides an opportunity for those communities to install bicycle lanes, adding; this year it was King Street in Pottstown. We took a 4-lane road, similar to scale and size to West High Street and added bicycle lanes, and it works, noting; they are designed to meet Engineering criteria, with a lot of study and analysis that goes with it and it's done carefully. Mr. Edmond noted; this is the time that West Pottsgrove decides what they want to do and if they do want me to send the request letter. After that happens, PennDot starts the design, pays to install the striping and signs, and of course, the Township needs to refresh the lane markings on an as-needed basis. Mr. Edmond discussed the impact on West Pottsgrove Township, noting what would be repaved and where the bike lanes would go. In 2021, PennDot will repave 3 1/2 miles of High Street; starting in Pottstown and coming all of the way up to the Berks County line. Pottstown currently has the bike lanes up to College Drive. PennDot already did an analysis of the corridor and found bike lanes between High and Manatawny will be reproduced, the rest of the segments are subject to the High Street Corridor study and feel it's feasible to make room for bike lanes in both directions. Mr. Edmond showed a diagram to the Board as to what it would look like, explaining the diagram and how it would impact West Pottsgrove. The diagram showed what it looked like today; 4 travel lanes with 2 minimal shoulders of bearing width and explained what we would end up with would be; 2 travel lanes, one center turn lane and ample bike lanes. These might vary in width, but PennDot thinks it's possible to get them as protected bike lanes because they've got enough width to buffer them from traffic. Mr. Edmond then explained through the diagram; the High and Grosstown Rd intersection, showing 2 travel lanes in each direction with left turn lanes. The change would be one travel lane in each direction, the center turn lane stays and the bike lanes carry through; which is an important safety feature. Mr. Edmond then discussed the Regional High Street Study; the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission and what it means to this section of West High Street. Traffic studies done show 4 traffic lanes are not necessary; the number of crashes and land development for business is the biggest issue in the corridor; we cannot develop.

The next issue is beautification, next are sidewalks and then bicyclist safety. Mr. Edmond also discussed traffic analysis, which showed little to no change in delay. He added; Pottstown is discussing this right now and most likely will continue down to Glasgow. Now West Pottsgrove needs to discuss and decide what you would like to do. Commissioner Green asked when the study was done at High and Grosstown Road for traffic. Mr. Hutt commented; October of 2019, I believe. Mr. Edmond confirmed, stating; they had people go out and do the count, which was obviously before COVID. Commissioner Green noted; so obviously right before the new Stowe ramp was completed, adding; you do realize we have a quarry there and a block plant, with trucks coming through that don't care about pedestrians or people riding their bikes on the side of the road there. I see them every day and there are trucks with stone and blocks that come up through there to get on the bypass, so how do they determine it's a right location for bike lanes? Mr. Edmond stated; let's be honest, there aren't a lot of bikes out there and it's four lanes, so you'd have to be a little risky to ride out there; but people are. As for the trucks coming by, let's be honest; speed is a problem everywhere. Commissioner Green stated; I'm not talking about speed Matt, I'm talking about taking those trucks and putting them into one lane; so it's more trucks and more of a chance for distraction and clipping a bike. I live in West Pottsgrove and I don't see many people ride bikes up West High Street and we have a nice trail to ride bikes on. I don't want to ride on West High Street, that's Industrial/Commercial and we don't have a lot of business's to ride bikes to; you can't pick up a pizza or supplies on a bicycle. Commissioner Green stated; why would we spend the time on that when we've got other concerns to take care of in the Township where our residents will use it. President Miller commented; you said you did a study, so how many bicycles in a day, on the average, would you say travel our section of the highway. Mr. Edmond stated; the numbers are showing 5-10, but again, that is a number of what the road is like versus what it could be. President Miller stated; our concern is; you are taking a whole lane of travel for five bicycles each way, eliminating two lanes of travel for all of those vehicles, for maybe five bicycles in a course of a whole day. Mr. Edmond stated; understood, this is your choice; you can say no tonight and the issue goes away; there is a lot more to it than traffic versus bikes and this area may transition and look very different in five to ten years. Commissioner Green stated; we asked to get a left turn arrow there at High and Grosstown and were turned down because it isn't warranted, yet you want to put bike lanes in there. How about the State start focusing on things we really need, like the left turn arrow. You've even said people crash there, making turns because they aren't paying attention. That arrow would be great right there, yet we can't get that through; but you want to put bike lanes in. PennDot is ok with that, but they won't support us on a turn arrow to help from people getting into an accident and hurt; that makes no sense. PennDot's priorities are a bit mixed up. Mr. Edmond stated; I understand where you are coming from. There are a lot of other needs on that road, but we are just focused on this one opportunity and with PennDot doing the repaving. They extend the opportunity wherever they are to add bike lanes and rethink the road. The issues you guys are struggling with; with the signals, is a different program and issue. President Miller stated; I've got a Police Officer here that can tell you statistically; the majority of the accidents that occur are at that intersection.

