

## Transition Team Full Committee

June 24, 2009

The meeting was convened at 7:02 p.m. with members Craig Phillips, Jim Sanford, Matt Price, Art Harris, Rob Schein, Ralph Stacy, Tim Haak and Jeff Papa present. The minutes of the April 22, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved by voice vote.

The following subcommittee reports were offered:

**Budget/Finance:** The draft 2010 budget timeline was circulated (attached). Matt Price reviewed the timeline and suggested a joint meeting. The public hearing is scheduled for September 8, 2009. Adoption of the budget will be September 26, 2009. (this date may change as this is a Saturday).

**Public Safety:** The latest version of the interlocal cooperation agreement regarding law enforcement was distributed for review (attached). This has been circulated to the town, Chief of Police, Sheriff and County and returned from the county with a few minor changes. Chief Dowden stated that he is satisfied with the current document. The signature line will need to be changed as Huck Lewis is no longer a Commissioner. This document basically puts into writing the current practice.

**Parks:** Ralph Stacy submitted a written subcommittee report (attached). An email with suggested changes was submitted by Candace Ulmer – this email was also read to the committee regarding restructuring of the parks. Discussion was had regarding whether a parks board should exist in the new town or if it should be an advisory board or no board at all (direct report to council). The thought was raised that the elimination of the parks board could cost us some maximum bonding capacity. Eliminating the parks board would be a big change in this aspect – parks would have to go under the town's other existing maximum bonding authority.

**Land Use:** The current plan is for 4 members from the rural district (mainly from Union Twp) and 3 from the urban district. Currently there is a division of appointed employees/elected officials (3) and citizen members (4) – how should this be continued on the new board? A question was raised as to whether the commission should continue to have employees or elected officials as members or whether this number should be reduced to one or zero. Some thought was given to avoiding challenges by following existing statutes as closely as possible although we have the power under HB1362 to alter these requirements.

**Infrastructure:** The final interlocal agreement on Roads (attached) was distributed for review. One minor change from the last version has been made regarding attorney's fees. The document basically puts current practice into writing. This document also needs a corrected signature page.

**Governance:** Elections procedure has been completed. Transfer of assets – still waiting on this for the cemeteries. Do the titles go to the parks board or some other unit of the town or the town itself? Likely title should go to the town. The Union fire truck will be transferred to the town. Public Assistance – the

trustees are submitting information on how the process works to bring the town up to speed. Written guidelines already exist in both townships. Still need an answer on what happens if someone passes away who needs burial assistance. What about pauper burials? Idea of public safety or public works board to replace the safety board and police board was discussed by the subcommittee, but deferred to the full committee. Also discussed makeup of the various boards and suggested that the various committees should recommend makeup, but default is mirroring current statute (and maximizing the number of members and distributing by geography). 8 or 9 of the current boards are defined by statute; the rest are council-generated and can be reconstituted in any manner. It was also suggested that all boards appointments could be removed at the end of 2009 and then reappointed or replaced. This would open up membership to township residents. We would need to start collecting a pool of names now. Where will the fire department report once the fire territory goes away.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 29, 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.