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August 19, 2010

MEMO TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: TIMOTHY J. TIEPERMAN
RE: MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Actuary Recommendation: Attached is a summary memorandum on the actuary interviews that were conducted by the interview panel on August 16. [Attachment A] The interview participants included myself, Chief Miller, WPBA representatives Ken Hawthorn and Robert Meditz, Vivian Bell, and pension committee members Kevin Peacock and Joseph Kirby. The panel was unanimous in its recommendation on the appointment of Conrad Siegel and its assigned actuary of Thomas Zimmerman.

B. Pension Committee Recommendation: Attached is a memorandum regarding a Pension Committee recommendation for the granting of a 3% COLA to all union and non-union retirees. With the Board's approval, this can be made effective immediately. For the record, the last COLA granted to the retirees was on July 1, 2000. [Attachment B]

C. 2010 Road Program Authorization: I am seeking Board consent to authorize Carroll Engineering to finalize and advertise bid specifications for the 2010 Road Program. This year's program will be funded from available liquid fuels monies. Based on its analysis of current road conditions, CEC is targeting Hilltop, Jennings, Timber Lane and Welsh Road. [Attachment C]

D. CDBG Public Hearing Authorization: Staff and CEC officials are reviewing possible stormwater projects in the Township's qualified low-income zones. Attached is the census zone tract where these grant funds may be targeted. [Attachment D] If there is sufficient time to finalize a project scope, we need to schedule a public hearing in September to review possible project ideas and receive public comment. We request Board authorization to schedule this public hearing at a date certain in September.

E. Development Updates: The following are some brief development updates:

1. **TEVA:** The Planning Commission has finalized its agenda for the September 2, 2010 meeting. It's been posted on the Township website. An email blast was also sent out in concert with this posting. The (by-right) preliminary plan will be discussed first, followed by a continuance of its earlier discussions on the proposed zoning change.

2. West Tract: CEC is still following up on issues raised at the last meeting. We expect this will be on the September 14, 2010 agenda.

F. Other Business:

1. Warrington Day: Attached is the August 19, 2010 update on Warrington Day 2010 [Attachment E].
2. The Link: Attached is the latest draft copy of the fall Link edition. [Attachment F].
3. Titus Sidewalk Project: Plans are in to Bucks County Conservation District. We've been advised that they've been approved, although we're awaiting written approval. The contractor is fabricating the inlets and hopes to begin work next week. CEC surveyors are gathering additional topography next week and will be locating/setting corners along Township property and the easement between Lower Barness and Greensward.
4. Palomino Project: The Palomino construction entrance is in place. The contractor has begun removing trees and clearing vegetation. Chipping is expected to start any day. Electrofishing is currently in progress. Thus far the collected fish include many crappies, one bass and a large number of carp. Snapping turtles have been spotted but have not yet been caught. The fish are being handled in accordance with Fish and Boat Commission direction. The contractor estimates that he will begin hauling out soil toward the end of next week. The forms to transfer the NPDES permit to Albert Marine have been signed and notarized. I am hand carrying them to BCCD today.

5. Laborer Interviews: Final labor interviews are planned the week of August 23rd to replace the retiring Joe Scarpill. We hope to have his replacement on board by month's end.
6. Bluestone Meeting: On August 18 Staff convened a meeting with HOA representatives to review maintenance-related issues in the development. Several HOA members expressed concerns over the Township's decision to accept dedication of the public improvements in light of "alleged" outstanding punch list items. CEC agreed to investigate their concerns, although we believe their referenced items are of a private nature involving C & M Builders.
7. Emergency Task Force Meeting: On August 19, 2010 the Task Force convened its first meeting and discussed the following topics: (a) Reviewed current communication assets; (b) general discussion on the communication consultant's recommendation to upgrade the radio system; (c) discussed the Fire/EMS proposal to stay with the 500 MHz system with certain upgrades; (d) reviewed the Township's future needs for emergency communications.

8. Arbor Ridge Issues: At the last meeting I reported that the noise complaints emanating from the Garges Farm were dissipating and that we had a meeting with Mr. Garges to discourage “jake breaking.” Some residents there are still expressing concerns over the increased volume of truck traffic as well as the size and frequency of some of the trucks. Staff also has concerns over the deteriorating conditions along Pickertown Road. I asked CEC to research some design alternatives to allow the diversion of some of this traffic along Folly and/or Bristol Roads. We expect more complaints as the mulching season begins to ramp up.