President Miller continued; PennDot allowed us to put an extra lane for turning, but we asked and asked to have an arrow put in to cut down on accidents even more; that is the priority for the residents who live here. Why aren't we concentrating on the needs of the town, which is that turn lane. Commissioner Green addressed the comment made about allowing that area to grow eventually; I agree with you, eventually we can start getting more commercial businesses in there, but until then we need to focus on our priorities. Eventually maybe we can put bike lanes in, but that's not a priority, taking care of accidents is. Commissioner Valentine asked; will it be single lanes in both directions in Pottstown; from Manatawny up to Glasgow? Mr. Edmond stated; it's my understanding that if and when Pottstown sends the letter to PennDot with regards to if they want to have bike lanes as part of the road in our section, it will be at that time that PennDot will do the traffic design and at the end of their section it will end and go back to four lanes.

President Miller stated; at this time, I need a motion to accept it or not accept it. Commissioner Valentine commented; I would rather read his presentation. I would rather read the report than vote, because we saw pictures, but I like to actually read the report, I don't feel like I've got all of the information. Mr. Hutt asked Matt if they could send the report. Mr. Edmond noted; that report is still in draft form and they are still working on the Region, so it's not released yet. I was able to get a few pieces of it to plug in for tonight for your information. I will look around to see if there is something I can send out, but I cannot guarantee it. Commissioner Green commented; I don't think we should be doing any kind of vote if we don't have a report; if you can't produce a report, that means it's not complete and there's no sense on voting on something that's not complete.

A motion by Commissioner Green to table this and not vote until we get a report we can look at; seconded by Commissioner Valentine. Mr. Edmond interjected; just to be clear, there are two reports. The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission has a report which your Police Department most likely has as well. It is separate from the slide I showed you of the traffic analysis, which is in a memo sent to the Township about two months ago. That is available for you to review and the determining factor whether it will work. The Regional Study on High Street is basically an appendage to that, but you really need to look at that memo, which is available. Mr. Hutt asked Matt to send him the PowerPoint from tonight, which he agreed to do and noted; it will act as your visual. Roll Call to the motion: Palladino; yes, Valentine; yes, Green; yes, La Rosa; yes, Miller; yes.

980 West High Street

Solicitor Ottaviano commented; as you know, 980 West High Street is owned by the Township. On January 6, I had published in the Pottstown Mercury, a Notice indicating that the Township was looking for bids to sell the property, and asked for bids by our Meeting on February 3. By February 3, we did not receive any bids. Subsequently, I advertised the same Notice for bids for the sale of 980 West High, which was published on February 8th; asking for the bids to be received by the Township today. There were no bids received.

Since we have received no bids, we do not have to advertise anymore under PA law. If you would like, we could discuss this in Executive Session. We can enter into a Private Agreement of Sale with whomever we see fit.

Update on SafeCity – Chief of Police

Mr. Hutt reported; our advertisement for the Chief of Police position closed on Monday, March 1, 2021. At the time of closing, we had 37 applicants. Our consulting group is vetting the resumes and will update us within the next week.

Update on Grosstown Road Sanitary Sewer Project

Mr. Hutt reported; as everyone can tell, our contractor is moving along smoothly; despite the weather interruptions in the previous month. Private work estimates were completed, thanks to our Public Works Department. All property owners who requested estimates were provided those figures. To date, a good deal have utilized the repayment option through the Township. We appreciate everyone's patience while we work to improve our infrastructure. The project completion date is targeted by the end of April 2021. A continued discussion of that project will fall under New Business.

Update on Township's Upgraded Phone System

Mr. Hutt reported; Comcast is or contracted vendor for this project. Unfortunately, they had some internal staffing issues that delayed progress. However, those have been resolved and our order has been finalized. Due to our own infrastructure being two separate buildings/systems, our price has increased an additional \$2,507.40/year, with the total at \$10,585.20/year. These rates are locked in for five years. Even though Comcast was on site multiple times, it seems they have discovered the correct configuration. We are still exploring the possibility to eventually have this amount taken from our Franchise Agreement proceeds. The price is still much lower than what any other vendor offered us during our exploratory discussions. Moving over the system; the Township Admin, PD and Public Works Departments will all move into an IP based system, giving us all a much needed technology upgrade. The phone system will be installed by month's end.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of a 2021 Police Interceptor

Mr. Hutt commented; Whitmoyer Auto Group has offered us a trade-in value of \$10,000 for our previous car #21, and an additional \$6,000 for car#23, which is out of warranty. The total for a new PD Interceptor with these trade-ins is \$18,100.00. Moving forward with this purchase will allow us to see value in the long-term just with warranty coverage and insurances. TRM quoted us \$6,195.31 for stripping the two vehicles, installation into the new cruiser and other necessary options, given the age difference of each vehicle. As for the License Plate Reader; we have the option to purchase an extended warranty for it at a cost of \$1,845.00 for one year. Officer in Charge; Tim Roeder is here to field any questions regarding the value of this tool, since it was installed previously in car #21.

President Miller referred to Mr. Hutt; the question has come up; can you briefly explain how this transitioned, since we had not budgeted for the new Police vehicle. Mr. Hutt explained; Police car #21 was our second newest Police Cruiser and we were experiencing multiple issues with it. It was constantly in the shop, out of rotation and not available for our Police Department. Many of these issues were not warranty covered, so it was costing the Township a decent amount of money for a newer vehicle. Car #23 was out of warranty, and anything that happens to that is on us. We were experiencing some issues with that one as well. This will be a brand new vehicle under warranty and we are hoping it resolves any issues with the cars. Commissioner Green asked Officer in Charge Roeder; why is there an extra warranty on the License Plate Reader, is it not under warranty anymore? Officer Roeder stated; the warranty just expired. Commissioner Green asked if the License Plate Reader was beneficial. Officer Roeder explained; yes, not only for the Township, but those records, because they are available for all departments. He added; if you have a vehicle that was involved in a crime, in let's say Lower Pottsgrove or Limerick, but the vehicle is living in West Pottsgrove; the reader can hit on that tag as you drive by it and take a recording of it. If there would be a stolen vehicle or an Amber Alert, that vehicle tag would be entered into NCIC. Then, that License Plate Reader would hit and an alert sent to the Officer that is using the patrol car. It goes beyond that with the investigative uses. That's through the whole country, and that technology is very valuable to law enforcement. Commissioner Green asked; how long is that Reader supposed to last? Officer Roeder stated; that I do not know; it's our first Reader and we haven't had it for more than a year. President Miller asked if there were any problems with the Reader. Officer Roeder stated; here and there, but not with the technology or hardware. Mr. Hutt noted; the two-year coverage is \$3,500 and the three-year coverage is \$5,200. Commissioner Green asked what the one-year coverage was; Mr. Hutt commented \$1,800.00.

A motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner La Rosa to approve an extended one-year warranty on the *License Plate Reader*. When this warranty is up, they will revisit if there are any other tools that are newer that have come out and how it is working out. Roll Call: Palladino; yes, Valentine; yes, Green; yes, La Rosa; yes, Miller; yes.

With the purchase and up fit for the 2021 Police Interceptor, Commissioner La Rosa asked how it fits into the budget. Mr. Hutt explained; we get some of the Grant money back, which we didn't expect, but we will probably have to dip into our Reserves a little; but overall, not really. Vice President Palladino commented; you might want to explain how much the bill would've been with regards to repairs. Mr. Hutt noted; on the newest car; \$2,000 out of pocket, which was not covered by warranty, adding; the fuel tank and pump needed to be replaced. President Miller commented; and that is for a patrol car that is still, technically; under warranty. The other car is completely out of warranty, so anything that goes wrong with that car is on us and out of pocket. Vice President Palladino stated; this is the patrol car that every now and then, stops on you as well; you can't rely on that. Officer Roeder confirmed; that's car #21. Mr. Hutt stated; it's not a reliable car and not available for rotation.

A motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Vice President Palladino to approve the purchase of the *2021 Police Interceptor*; including the up fit. Roll Call: Palladino; yes, Valentine; yes, Green; yes, La Rosa; yes, Miller; yes.

Roberts Drive/Road Overlay

Mr. Hutt commented; we have the opportunity to proceed with the mill and overlay on Robert's Drive as a Change Order associated with our current Grosstown Road project. Our Engineers have concluded this project will be an additional \$51,975.00, which can be allocated out of the Grosstown Road loan funds, so we don't have to use Liquid Fuels funds. Since it's a Change Order for this project, and the money is there from the loan, we can use that. Commissioner Green noted; rather than tap into our Liquid Fuels; we would like to put that money towards other road projects in the Township since they really need it. Since we have the extra monies built into the loan, why not use it.

A motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner La Rosa to approve moving forward on the Roberts Drive road overlay. Roll Call: Palladino; yes, Valentine; yes, Green; yes, La Rosa; yes, Miller; yes.

Bhaumik Engineering, LLC

Mr. Hutt reported; recently I have had discussions with multiple structural Engineering firms regarding the Township's desires to handle blighted properties. Debu Bhaumik, of Bhaumik Engineering, has agreed he could do this work for the Township on an as needed basis. Bhaumik Engineering has an hourly rate of \$130.00/hour and \$.58/mileage. I propose we approve his firm at this rate, to assist us in our endeavors.

A motion by Vice President Palladino, seconded by Commissioner Green to approve Bhaumik Engineering to work in the Township on the blighted properties, on an as needed basis. Roll Call: Palladino; yes, Valentine; yes, Green; yes, La Rosa; yes, Miller; yes.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Dennis Arms – 324 E. Race Street, Stowe – noted he was on the Borough Council in Pottstown when bike lanes came to town, and there are residents and businesses that those bike lanes affect; that really don't like them. I appreciate the Commissioners comments, questioning this and if it's really in the best interest of the Township; thank you.

Pat Griffin – 305 Jem Avenue, Stowe – stated; with regards to the bike lanes; thank you for not taking action. I am for the Township Commissioners to vote against them. They are a terrible idea to appease maybe five people. "Build it and they will come", is not a smart business practice; especially in municipal government. The unforeseen costs of these bike lanes, such as the pavement markings that PennDot will shove down the Townships' throat, even though it's their responsibility to do; are going to mount up. Please, please do not vote in favor of the bike lanes.

Mr. Griffin continued; I would hope the Township Commissioners will consider the long-term maintenance of the reducing the Police fleet. Coming from a municipality I retired from with 18 years of service, they tried to reduce the Police fleet by one car and the maintenance on the other vehicles went through the roof. The warranties are only good for so many miles and years and when the warranty is expired in one year, as opposed to two years; the maintenance costs go through the roof. I understand the decision has already been made to reduce the fleet, get rid of two vehicles and replace it with one. While a new police car is a great thing for the community, reducing the fleet long term will not work. I hope the Township, going forward, will figure out a way to get the fleet back to it's current status.

Commissioner Green commented; thank you Pat, on your comments with regards to the bike lanes. As for the Police fleet; we understand, but we do purchase more than one or two year warranty's. They are set on a warranty schedule, so once the warranty runs out, we start looking at new vehicles. We try not to let them go past warranty because it just costs too much.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Hutt had correspondence from Peco, which was brought up before with regards to tree trimming at the airport. They state they are going to do this March 9; between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. I already spoke to them and told them this is dependent on where we are at with the Grosstown Road project. If that would cause any interruptions with that, depending on where they will be; they can't do it. We are tentatively going to plan on March 9, and any residents that will be effected by this, have been notified. Vice President Palladino noted; Grosstown Road project is top of the line and there is no way we are going to stop that project. Mr. Hutt noted; I told them we are not missing a day of work to get this done.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Board of Commissioners, a motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Valentine to adjourn the Board Meeting and head into an Executive Session. There will be nothing voted on, we are just discussing some things. Roll Call: Palladino; yes, Valentine; yes, Green; yes, La Rosa; yes, Miller; yes. The Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Yours,

*Joanne Herb
Township Secretary*